

# weekend WORSHIP



## DECISIONS **Aug 31, 2008**

**FOR BAPTISM**  
Isaiah Munton, Children

### FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS

Ronald Blanchette, Single Adults  
Leonard Dennis, Jr., MYA  
Jonathan Hance, MYA  
Lydia Hance, MYA  
Curt Haveman, MYA  
Meghan Haveman, MYA

### SALVATION IN CHRIST

Robyn Dennis, MYA  
Caroline Wong, Children

## WEEKLY SUMMARY

### ATTENDANCE - AUG 31, 2008

|                     |              |
|---------------------|--------------|
| Sunday Bible Study  | 2,713        |
| Mission Bible Study | 654          |
| Weekday Bible Study | 688          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>        | <b>4,055</b> |
| Wednesday Night     | 1,269        |

### GIVING, WEEK ENDING AUG 31, 2008

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|-------------------------|-------------|
| Tithes & Offering       | \$238,285   |
| Weekly Requirements     | \$293,142   |
| Over/(Under)            | (\$54,857)  |
| Designated Gifts        | \$54,638    |
| Over/(Under) for August | (\$123,360) |

### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

be a part of the *Story*

### WEEK ENDING AUG 31, 2008

|                       |                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Total Pledged         | \$24,270,303       |
| Donations Received    | \$37,894           |
| <b>TOTAL RECEIVED</b> | <b>\$7,589,585</b> |

# MIDLINK

**MIDLINK CAFÉ**  
**4:45-6:45 pm – Fellowship Center**  
Casual dining with food for all ages!  
Adults \$6, Senior Adults \$5, Children \$4.50

**JUST FOR KIDS!**  
Children of all ages can learn about God and have fun, too!

**MISSION FRIENDS**  
**5:45-8:30 pm – Preschool Suite**  
Birth-Kindergarten

**HIGH 5 KIDS' CHOIR**  
**6-7 pm – The Clubhouse (Room 303)**  
PreK-5th Grade – walk-ins welcome!

**BREAKOUT**  
**7-8:30 pm – The Clubhouse (Room 303)**  
1st-5th Grade

**JUST FOR STUDENTS!**  
Weekday connections with other students featuring worship and truth from God's Word

**WIRED**  
**6:15-7:45 pm – Room 364**  
Middle School students

**AMP**  
**7-8:30 pm – Room 363**  
High School students

**THE LINK**  
**7 pm – Fellowship Center**  
Bible study with Curtis Jones

**CHOIR REHEARSAL**  
**7-8:30 pm – Rehearsal Hall**  
Age 18 and up – walk-ins welcome!

**ORCHESTRA REHEARSAL**  
**7-8:30 pm – Worship Center**  
By audition – 713.957.5887

**SLOAN MEMORIAL LIBRARY**  
Open 'til 6:50 pm

**GARDEN BOOKSTORE**  
Open 'til 7:30 pm

**CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER**  
Open 'til 10 pm

### SLOAN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

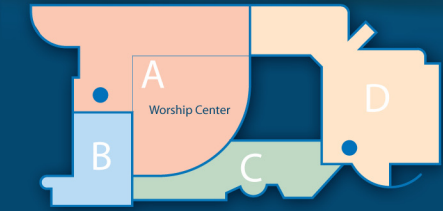
#### Hours (Closed Saturday)

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| Sunday    | 8:30 am – 12:30 pm<br>6:00 pm – 8:00 pm |
| Monday    | 9:00 am – 4:00 pm                       |
| Tuesday   | 9:00 am – 4:00 pm                       |
| Wednesday | 9:00 am – 6:50 pm                       |
| Thursday  | 9:00 am – 4:00 pm                       |
| Friday    | 9:00 am – 4:00 pm                       |

**HOUSTONSFIRST.ORG**  
**Open 24/7/365**  
Ministry info, news & events and more!

**SERMONS ON CD**  
**The Garden Bookstore & Library**  
Available before & after services.

## CAMPUS



- A**
- 1 Chapel
  - 1 Connection Center
  - 2 Education Ministry
  - 1 Library
  - 1 Main Foyer
  - 1 Reception Room
  - 2 Rehearsal Hall
  - 3 Rooms 330-336
  - 1 Welcome Center
  - 1 Worship Center
  - 2 Worship Ministry

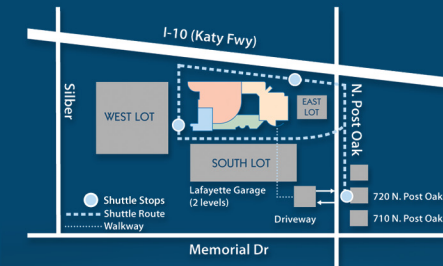
- B**
- 3 The Clubhouse
  - 6 Counseling Center
  - 1 FBA Primary School
  - 1 Pastoral Care
  - 2 Preschool Ministry
  - 1 Rooms 100-123
  - 2 Rooms 200-221
  - 3 Rooms 310-329
  - 4 Children's Ministry
  - 5 Children's Ministry

- C**
- 1 First Baptist Academy
  - 1 FBA Library
  - 1 Oasis Room

- D**
- 1 Bookstore
  - 1 Cafe
  - 1 Christian Life Center
  - 1 Fellowship Center
  - 1 Rooms 249-265
  - 3 Rooms 362-366
  - 3 Student Ministry (362-366)
  - 1 The Harbor

Welcome Centers *\*Numbers next to location indicate floor level*

## PARKING



## HOW CAN WE HELP?

### PRAYER

We will pray for these requests for two weeks unless notified or updated. Feel free to leave requests on our 24-hour prayer line at 713.335.6456 or email prayer@HoustonsFirst.org.

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### PASTORAL CARE

Are you experiencing grief, loneliness, illness, job loss or other life difficulties? The Pastoral Care Ministry provides free and confidential help through the Stephen Ministry. Call 713.957.6762 for assistance, or indicate your interests below:

- I would like a Stephen Minister to call me.
- I am interested in serving as a Stephen Minister.

Be sure to complete the "Get Connected" section on the other side!

### GET CONNECTED (turn over)







Pastor Gregg Matte

## DEAR CHURCH FAMILY & GUESTS,

Today's the day! After a five-month journey through Exodus in the Christian Life Center, the Fellowship Center and the Chapel, we've finally arrived in our new home – the beautifully renovated Worship Center!

As we return to this cherished space, I am reminded of the point in Exodus when God told Moses to pack up camp

and lead the Israelites into the land He had promised to give the descendents of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Moses, who had experienced and learned much about God by this point, knew the challenges they would encounter on the journey ahead. With wisdom and a right mind, he said to the Lord, **"If Your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here."**

Moses continued, saying, "How will anyone know that You are pleased with me and with Your people unless You go with us? What else will distinguish me and Your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?" (*Exodus 33:15-16, p. 64-65*)

Let that be our statement, as well.

As we gather our hearts to worship Him, pray that the distinguishing factor that separates us from the world would not be anything about our building. Rather, may His Presence in this Worship Center and in our hearts be what sets us apart as a relevant biblical community.

Your Pastor,

## MAKE IT YOUR CHURCH

**SUN, SEPT 14 - FELLOWSHIP CENTER**

Have you recently joined or are you visiting Houston's First Baptist Church? If so, attend the Make it Your Church orientation and find out more about us! This one-time class will give you all you need to know to get plugged into your new church family. Join us on Sunday, September 14, for lunch at 12:00 noon or dessert at 5:00 pm. RSVP online at [HoustonFirst.org](http://HoustonFirst.org) by Friday, September 12, or contact Jerrell Altic for more details at [jerrell.altic@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:jerrell.altic@HoustonFirst.org) or 713.335.6450. Not available September 12? No problem! The class is scheduled again for Sunday, November 3, with more dates coming in 2009.

## LATEST NEWS & UPDATES

### VISIT THE BRAND NEW HOUSTONSFIRST.ORG

Other than this worship guide, another major avenue that helps us keep you connected is our website. Visit [HoustonFirst.org](http://HoustonFirst.org) for all the resources you need to help you get involved in our various opportunities to gather, grow and give. You'll find ministry information, mission trip details, churchwide events, media resources and much more! And as a new website, additional content is being added to it every week—so make it your homepage and visit often!

### MINISTRY GUIDES

This worship guide is only the tip of the iceberg when it comes to what's going on in each age group ministry. That's why we've created a weekly Ministry Guide (or MG) for each age group ministry. MGs are like mini-newsletters providing information about additional opportunities to gather, grow and give within the context of your age group. Look for MGs in your Sunday Bible study or in one of our Welcome Centers each week.

## NEED TO CONTACT US?

To contact anyone on our staff, you can call the church office at 713.681.8000 during normal business hours. To email a staff member, simply type their [firstname.lastname@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:firstname.lastname@HoustonFirst.org).

## GATHER our hearts >

### CHILDREN

#### KIDS' WORSHIP

**Sundays @ 9:10 am – The Clubhouse (Room 303)**

Grab your boots, saddle up, and hit the trail! Kindergarteners through 4th graders are invited to join Cookie, Tex and a herd of cattle as we learn lessons from the trail the Israelites followed out of Egypt. Come for an action-packed hour of worship each week! Afterwards, children will be taken directly to their 10:30 Sunday School class. **CONTACT** [chad.overton@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:chad.overton@HoustonFirst.org) or 713.957.7626.

### CHURCHWIDE

#### JOAN BRUNSON'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**Sun, Sept 14 @ 2-4 pm – Oasis Room**

Next Sunday, HFBC will honor Joan Brunson for 50 years of service as our church pianist. Stop by and thank Joan for faithfully sharing her musical gifts with us for five decades! Light refreshments will be served. **CONTACT** [dean-na.wilks@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:dean-na.wilks@HoustonFirst.org) or 713.957.5881.

#### HFBC NIGHT AT MINUTE MAID PARK

**Sat, Sept 27 @ 7 pm – Minute Maid Park**

The HFBC family is headed to Minute Maid Park to watch the Houston Astros take on the Atlanta Braves! For just \$10, get a ticket and a t-shirt with the new church logo to wear to the game! **REGISTER** at [HoustonFirst.org](http://HoustonFirst.org). **CONTACT** [communications.office@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:communications.office@HoustonFirst.org) or 713.957.5891.

### PRESCHOOL

#### HEARTLAND

**Sundays @ 10:30 am – Room 217**

Preschoolers ages 4 and 5 are invited to HeartLand – a new worship experience designed just for them! Parents can take their children to Sunday School at 9:10 am and then volunteers (or parents) will take them to HeartLand. Your little ones will love this time of worship! **CONTACT** [rachel.merchant@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:rachel.merchant@HoustonFirst.org) or 713.957.7611.



## GROW our souls >>

### CHURCHWIDE

#### HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

**Wed, Sept 10 @ 11:30 am – 1010 Lamar (lower level)**

At this week's downtown Bible study, David Self, HFBC Executive Pastor, shares a message on "When God Breaks Through" from Acts 10:1-48. Lunch begins at 11:30 am for \$6, and Bible study takes place from 12:10-12:40 pm. **CONTACT** [diane.bagby@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:diane.bagby@HoustonFirst.org) or 713.957.6781.

#### MILESTONES

Milestones is a framework for how HFBC's ministries and programs can better equip members of the body of Christ to take their unique place as part of a relevant biblical community. Pick up a brochure in the Welcome Center or online at [HoustonFirst.org](http://HoustonFirst.org).

#### BIRTH OF A CHILD

- Motherwise - Wisdom for Mothers - begins Sept 9
- Strategic Parenting - begins Sept 10
- Parenting by Design - begins Sept 10
- Lifter of My Head - begins Sept 10
- "Who's Being Dedicated?" - Sept 14

#### ADOLESCENCE

- Parenting by Design - begins Sept 7

#### ADULTHOOD

- Who Am I & Why Am I Here? (a study of the Tabernacle) begins Sept 10

#### ADULTHOOD - BIBLICAL MANHOOD

- Winning at Work & Home - begins Sept 11 & 14

#### ADULTHOOD - BIBLICAL WOMANHOOD

- M&M Bible Study (Corinthians) - begins Sept 9
- Living Proof with Beth Moore - begins Sept 9 (women ages 18-25; register at [lproof.org](http://lproof.org))
- Joy of Living (AM) - begins Sept 11

#### ADULTHOOD - COVENANT MARRIAGE

- PMP - Prep for Marriage Workshop - Sept 12 & 13 (register at [HoustonFirst.org](http://HoustonFirst.org))

#### ADULTHOOD - GIVING LIFE AWAY

- Missionary U - Prayers for the Faithful - begins Sept 7
- Missionary U - Women on Missions - begins Sept 9
- Missionary U - Personal Devotions & Memorizing God's Word - begins Sept 10
- Missionary U - Chronological Bible Storying

begins Sept 10

- Missionary U - Perspectives Exposure

begins Sept 14

#### ADULTHOOD - FAITH OVERCOMING LOSS

- Phase II (for those who have lost a spouse) - Sept 11

### MEN'S MINISTRY

#### THE QUEST FOR AUTHENTIC MANHOOD

**Wednesdays @ 7-8:30 pm – Rooms 301-302**

Join us on a journey of honor, integrity and significance – The Quest for Authentic Manhood. This 24-week study began August 27 and concludes March 4, 2009. This year's study is a DVD teaching format led by Milton Redeker, Men's Ministry Coordinator. **REGISTER** at [HoustonFirst.org](http://HoustonFirst.org). Registration closes September 17. **CONTACT** [christen.barrios@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:christen.barrios@HoustonFirst.org) or 713.957.7681.

#### WINNING AT WORK & HOME

**Begins Thurs, Sept 11 @ 6-7:30 am – Fellowship Center (live) or Sun, Sept 14 @ 5-6:30 pm – Room 364 (DVD)**

Discover how to live your life with wholeness and strength in this 16-week study led by Pastor Gregg Matte, Jason Swiggart, Eric Reed, Don Munton, Lee Hsia and Malcolm Marshall. Breakfast provided on Thursdays (donations accepted). **REGISTER** at [HoustonFirst.org](http://HoustonFirst.org) for a discounted rate. **CONTACT** [christen.barrios@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:christen.barrios@HoustonFirst.org) or 713.957.7681.

### WOMEN'S MINISTRY

#### "THE POWER OF A WORD" RETREAT

**Fri, Oct 11-Sat, Oct 12 – Omni Houston Hotel Westside**

Words have a tremendous affect on us – they can both wound and heal. Whether spoken, thought or written, words have the power to change our lives as we hold them in our hearts. Explore the impact of words, and most importantly, the power of God's Word to change us forever. For women of all ages. **REGISTER** at [HoustonFirst.org](http://HoustonFirst.org). **CONTACT** [jessica.villalpando@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:jessica.villalpando@HoustonFirst.org) or 713.957.7642.

## GIVE our lives >>>

### EVANGELISM EQUIPPING

#### XEE "CONNECT LIFE"

**Begins Sun, Sept 14 @ 5-6 pm – Fellowship Center or Wed, Sept 17 @ 6-7 pm – Room 143**

## GET CONNECTED

Complete this card and place in the offering plate or in a collection box by a Worship Center exit.

I would like to speak to a minister about salvation, baptism, membership, ministries or \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to receive information about Sunday Bible study opportunities.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Check if this is a change of address

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Single  Married (anniversary date) \_\_\_\_\_

Engaged  Widowed

Children living at home (ages) \_\_\_\_\_

## COMMENTS

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## HOW CAN WE HELP? (turn over)

**CREATING A WORSHIPFUL ENVIRONMENT** Worship requires our full attention. We ask that you: >> not bring food or drinks in the Worship Center >> silence cell phones >> use the restroom before the service (take your children, too!) >> remain seated once our time of Bible study begins. If you must leave during the service, you may either: reenter through the rear doors and find a new seat in the back or watch the remainder of the service on a monitor in the Main Foyer. At the end of the worship service, people will be invited to accept Christ or join the church. Please remain in the Worship Center during this time and pray for God to move in the hearts of those around you. Pastor Gregg and other worshippers will appreciate your thoughtfulness.

**WEEKEND WORSHIP** Sundays 9:10 am, 10:45 am & 6:30 pm

**SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY** 8 am, 9:10 am, 10:30 am & 5:15 pm