

# FIRST EDITION

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August 24, 2008



MEETING WITH GOD EXODUS 33:12-23

## HIS PRESENCE: MEETING WITH GOD

Exodus 33:12-23

*This Sunday, August 24, Pastor Gregg continues the series entitled Promised Land with "Meeting with God."*

Pastor Gregg Matte



**Get Connected**  
in a Bible Study Class

- 8:00, 9:10 & 10:30 AM
- 12:00 & 5:15 PM

**FOUNDATION OF prayer**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

Write the names of people whom you are praying to receive Christ on the Worship Center floor

**MORE DETAILS INSIDE**

**HIGH FIVE KIDS CHOIRS**

Begins Wednesday, August 27

**MIDLINK**

...connecting the Body from Sunday to Sunday!

Join the HFBC family

**Wednesday, August 27**

for MidLink—an evening of food and activities for all ages!

**the CLUBHOUSE**

**OPEN HOUSE**

**Sunday, August 24**

After 10:45 AM Service. Room 303.

A new kind of worship for kids in K-4th grade. All families are invited!

**Make it Your Church ORIENTATION WITH THE PASTOR**

**Sunday, September 14**

For New & Prospective Members

12 NOON–1:30 PM OR 5–6:15 PM

RSVP 713.335.6450

[jerrell.altic@hfbc.org](mailto:jerrell.altic@hfbc.org)

(Childcare available upon request)

Sunday message CDs are available for purchase in the Garden Bookstore and the Sloan Memorial Library.

## ► ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Children's Wednesday Schedule

*Please disregard children's activities under the Wednesday Schedule.*

*The correct schedule is as follows:*



**High 5 Kids' Choir**  
**Wednesdays. 6–7 PM.**  
The Clubhouse/Room 303.  
For Pre K–5th graders.

**Breakout**  
**Wednesdays. 7–8:30 PM.**  
The Clubhouse/Room 303.  
For 1st–5th graders.

## ► MUSIC MINISTRY

### New Summer Choir!



**Wednesdays, 7–8:30 PM.**  
Choir Room. You are invited to experience a *new* and *dynamic* choir ministry centered around authentic worship, dedicated to

musical excellence, and committed to effectively communicating Jesus Christ. If you enjoy worshipping the Lord with songs of praise, then the Summer Choir is for you! Please contact John Bolin at **713.957.5887** for more details

## ► SUMMIT MINISTRIES - SINGLES

### Spontaneous Spotts Park Summer Sundays

**Sundays, Now through August 31.**  
2–5 PM. 401 South Heights Blvd.  
(NE Corner of Memorial Dr. & Waugh)  
Come and go, play or watch! Basketball, volleyball, ultimate frisbee, bocce ball or bring a group game. No need to sign up, just show up!

## ► WOODHAVEN DEAF CHURCH

### Fall Sign Language Classes Beginners I

**Sundays, Now through October 5.**  
2–3 PM. Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church, 9920 Long Point. Cost: \$30 + \$35 book.

**ASL Beginning I**  
**Mondays, September 8–October 27.**  
10 AM–Noon. Lillian Beard Center at Woodhaven. Cost: \$30 + \$35 book.

For more information, contact Peggy Stedman at **713.467.3325**.

## Worship Guide

August 24, 2008 • 9:10 AM

### The Assembly



### Call to Worship

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

*Hosanna*

### Greet/Worship

*I Will Never Be the Same Again*

### Welcome/Announcements

### Prayer/Offering

*On a Hymnsong of Philip Bliss*  
Orchestra

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*  
Stephen and Star Smith

*Jesus, Paid It All*

### Testimony of Baptism

### Message

Pastor Gregg Matte

### Response

*Jesus Paid It All*

### Benediction

### Postlude

*Variants: A Mighty Fortress*  
Orchestra

Gregg Matte, Pastor  
Stephen Smith, Worship Pastor

For the purpose of love and support of the Body, everyone is encouraged to stay through the decision time.

*Thank you for turning off your cell phones during the service.*

## ► DECISIONS AUGUST 17, 2008

### Baptized

Tony Batiz, ACBA  
Dawn Harrah, AUBJ  
Jason Henson, MYBA  
Heather Snively, SPEA

### For Baptism

Brett Mach, MYBJ  
Darby McKinney, C5CA  
James Rodriguez, AUBC

### From Other Fellowships

Eric Denton, SUCC  
Emily Kelley, MYBD  
Rusty Kelley Jr, MYBD  
Katherine Mach, MYBJ  
Russell Mills, S2EA  
Trent Tankersley, S2EC

## ► CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

Using the offering envelopes pre-printed with your name and envelope number greatly reduces the research time spent by Financial Services and aids the tracking of your contributions for year-end statements. To order pre-printed envelopes, please call Membership Services, **713.957.5870**.

## ► WEEKLY SUMMARY

### ATTENDANCE, AUGUST 17, 2008

Sunday Bible Study .....3,120  
Mission Bible Study .....665  
Weekday Bible Study .....1,246  
**Total** .....5,031  
Wednesday Night.....458

### GIVING, WEEK ENDING AUG. 17, 2008

Tithes & Offerings.....\$300,256  
Weekly Requirements .....\$293,142  
Over/(Under).....\$7,114  
Designated Gifts.....\$127,275  
Over/(Under) for August.....\$363

### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



be a part of the *Story*

### WEEK ENDING AUGUST 17, 2008

Total Pledged.....\$24,270,303  
Donations Received .....\$106,053  
Total Received .....\$7,476,569

## LET'S GET ACQUAINTED

**Please complete tear-off and place in the offering plate.**

- ☐ I am a member of Houston's First Baptist Church.
- ☐ I **am** a member of a church in the Houston area. (name) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I am **not** a member of a church in the Houston area.

Please accept in the mail a complimentary 4-week subscription to our newsletter, "The First Edition."

- ☐ I would like to talk to someone about the Christian life.
- ☐ I would like to talk to someone about Church membership.
- ☐ I prayed to receive Christ today.
- ☐ Please contact me with more information about HFBC ministries.
- ☐ I would like to receive information about Sunday Bible Studies.

### Guests: How did you hear about First Baptist?

- ☐ Newspaper, Magazine, or Internet Ad (name) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Phone Book/Yellow Pages
- ☐ Invited by a friend or family member
- ☐ HFBC Website    ☐ Radio
- ☐ Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Check if this is a change of address.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Please send me the church newsletter for 4 weeks.

Apt. #: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home # (his) ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Home # (hers) ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Work # (his) ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Work # (hers) ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail (his) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: (hers) \_\_\_\_\_

Birth (his) \_\_\_\_\_

Date: (hers) \_\_\_\_\_

School Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

### Marital Status:

- ☐ Single    ☐ Married (# of years) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Widowed    ☐ Engaged

### Military Service:

- ☐ Active military (Branch: \_\_\_\_\_ )
- ☐ Veteran (Branch: \_\_\_\_\_ )







► **FIRST PLACE 4 HEALTH**

**Fall Classes Starting Soon!**

If you are looking for a weight management program that goes beyond the dieting game, but rather focuses on the deeper and more significant issues at hand, please attend one of our two orientation sessions: Sunday, August 24 at 4 PM in the Green Room or Thursday, August 28 at 6:30 PM in the Green Room. Orientation will explain what sets First Place 4 Health apart from other programs, as well as the new direction we're taking when it comes to living in balance; physically, emotionally, spiritually and mentally. FP4H materials will be available for purchase at orientation. Classes begin September 4 and run for 12 weeks. Deadline to register is August 28 with a registration fee of \$20. Register for classes at **HoustonsFirst.org** under "Sign Up for Events" or by mail. Registration forms are available in the CLC lobby and in the FP4H offices (Room 337). Visit **FirstPlace4Health.com** to learn more and read success stories! For questions, call Erin DuBroc at **713.688.6788 x402**.



**Holy Land Tour**

**March 16-28, 2009.**

Join First Place 4 Health for 13 days in Israel with tour host Carole Lewis and Bible study leader Rob Heath. If you have never been, you will broaden your knowledge of the Bible and enhance your spiritual life, just by seeing the land and sites first hand. If you have been before, you will feel the excitement of returning, and continue to experience once again the significance of this land. For more information, call Lisa Lewis at **713.335.6403**.

► **THE HUB - STUDENT MINISTRY**

**WIRED: Middle School**

**Wednesdays.** 6:15–7:45 PM. Room 364.

**AMP: High School**

**Wednesdays.** 7–8:30 PM. Room 363.



A place to gather, AMP and WIRED include worship, truth from God's Word and a weekday connection with other students. Enjoy a time of hanging out, having fun and kicking back with your friends! For more information contact the HUB Student Ministry office at **713.957.7634** or go to **theHUBstudents.com**.

**Big Sunday**

**Sunday, August 24.** 12 NOON(meal provided)–7:30 PM(meal provided). 3rd Floor. *Attention Youth Ministry Teachers and Volunteers...* Plan now to attend this great day of training, fun, food and other surprises. This is something we do only once a year. Don't miss it! Free childcare. Please let us know you're coming: ***linda.sproule@hfbc.org*** or ***susan.newman@hfbc.org***.

► **FUSION MINISTRIES - MARRIED YOUNG ADULTS**



**Parents' Night Out**

**Friday, September 5.** 6-10 PM.

PNO offers childcare at a reduced rate. Have a romantic date night, go out with your friends or enjoy an activity with your Bible study. Sign up at **HoustonsFirst.org** by clicking on "Sign Up for Events." Deadline: Sunday, August 31. For information call **713.957.7681** or email ***christen.barrios@hfbc.org***.

► **IMPACT MINISTRIES - SINGLES 40+**

**Wednesday Night Prayer**

**Every Wednesday.** 6 PM. Room 259F. IMPACT Singles gather as one to pray for the church, pastor and each other!



**Back to School Drive**

IMPACT is hosting a Back to School Drive. Proceeds will benefit the children of Glendale Park and Wesley Garden apartments. If you would like to help out, contact Jackie Ogg at **713.957.7694** or via email ***jackie.ogg@hfbc.org***.

**Becoming...More Like Christ! Labor Day Retreat**

**August 29–September 1.** Forest Glen Christian Camp, just outside Huntsville. HFBC's own Adam Mason will serve as our Bible study. Enjoy free time with canoeing, archery, swimming and lots of other fun activities. Cost is \$120 with a \$25.00 non-refundable deposit.

For information, questions or to register for an event contact IMPACT Ministries at **713.957.7694** or via email ***impact.ministries@hfbc.org***.

► **KINGDOM KIDS' MINISTRIES - CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING**

**The Clubhouse Open House**

**Sunday, August 24.** After 10:45 AM service. Room 303.



All HFBC families are invited to enjoy lunch, get a glimpse of our brand new room called, "The Clubhouse" and see what goes on in Kids' Worship.

**Kids' Worship**

**Sunday Mornings.** 9:10 AM. The Clubhouse/Room 303.

Come join the HFBC Children's Programming Staff for an exciting and action packed hour of worshipping Jesus! Children attending will be taken to their 10:30 AM Sunday School class.



**High 5 Kids' Choir**

**Wednesdays, August 27–December 10.** 6-7 PM.

The Clubhouse/Room 303. For Pre K–5th graders. Each week high five will feature amazing activities, cool music and a chance for kids of all ages to learn to love the arts! Register at **HoustonsFirst.org** under "Sign Up For Events."

Check us out at **HoustonsFirst.org** (Ministries: By Groups: Children). For more information contact the Children's Programming office via email ***cassi.odom@hfbc.org*** or call Chad Overton at **713.957.7626**.



**HFBC Night at Minute Maid Park**

Save the date! The HFBC Family is headed to Minute Maid Park on **Saturday, September 27**, to watch the Houston Astros take on the Atlanta Braves! There are a few surprises in store, so watch for information on tickets in the coming weeks. For now, put it on your calendar and make plans to attend.

► **MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS 8/24**

**NS, Asia**

**Donna**, Central & Eastern Europe

**Joel S**, Last Frontier

**Larry O**,

Northern Africa & the Middle East

**Debbie Redmon**, South America

**Lucy Pat Curl**, Western Europe

► **MISSIONS MINISTRY**

**2008 Fall and Winter**

**Mission Trips**

**Torino, Italy**

Team Leaders: Huan Gamblin

and Stan Kwan

October 10–19, 2008

\$2200

**Spain: Granada, Toledo, & Aranjuez**

Team Leader: Rochelle Ferrada

October 15–27, 2008

\$2800

**Guatemala City, Guatemala**

Team Leader: John Markle

November 22–29, 2008

\$1600

**Chandigarh, India**

Team Leader: Bob Caldwell

December 27, 2008–

January 10, 2009

\$3000

**Sign Up Today!**

Contact the Missions Office

at **713.957.5861** or via email

***rochelle.ferrada@hfbc.org***.

Fundraising manuals are available upon request.

► **PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES**

• **Men's Prayer Time** Tuesdays, 6:30 AM, Green Room

• **Senior Men's Prayer Time** Tuesdays, 9:00 AM, Room 258

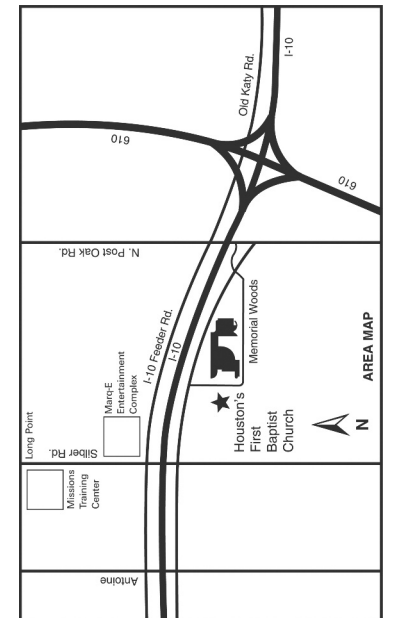
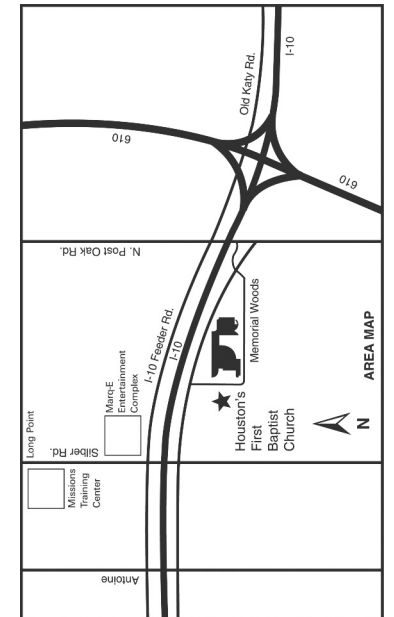
• **Prayer Circle** Tuesdays, 1:00–3:00 PM in the Prayer Room

• **HFBC Prayer Line** 713.335.6456/prayer@hfbc.org

• **Consecrating the Worship Center** Prayer before services

• **Prayer During Worship Service**

Call Becky Parker at **713.957.5866** for more information.



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► **HFBC BUSINESS CARDS**

Invite family, friends, and neighbors to HFBC. Take this opportunity to let others know about the Sunday Night service "**Ascend**" @ 6:30 PM (Bible Study for All Ages @ 5:15 PM)

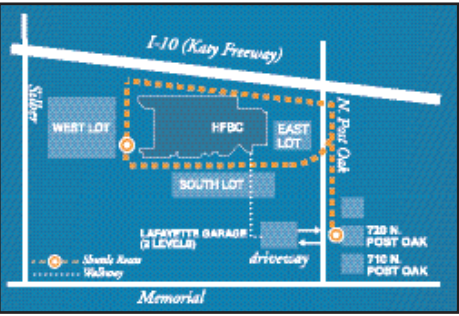


► MISSIONS MINISTRY

Be a Friend!

HFBC’s International Student Friendship Ministry (ISFM) is seeking families and single adults to befriend international students studying at the University of Houston. This non-live in ministry is a wonderful opportunity to learn another culture as well as share your American and Christian way of life in your own community. For more information, contact Marie Downing at **713.956.6052** or via email **[downings@flash.net](mailto:downings@flash.net)** or call the Missions Office at **713.957.5861**.

Off–Site Parking: An Important Ministry!



When you park off–site, you free up a parking space and make room for somebody to be ministered to on Sunday morning — somebody who may otherwise drive away due to a lack of parking! Not sure where to go? Refer to the map of available parking options, shuttle routes, and drop–off/pick–up locations. **Parking off–site is an easy way to support the ministry of HFBC!**

► GIFTS AND MEMORIALS

Benevolence Ministry

Given by The Lamp Lighters  
Ladies Bible Study  
in memory of Hazel Stokes

Brazil Mission

Given by Jim and Maxine Williams  
in honor of Blair Savage’s Birthday

Evangelism Explosion

Given by Earl and Margery Tipton  
in memory of Jane Darwin

Jake Self Memorial Fund  
for Evangelism

Given by Clayton and Faye Dupree  
in memory of Galelia Self  
Given by Pastor Gregg and  
the HFBC Staff  
in memory of Galelia Self  
Given by David and Bonnie Self  
in memory of Galelia Self

Julianna Poor Memorial  
Counseling Center

Given by Mr and Mrs Les O’Neal  
in memory of Sherry Lynn O’Neal  
Given by Mr and Mrs Les O’Neal  
in memory of Terry Lane O’Neal  
Given by Mr and Mrs Les O’Neal  
in memory of Charles “Chuck”  
Caldwell Sr

Julianna Poor Memorial  
Counseling Center

Given by Mr and Mrs Les O’Neal  
in honor of David Wells  
Given by Mr and Mrs Les O’Neal  
in honor of John Young

Married Young Adult Ministry

Given by George and De Ette Sauer  
in memory of Pat Swiggart

Music Ministry

Given by Earl and Margery Tipton  
in memory of Gerald McKinley  
Given by Earl and Margery Tipton  
in memory of Ed Hogwood

Stephen Ministry

Given by David and Sheila Humphrey  
in memory of Ray Humphrey  
Given by Earl and Margery Tipton  
in memory of Betty Barker  
Given by Earl and Margery Tipton  
in memory of Ray Humphrey

Women’s Ministry

Given by M & M Bible Study  
in memory of Charles “Chuck” and  
Marge Caldwell

► PASTORAL CARE MINISTRIES

Become a Stephen Minister

**Mondays, September 15–November 17.**

Are you up to the challenge? Are you called to “lift others up?” If so, then register now for the next Stephen Ministry training class. This special class will train you to “walk” with people who are facing a crisis in their lives. *Advanced registration is required to allow for the screening process.* For more details, please stop by the CLC lobby on Sunday to meet with a representative before and after the worship services or contact Pastoral Care at **713.957.6761**.

Need Some Help?

If you are currently experiencing a crisis in your life and think you would benefit from a confidential, understanding relationship with a Stephen Minister please stop by the Stephen Ministry information table in the CLC Lobby on Sunday or call **713.957.6761** or **6762**.



CanHope - Cancer Support Group

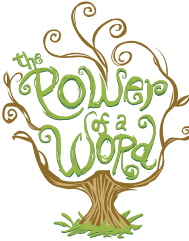
**Monday, September 8.** 6:45 PM. Green Room. Everyone welcome! Through CanHope, you can confidentially speak and share in the hope we have found. By God’s grace, we are survivors. We will fellowship with a potluck dinner and follow up with a time of praise and prayer. (Meat will be provided. Bring: salad, vegetable or dessert.) For questions, call the Pastoral Care office at **713.957.6761**.

► WOMEN’S MINISTRY

The Power of a Word: Women’s Retreat  
with Vicky Wright and Star Smith

**Friday, October 10–Saturday, October 11.**

Omni Houston Hotel Westside. Words have a tremendous affect on us...they can wound and they can heal. Whether the words are spoken, thought or written, they have the power to change our lives as we hold those words in our hearts. Join us as we explore the impact of words in our lives, and most importantly, the power of God’s Word to change us forever. A retreat for women of all ages... Register today at **HoustonsFirst.org** under “Sign Up For Events.” For more information, please contact Jessica Villalpando at **713.957.7642**.



► WORSHIP ETIQUETTE

Worship requires our full attention—whether we’re in the Worship Center or a temporary home such as the CLC, Fellowship Center or Chapel.  
**To provide a worshipful environment for everyone during this time of transition, we ask that you:**

- not bring food or beverages into any of the venues,
- turn off cell phones and pagers,
- go to the restroom or get a drink of water before the service begins (including your children), and
- remain seated once our time of Bible study begins.

**If you must leave during the service, you may either**

- reenter through the rear doors of the venue and find a new seat in the back, or
- watch the service on a TV monitor in the Main Foyer or the CLC Game Room.

At the end of the worship service, an invitation will be extended to people to accept Christ or join the church. Please remain in your venue during this time and pray for God to move in the hearts of those around you. **Pastor Gregg and other worshippers will appreciate your display of worship etiquette!**

► WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE



**Each Wednesday,** Lower level of the 1010 Lamar Building. Lunch available for \$6.00, 11:30 AM. Bible Study begins at 12:10 PM and ends at 12:40 PM.



**August 27: Dr. David Self,**  
“From Enemy to Friend,” Acts 9:20-31.



MidLink Cafe

A casual dining experience with eight different stations designed to appeal to all age groups and diets. Come build relationships while you enjoy a great meal. Adults: \$6; Sr. Adults: \$5; Children: \$4.50. Price includes all stations: drinks, desserts, baked potato, pasta, bread, salad, soup, kids, and occasional hot specials. 4:45–6:45 PM, Fellowship Center.

WNBS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT  
BIBLE STUDY

A mid–week service for the entire HFBC family. Wednesday at 7 PM in the Fellowship Center.  
**August 27: Curtis Jones**



**Girls in Action** (GA’s) 1st–5th grade, 3:30–4:30 PM, Room 507  
**Royal Ambassadors** (RA’s) 1st–5th grade, 3:30–4:30 PM, Room 508  
**TeamKid** 1st–5th grade, 6–7 PM, CLC University Room  
**Orchestra Rehearsal** (by audition) 7–8:30 PM, Worship Center  
**Choir Rehearsal** 7–8:30 PM  
**Mission Friends** Birth–K, 5:45–8:30 PM, Preschool Suite  
**Explore** Bible study and recreation, 1st–5th grade, 7–8:45 PM, CLC  
**Sloan Memorial Library** 9 AM–6:50 PM  
**Garden Bookstore** 9 AM–7:30 PM

<b>24 SUNDAY WORSHIP</b> Pastor Gregg Matte <b>The Assembly,</b> 9:10 AM <b>The Gathering,</b> 10:45 AM <b>Ascend,</b> 6:30 PM	<b>25 Monday</b>	<b>26 Tuesday</b> Senior Men’s Prayer Time 9 AM, Room 258 Senior Adult Games Noon–4 PM, Room 143	<b>27 Wednesday</b> MidLink Cafe 4:45–6:45 PM, Fellowship Center Orchestra, Choir Rehearsals General Support Groups 7–8:30 PM, Room 318 Divorce Care 7–8:30 PM, Room 265	<b>28 Thursday</b> Senior Adult Bible Study 10–11:30 AM, Fellowship Center Celebrate Recovery 6–9 PM, Fellowship Center	<b>29 Friday</b>	<b>30 Saturday</b> Prayer Time in the Sloan Library 5–6 PM
<b>31 SUNDAY WORSHIP</b> Pastor Gregg Matte <b>The Assembly,</b> 9:10 AM <b>The Gathering,</b> 10:45 AM <b>Ascend,</b> 6:30 PM	<b>1 Monday</b> Labor Day Holiday Church Offices Closed Stephen Ministry Continuing Education & Supervisory Groups, 6:30 PM	<b>2 Tuesday</b> Senior Men’s Prayer Time 9 AM, Room 258 Senior Adult Games Noon–4 PM, Room 143	<b>3 Wednesday</b> MidLink Cafe 4:45–6:45 PM, Fellowship Center Orchestra, Choir Rehearsals General Support Groups 7–8:30 PM, Room 318 Divorce Care 7–8:30 PM, Room 265	<b>4 Thursday</b> Senior Adult Bible Study 10–11:30 AM, Fellowship Center Celebrate Recovery 6–9 PM, Fellowship Center GriefShare Support 7–8:30 PM, Room 143	<b>5 Friday</b>	<b>6 Saturday</b> Prayer Time in the Sloan Library 5–6 PM

2 WEEKS AT A GLANCE – AUG./SEPT.