

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 HoustonsFirst.org.

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

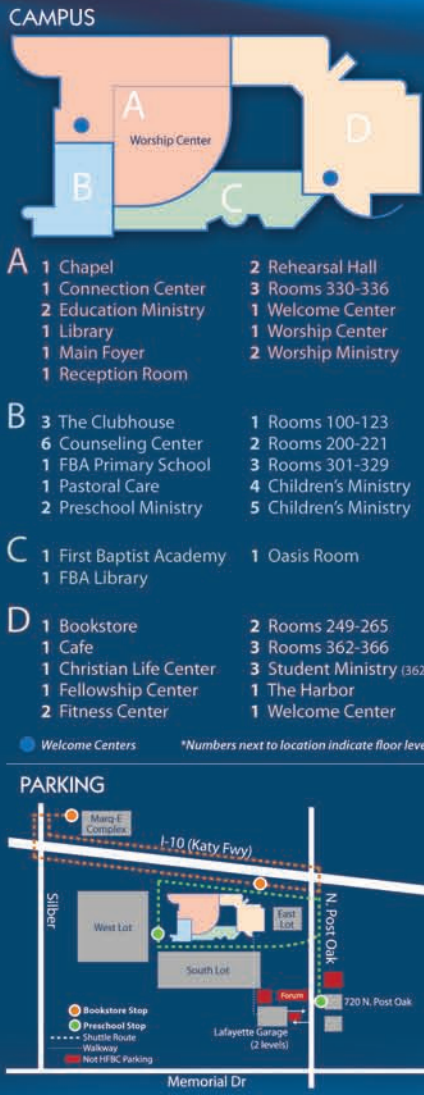
PASTORAL CARE

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

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

MEDIA CENTER

SLOAN MEMORIAL LIBRARY
Hours (Closed Saturday)
Sunday 8:30 am – 12:30 pm
6:00 pm – 6:25 pm
and 20 minutes following the service
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 & more!

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

SYMPATHIES
Guillermo and Lidia Say in the death of her cousin, Magda Muniz Nephew: Pablo Nieces: Alexandra and Andrea Say Daughter: Aimee and Son, Cesar Muniz

Bill Pierson and his wife Lisa in the death of his mother, Geanne Pierson Johnson Grandchildren: Sarah and Katherine

Eric and Kelly Laughlin in the death of his father, Bill Laughlin

David and Jason Gandy in the death of their mother, Brenda Weathersby

LISTENING DEVICES

Assisted listening devices are available for hearing impaired worshippers during all three services. Visit the Sloan Memorial Library to borrow a device free of charge!

DECISIONS OCT 5, 2008

SALVATION IN CHRIST
Jennifer Calderon

FOR BAPTISM

Sydney Flynt Christine Oldham
Nikolas Goodson Melissa Vanderbloemen
Shannon O'Brian

FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS

Ryan Bishop Beverly Martin
Misty Clark Laurel Morrell
Jeicy Hakim Melissa Puckett
Val Hatley Ashley Severance

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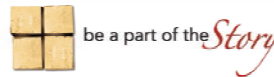
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WEEKLY SUMMARY

GIVING, WEEK ENDING OCT 5, 2008

Tithes & Offering	\$400,889
Weekly Requirements	\$293,142
Over/(Under)	\$107,747
Designated Gifts	\$146,581
Over/(Under) for Oct	\$107,747

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



WEEK ENDING OCT 5, 2008

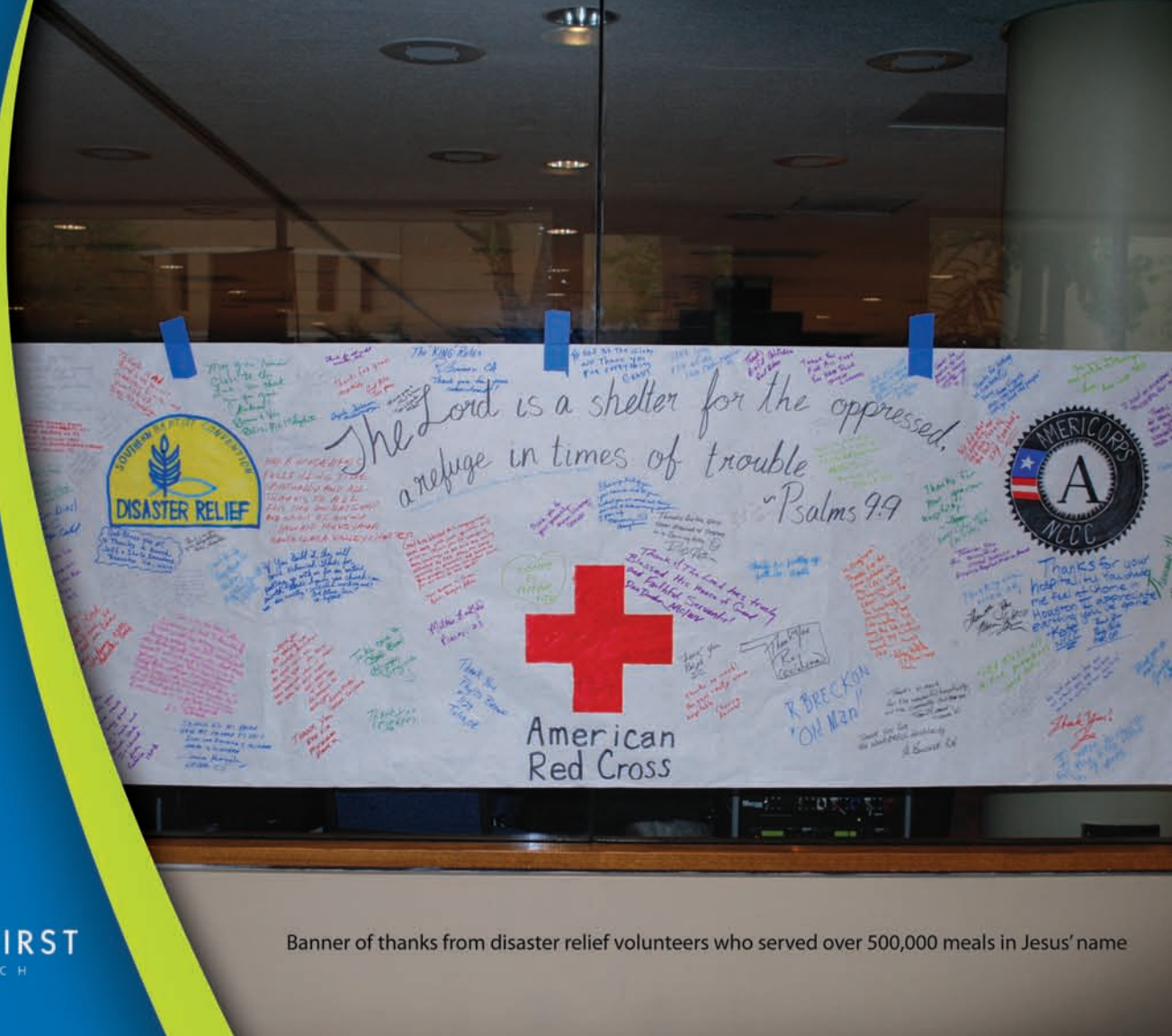
Total Pledged	\$24,270,303
Donations Received	\$111,961.20
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$7,980,960

weekend
WORSHIP

October 12, 2008



HOUSTON'S FIRST
BAPTIST CHURCH



Banner of thanks from disaster relief volunteers who served over 500,000 meals in Jesus' name





Pastor Gregg Matte

DEAR CHURCH
FAMILY & GUESTS,

We're glad you're worshipping here today! 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).

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

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.

LATEST NEWS AND UPDATES

HURRICANE IKE

VISIT "Hurricane Ike Recovery Central" at HoustonsFirst.org to volunteer, ask for help, submit prayer requests, or give to HFBC's Hurricane Relief Fund.

FLU SHOTS

Wed, Oct 15 @ 4-6 pm – Harbor Room

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

BAND AIDE FOR LIFE CONCERT

Thur, Oct 16 @ 7-9 pm – Worship Center

Featuring Phillips, Craig & Dean and Fernando Ortega. Proceeds benefit Pregnancy Assistance Center North (PACN) and The Source For Women. General admission tickets are \$25. **CONTACT** The Garden Bookstore or TicketServant.com.



GATHER our hearts >

CHURCHWIDE

JOAN BRUNSON'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Sun, Oct 26 @ 2-4 pm – Oasis Room

HFBC is honoring 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@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.5881.



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

It's an all-out incredibly fun alternative on Halloween for the entire HFBC family, their guests and the community! Visit HoustonsFirst.org for a full schedule. This is the place to be on October 31! **CONTACT** becky.kiser@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.6702.

A NIGHT OF WORSHIP WITH ROGER CULLINS

Sat, Nov 1 @ 6:30 pm – Worship Center

HFBC's own Roger Cullins will lead the HFBC family in a night of worship as he debuts his new CD, Songs of the Savior. CDs will be available for \$10. Admission is free! Invite a friend as we gather our hearts in worship!

ADULT ENRICHMENT

SENIOR SUNDAY LUNCH

Today, Oct 12 @ 11 am-1 pm – Fellowship Center

Why fight traffic? Have lunch here at HFBC for just \$7 per person! All senior adults are invited. **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 - SINGLE ADULTS 40-60

CARIBBEAN CRUISE

March 2-8, 2009

Sail away on the Carnival *Ecstasy* to Progresso and Cozumel for a five day holiday. Open to everyone-single or married, young or old! \$519.10 per person. Reservations and deposits due now! **CONTACT** impact.ministries@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7694.

SUMMIT MINISTRIES - YOUNG SINGLE ADULTS

FLAG FOOTBALL

Oct 17-Nov 22

Co-ed flag football kicks off Oct 17. Double header games on Saturdays during the day with each team guaranteed one Friday night game. **REGISTER** at HoustonsFirst.org. **CONTACT** Rene or Eleanor Rivera, erivera5@comcast.net.



GROW our souls >>

CHURCHWIDE

HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

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

Executive Pastor David Self 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.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SHAPING YOUR CHILD'S SEXUAL CHARACTER

Sat, Oct 18 @ 8:30 am-12:30 pm – Fellowship Center

Taught by authors of *How & When to Tell Your Kids About Sex*, this conference equips you to prepare your child for the spiritual, emotional, and physical changes of the teenage years. **RSVP** for childcare by Oct 14 to mia.anderson@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7621.

FIRST GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

Sun, Oct 19 @ 4 pm – Chapel

Celebrate the milestone of learning to read with a special Bible presentation! All first graders will receive the NIV Adventure Bible for Kids. Family members are invited, too! Preschool childcare available. **CONTACT** cindy.pitts@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7620.

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:



ADOLESCENCE

• Shaping your Child's Sexual Character – Sat, Oct 18



ADULTHOOD – BIBLICAL WOMANHOOD

• Do You Live Intentionally or Accidentally? – Wed, Oct 15-Nov 5
• Finances for Dummies – Wed, Oct 15-Nov 12



ADULTHOOD – FAITH OVERCOMING LOSS

• GriefShare – Thurs, Oct 16 @ 7-8 pm, Room 143

GIVE our lives >>>

EVANGELISM EQUIPPING

MISSIONARY U: XEE

Share Life (6 sessions)

Option 1: Today, Nov 16 – Fellowship Center

Option 2: Wed, Oct 15-Nov 19 – Room 143

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

PRIVATE SCHOOL PREVIEW

Sun, Oct 26 @ 2-4 pm – J.W. Marriott (Galleria)

FBA and Houston Christian High School host the 13th Annual HAIS Private School Preview with representatives from 100+ area private and boarding schools from across the country. Admission is free. **CONTACT** allison.smith@HFBA.org, 713.290.2522.



FUSION MINISTRIES

"THY WILL BE DONE" SEMINAR

Fri, Nov 7 @ 6:30-8:30 pm – Fellowship Center

Married young adults will learn how to establish a will and various incapacity documents at this free seminar! Dinner and childcare provided. **REGISTER** at HoustonsFirst.org. **CONTACT** chad.hamm@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.5806.

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 (two spots remain)

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

Team Leaders: Bob Caldwell & William Taylor

PRAYER MINISTRY

40/40 PRAYER VIGIL

Sept 24 - Nov 2

The 40/40 Prayer Vigil consists of 40 days of prayer leading up to the election of our next President. **VISIT** HoustonsFirst.org for a daily prayer guide as we intercede for spiritual renewal and national revival.

SUMMIT MINISTRIES - YOUNG SINGLE ADULTS

"THY WILL BE DONE" SEMINAR

Sun, Nov 2 @ 12-2 pm – Fellowship Center

Young single adults will learn how to establish a will and various incapacity documents at this free seminar! Dinner and childcare provided. **REGISTER** at HoustonsFirst.org. **CONTACT** chad.hamm@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.5806.

VOLUNTEER

Visit HoustonsFirst.org for details about the following opportunities and nearly 100 ways you can serve His Kingdom:

HAPPY SMILING FACES - Special Events

CONTACT jacque.killingsworth@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.5843

FIRST FEST VOLUNTEERS - Recreation

CONTACT becky.kiser@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.6702

JAIL/PRISON MINISTRY TEAM

Prayer, Missions & Connection Center

CONTACT Dan Craig at dancraig@iglide.net, 281.382.7951

FOOD PANTRY TEAM – MISSIONS TRAINING CENTER

CONTACT claudia.reyes@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.681.3521

INT'L STUDENT FRIENDSHIP MINISTRY TEAM

Prayer, Missions & Connection Center

CONTACT Marie Downing at downings@flash.net, 713.956.6052

WORSHIP

JOIN THE 10:45 CHOIR!

Give of your time, talents and love for the Lord! Simply attend rehearsals and sing with us in the 10:45 service. No auditions required! Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 7-8:30 pm in the Chapel and childcare is provided. **CONTACT** roger.cullins@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.5881.

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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