

HOW CAN WE HELP?

PRAYER

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

() Add this request to the church's public prayer database.

PASTORAL CARE

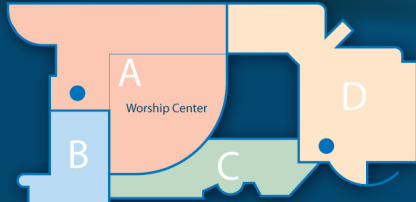
Are you experiencing grief, loneliness, illness, job loss or other life difficulties? The Pastoral Care Ministry provides free and confidential help through the Stephen Ministry. Call 713.957.6762 for assistance, or indicate your interests below:

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

Don't forget the "Get Connected" section on the other side!

GET CONNECTED (turn over)

CAMPUS



- A

1 Chapel

3 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 301-329

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

2 Fitness Center
- 2 Rooms 249-265

3 Rooms 362-366

3 Student Ministry (362-366)

1 The Harbor

1 Welcome Center

Welcome Centers *Numbers next to location indicate floor level

PARKING



MIDLINK
WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST

MIDLINK CAFÉ
4:45-6:45 pm – Fellowship Center
Casual dining with food for all ages!
Adults \$6, Senior Adults \$5
Children (12 & under) \$4.50
Students can buy discount tickets from Student Ministry for \$3

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

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 (Rm 303)
PreK-5th Grade – walk-ins welcome!

BREAKOUT
7-8:30 pm – The Clubhouse (Rm 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 – Rm 364
Middle School students

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

BIRTHS

Micah and Heather Green in the birth of their son, Tallis Denton Green

Stephen and Debra Mudry in the birth of their daughter, Rebekah Christian Mudry; Siblings: Wesley and Allison; Grandmother: Mary Mudry

Gavin and Donna Schmidt in the birth of their son, Brandon Alexander Schmidt; Sister: Eliana; Grandparents: Harold and Charlotte Johnson

Daniel and Shannon Boyer in the birth of their son, Brayden Scott Boyer; Aunt: Lauren Harper

Timothy and Dee Carlson in the birth of their daughter, Hannah Grace Carlson; Siblings: Anntoinette, Austin, and Jonathon Luke

SYMPATHIES

Carolyn Hariani in the death of her mother, Elizabeth Owen

David Gandy in the death of his mother, Brenda Weathersby

Clifford and Kit (Staff) Ashworth in the death of her nephew, Phillip McCall

Terry (Deacon) and Terry Cline in the death of his father, Thurman Cline
Grandsons: Robert and Mark Cline

Family and Friends of Sue Alyse Keller



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

DECISIONS SEPT 21, 2008

FOR BAPTISM

Weatherly Novak

FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS

- Randall Braziel

Faith Knudsen

Steven Knudsen

Jeanine Kohutek

Laura Maxwell
- Delores O'Donaghy

Chelsea Rowe

Chad Schroeder

Rohan Stewart

Regina White

WEEKLY SUMMARY

GIVING, WEEK ENDING SEPT 21, 2008

Tithes & Offering	\$372,585
Weekly Requirements	\$293,142
Over/(Under)	\$79,443
Designated Gifts	\$169,387
Over/(Under) for Sept	(\$140,231)

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

be a part of the *Story*

WEEK ENDING SEPT 7, 2008

Total Pledged	\$24,270,303
Donations Received	\$129,558
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$7,837,262

weekend
WORSHIP

Sept 28, 2008



HOUSTON'S FIRST
BAPTIST CHURCH

The Red Cross & Southern Baptist Disaster Relief Teams serving at

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH





Pastor Gregg Matte

you're visiting for the first time. It would be my pleasure to welcome you in person! Also, I encourage you to visit the Welcome Center in the Main Foyer or the Christian Life Center Lobby. Welcome Team members are ready to answer your questions and help you find a Bible study to attend. They'll also help you find your way around the campus.

Finally, during your time with us today, I pray that you would not be impressed by our church's size, facilities or anything we have to offer. Rather, my desire is that you would be impacted by the very real presence of God in this place—a relevant biblical community.

In Him,

Pastor Gregg Matte

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@HoustonsFirst.org.

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.

DEAR CHURCH FAMILY & GUESTS,

Houston's First Baptist Church is a relevant biblical community where we gather our hearts, grow our souls and give our lives as we seek to fulfill the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20). We're glad you've chosen to worship here today!

I invite you to come forward at the conclusion of the worship service, especially if

HELP WITH RELIEF EFFORTS

PARK OFFSITE ON SUNDAY MORNINGS >>>

We need 500 additional vehicles to park offsite until further notice while the Red Cross and SBC Disaster Relief Teams use the west lot as their staging area. Shuttles run from 7:30 am to 2 pm with a new route to the Marq-E Entertainment Center. Refer to the map on the back of this Worship Guide for locations.

NEED HELP? >>>

Tell us how we can help you recover from the storm at HoustonsFirst.org or stop by the Connection Center.

VOLUNTEER >>>

Find a place to serve at HoustonsFirst.org.

PRAY >>>

Submit prayer requests at HoustonsFirst.org or call our 24-hour prayer line at 713.335.6456.

DONATE >>>

We've established a Hurricane Relief Fund to assist those impacted by the storm. Your contributions, above your tithe and capital campaign commitment, will be placed in a restricted account administered by the Finance and Missions departments. You can make a contribution in three ways:

(1) online at HoustonsFirst.org;

(2) by check (payable to "Houston's First Baptist Church" with "Hurricane Relief Fund in the memo); or

(3) with cash.

Cash and checks can be placed in the collection buckets at the Worship Center doors today, or mailed to Houston's First Baptist Church, Attn: Hurricane Relief Fund, 7401 Katy Freeway, Houston, Texas, 77024.

STAY CONNECTED >>>

Visit HoustonsFirst.org for information on how we're responding in the aftermath of Hurricane Ike.

GATHER our hearts >

CHURCHWIDE

NEW & PROSPECTIVE MEMBER ORIENTATION

Today @ Noon – Fellowship Center (lunch) or 5 pm – Connection Center (dessert)

Have you recently joined or are you visiting Houston's First Baptist Church? If so, attend orientation and find out more about HFBC! This one-time session will give you all you need to know to get plugged into your new church family. Join us today at noon in the Fellowship Center or at 5 pm in the Connection Center. The class is scheduled again for Sunday, November 16, with more dates coming in 2009. **CONTACT** malcolm.marshall@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.335.6453.

STUDENT MINISTRY

PARENT PARTY

Today @ 5-6:15 pm – HUB Students Rm 363

Don't miss the annual HUB Parent Party! All parents of 6-12th graders are invited to come have some fun without the kids including Wii, door prizes, food, resources, and meeting the staff! **CONTACT** susan.newman@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7631.

SUMMIT MINISTRY - YOUNG SINGLE ADULTS

FIRST THINGS FIRST

Fri, Oct 2 @ 8:30-10 pm – HFBC Chapel

Join Summit Ministries, the young single adults of HFBC, for an evening of prayer and worship as we put the First Things in our lives First! Led by Matthew & Lizi. Light refreshments afterwards.

GROW our souls >>

CHURCHWIDE

HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

Wed, Oct 1 @ 11:30 am – 1010 Lamar (lower level)

David Self, HFBC Executive Pastor, will speak at this week's



a relevant biblical community

downtown Bible study. Lunch begins at 11:30 am for \$8, and Bible study takes place from 12:10-12:40 pm. **CONTACT** diane.bagby@HoustonsFirst.org or 713.957.6781.

MEN'S MINISTRY

WINNING AT WORK & HOME

Today @ 5-6:30 pm – Room 364 (DVD) or

Thurs, Oct 2 @ 6-7:30 am – Fellowship Center (live)

Discover how to live your life with wholeness and strength in this 16-week study led by Pastor Gregg Matte, Jason Swigart, Eric Reed, Don Munton, Lee Hsia and Malcolm Marshall. **REGISTER** at HoustonsFirst.org. **CONTACT** christen.barrios@HoustonsFirst.org or 713.957.7681.

MILESTONES

Classes and events to equip you for the milestones of life.

Pick up a brochure or visit HoustonsFirst.org for details. Here's what's starting this week:



ADULTHOOD – GIVING LIFE AWAY

- Missionary U – Purpose of a Mission Trip – Sun, Oct 5-26
- Missionary U – Water Well 101 – Sun, Oct 5-26
- Missionary U – Prison Ministry 101 – Wed, Oct 1-22
- Missionary U – Int'l Travel & Safety Training – Sat, Oct 4



ADULTHOOD – FAITH OVERCOMING LOSS

- GriefShare – Thurs, Oct 2 @ 7 pm – Rm 143
- First H.O.P.E. Job Ministry – Sat, Oct 4 @ 9 am – Rm 602

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

"THE POWER OF A WORD" RETREAT

Fri, Oct 10 - Sat, Oct 11 – Omni Houston Westside

Words have a tremendous affect on us—they can wound and they can 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 in our lives, and most importantly, the power of God's Word to change us forever. For women of all ages. **REGISTER** at HoustonsFirst.org. **CONTACT** jessica.villalpando@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7642.

GIVE our lives >>>

COUNSELING CENTER

FIRST H.O.P.E. JOB MINISTRY

Sat, Oct 4 @ 9 am-Noon – Rm 602

This month's meeting focuses on resume writing, providing personal assessments of your resume. It's free and open to anyone! **CONTACT** fay.suitor@HoustonsFirst.org or 713.335.6471.

EVANGELISM EQUIPPING

MISSIONARY U: XEE

Connect Life (2 sessions)

Option 1: Sun, Sept 28 & Oct 5

Option 2: Wed, Oct 1 & 8

Share Life (6 sessions)

Option 1: Sun, Oct 12 - Nov 16

Option 2: Wed, Oct 15 - Nov 19

XEE equips Christians to reach people by focusing on interpersonal connecting skills and meaningful dialogues that lead to spiritual conversations. This introductory 3-week course focuses on building interpersonal skills that lay the foundation of a missional lifestyle. **REGISTER** at HoustonsFirst.org. **CONTACT** evangelism@HoustonsFirst.org or 713.957.7661.

MISSIONS

UPCOMING MISSION TRIPS

Share the love of Christ on the mission field! Fundraising manuals are available at HoustonsFirst.org or in the Missions Office. **REGISTER** at HoustonsFirst.org. **CONTACT** rochelle.ferrada@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.5861.

• **Guatemala: Guatemala City – Nov 22-29 – \$1,600**

Team Leader: John Markle

• **India: Chandigarh – Dec 27, 2008-Jan 10, 2009 – \$3,000**

Team Leaders: Bob Caldwell & William Taylor

PASTORAL CARE

MONDAY GPS (GATHERING PLACE SOCIAL)

Mon, Oct 6 @ 10 am-1:30 pm – Fellowship Center

Adults with early to moderate stages of memory loss due to dementia, stroke, or injury will enjoy interaction, exercise,



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