

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)



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

DECISIONS **SEPT 28, 2008**

SALVATION IN CHRIST
Michael Schall

BAPTIZED

Allyson Brown	Eric Streif
Laura Brown	Joshua Walker
Chris Sanzo	Lauren Walker
Travis Schubert	

FOR BAPTISM

Cameron Boone	Scott Roemer
Chambers Rodriguez	Talon White

FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS

Angie Boone	Mary Klein
Rob Furno	Steve Klein
Lauren Gilmore	Cynthia Martin
Jessi Head	Cherise Person
Blanche Hibpshman	Maria Petersen
Amanda Hindes	Christopher Smith
Kelly Huffman	Dan Sullivan
Robert Johnson	Kali Thorman
Anna Klein	Gartrett Tyra
David Klein	

BIRTHS

Michael and Reagan Vickich in the birth of their daughter, Allison Hope Vickich
Sisters: Hailey and Katelyn

SYMPATHIES

Ken Hogan and Dr. Michelle Beard-Hogan in the death of her grandmother, Mary Morehead

Family and Friends of Donna Broussard

Carlos and Debbie Gutierrez in the death of his mother

WEEKLY SUMMARY

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Over/(Under)	(\$82,779)
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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

be a part of the *Story*

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MEDIA CENTER

SLOAN MEMORIAL LIBRARY
Hours (Closed Saturday)

Sunday	8:30 am – 12:30 pm
	4:30 pm – 6:30 pm
Monday	9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Tuesday	9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Wednesday	9:00 am – 7:30 pm
Thursday	9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Friday	9:00 am – 5:00 pm

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

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

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weekend WORSHIP

October 5, 2008



First service in the new Worship Center - 2008





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 offering plates 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



Fri, Oct 31 @ 6:30-10 pm – Christian Life Center

First Fest provides an all-out incredibly fun alternative on Halloween for the entire HFBC family, their guests and the entire community! This is the place to be on October 31! **CONTACT** becky.kiser@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.6702.

FLU SHOTS

Wed, Oct 15 @ 4-6 pm – Harbor Room

No appointment necessary! Get your Flu Vaccine (\$24), Flu-Mist (\$30), or Pneumonia Vaccine (\$30). **CONTACT** adult.enrichment@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7691.

ADULT ENRICHMENT

BRANSON IN THE FALL

Oct 20-24, 2008

It's not too late to get in on the fun! Space is still available and it's got your name on it! \$679 double occupancy. **CONTACT** adult.enrichment@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7691.

CELEBRATION DINNER

Thurs, Oct 30 @ 6:30 pm – Fellowship Center

Dinner with friends plus entertainment by Clay Howell and Keith Caldwell! \$10 per person. **RSVP** by Oct 26, adult.enrichment@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7691.

IMPACT MINISTRIES (SINGLES 40-60)

CARIBBEAN CRUISE

March 2-8, 2009

Sail away on the Carnival Ecstasy to Progresso and Cozumel for a five day holiday. \$670 double occupancy. **CONTACT** impact.ministries@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7694.



a relevant biblical community

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.

GROW our souls >>

CHURCHWIDE

HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

Wed, Oct 8 @ 11:30 am – 1010 Lamar (lower level)

Pastor Gregg Matte will speak at this week's 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, 713.957.6781.

MEN'S MINISTRY

WINNING AT WORK & HOME

Today @ 5-6:30 pm – Room 364 (DVD) or

Thurs, Oct 9 @ 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 Swiggart, Eric Reed, Don Munton, Lee Hsia and Malcolm Marshall. **REGISTER** at HoustonsFirst.org. **CONTACT** christen.barrios@HoustonsFirst.org, 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
- One Month to Live – 30 Days to a No Regret Life – Wed, Oct 8-Nov 5

ADULTHOOD – FAITH OVERCOMING LOSS

- Monday GPS – Mon, Oct 6 @ 10 am-1:30 pm
- Phase II (death of a spouse) – Thurs, Oct 9 @ 6:30-8 pm

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 >>>

EVANGELISM EQUIPPING

MISSIONARY U: XEE

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. **REGISTER** at HoustonsFirst.org. **CONTACT** evangelism@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7661.



FIRST BAPTIST ACADEMY

ADMISSIONS OPEN HOUSE

Tues, Oct 7 @ 9 am – The Clubhouse (Room 303)

Meet FBA administrators, coaches and faculty and learn about our Early Childhood through 8th grade programs, concluding with a tour of the school. Continental breakfast provided. **RSVP** ashley.rhodes@HFBA.org, 713.290.2524.



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 (4 spots remain)

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

Team Leaders: Bob Caldwell & William Taylor

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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