

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

**BIRTHS**  
Tommy and Jodie Connally in the birth of their son, Luke Connally  
  
Devon and Tina Denbina in the birth of their daughter, Olivia Rebecca Denbina

**SYMPATHIES**  
Verlene Masters and Priscilla Benham in the death of their sister, Jill Myers

David and Amy Davidson in the death of her grandmother, Wandine Patterson  
  
Emma Riehl in the death of her brother, Manley Pace Nephew: Darrell Riehl

Tim and Jenny Winter in the death of her grandfather

Carlos and Marlene Jessurun in the death of her father Grandchildren: Vanessa, Brandon and Venae

Barbara Brewer, in the death of her sister

DECISIONS OCT 12, 2008

**BAPTIZED**  
Bailey Bischoff Claudio Ulin  
Weatherly Nowak Yomara Ulin  
Melissa Sutton Kaitlyn Wendland

**FOR BAPTISM**  
Kimberly Center Kellie Gayle  
Elizabeth Conn Michelle Nielsen-Guerrero  
Vanessa Flores Jackson Potts

**FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS**  
Kelley Clarke Renee Kelly  
Melissa Flores Debbi Miyar  
Ricky Flores

**BY STATEMENT**  
Kile Churman Gladys Moore

**WEEKLY SUMMARY**  
**ATTENDANCE, OCT 12, 2008**  
Sunday Bible Study 3,362  
Mission Bible Study 540  
Weekday Bible Study 1,685  
**Total 5,587**  
Wednesday MidLink 926

**GIVING, WEEK ENDING OCT 12, 2008**  
Tithes & Offering \$246,898  
Weekly Requirements \$293,142  
Over/(Under) (\$46,244)  
Designated Gifts \$252,992  
Over/(Under) for Oct \$61,503

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

be a part of the *Story*

**WEEK ENDING OCT 12, 2008**  
Total Pledged \$24,270,303  
Donations Received \$143,443  
**TOTAL RECEIVED \$8,124,403**



weekend  
WORSHIP

October 19, 2008



HOUSTON'S 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,

**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.

**HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?**  
Share your requests the following ways and we'll add them to our online prayer database!  
• Click "Prayer" at HoustonsFirst.org  
• Text "PRAYFIRST [your requests]" to 41411  
• Call our Prayerline at 713.335.6456  
• Complete the attached "How Can We Help?" card

**LATEST NEWS AND UPDATES**  
**LILLIAN BEARD HONORED BY WOODHAVEN**  
 Lillian Beard was adopted by deaf parents at the age of three months. She began interpreting for her mother at Houston's First Baptist Church when she was 14 years old. Through the years, she has ministered to thousands of deaf people around the world, assisted in starting several local and national deaf organizations, and trained and mentored hundreds of interpreters. On October 18, 2008, Miss Lillian celebrated her 100th birthday. Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church, a ministry of HFBC, will honor her during their 11 am worship service on October 19, followed by a luncheon and a 2 pm dedication of the Lillian Beard Deaf Connection Center. Praise God for this beautiful life well-lived!

**HOLY LAND TOUR WITH PASTOR GREGG**  
**Info Mtg, Wed, Oct 22 @ 6 pm – Room 249**  
 Join Pastor Gregg on a fascinating trip to the Holy Land from Jan 28-Feb 7, 2009! This tour of Israel will enhance your spiritual life as you walk through the Bible in living color. (Optional tour to Jordan and Petra, Feb 7-11.) For a brochure, call Jim & Wanda Jean Hickey (281.496.1525 or 713.817.8157).


**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.

## 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**  
**Fri, Nov 21 @ 7 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!

**PRAYER FOR OUR NATION**  
**Sun, Nov 2 @ 4:30-5 pm – Worship Center**  
Two days before Election Day, the HFBC family will gather to pray for our nation. Come lift up our leaders, the voters, and our nation as a whole!

**ADULT ENRICHMENT**  
**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.

**SUMMIT MINISTRIES - YOUNG SINGLE ADULTS**  
**"UNDER THE TEXAS SKY" HOE DOWN**  
**Sat, Nov 1 @ 6-11 pm – Liedertafel (Sealy, TX)**  
Hey young singles! Dust off your boots for a night of live music, dancing, food and more! Come early for western activities and a chance to win prizes. Tickets are \$20 now, \$25 after Oct 26. **REGISTER** at HoustonsFirst.org. **CONTACT** sheristenzel@gmail.com, 713.775.8443.

## GROW our souls >>



**CHURCHWIDE**  
**HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY**  
**Wed, Oct 22 @ 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**  
**FIRST GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION**  
**Today, 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! **CONTACT** cindy.pitts@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7620.

**FUSION MINISTRIES**  
**ENGAGED COUPLES WORKSHOP**  
**Nov 7-8 @ HFBC**  
Part of the Preparation for Marriage Program, this workshop prepares couples for a Christ-centered marriage by looking at Spiritual Oneness, Roles and Expectations, Communication, Conflict Resolution, Finances, and Sex & Intimacy. Friday 6:30-9:30 pm and Saturday 8:30 am-5:30 pm. **REGISTER** at HoustonsFirst.org. **CONTACT** lisa.pierre@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.335.6469.

**HUB STUDENT MINISTRY**  
**MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT**  
**Oct 31-Nov 2 – Lake Tomahawk**  
All 6th-8th graders are invited to get to know more people, know more about God, and know more about yourself! Leave Oct 31 at 9 pm (so you can have fun at First Fest, too) and return on Nov 2 around 12 pm. \$75 per person. **REGISTER** at HoustonsFirst.org. **CONTACT** zac.hufty@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7633.

**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 coming up soon:

 **ADOLESCENCE**  
• Adolescence is Here (parents of 5th-8th graders) – Wed, Oct 29  
 **GIVING YOUR LIFE AWAY**  
• Adoption: Is God Speaking To You? – Sun, Nov 2

## GIVE our lives >>>

**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** kerry.hunter@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! Lunch and childcare provided. **REGISTER** at HoustonsFirst.org. **CONTACT** kerry.hunter@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.5806.

**VOLUNTEER**  
Visit HoustonsFirst.org for details about the following opportunities and nearly 100 ways you can serve His Kingdom:  
**FIRST FEST VOLUNTEERS - Recreation**  
**CONTACT** becky.kiser@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.6702  
**HAPPY SMILING FACES - Special Events**  
**CONTACT** jacque.killingsworth@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.5843

**THE CHRISTMAS STORE TEAM - Missions Training Center**  
**CONTACT** tracy.collier@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.681.3521

**THE "LUNCH BUNCH" - Culinary Services**  
**CONTACT** paul.sofka@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.5840

**CONNECTION CENTER TEAM**  
**Prayer, Missions & Connection Center**  
**CONTACT** jerrell.altic@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.335.6450

**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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