

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)

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 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

DECISIONS OCT 19, 2008

SALVATION IN CHRIST

Rebecca Belleth

BAPTIZED

Wilson Barlow	Mary Christopher
Cameron Boone	Rio Wade
Kay Brown	Marshall Wales
Jennifer Calderon	Hunter Wilson
Austral Chang	

FOR BAPTISM

Daniel Hawk	Lanier Redweik
Lauren Loupe	Caleb Stockstill

FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS

Amy Achgill	Jenny Kontominas
Andrew Burrow	Robert Kontominas
Kelli Burrow	Paul Loupe
Michael Cummings	Claude Pelzer
Nancy Deermar	Ria Pelzer
Stephen Fairchild	

BY STATEMENT

TJ Griffith

BIRTHS

Patrick and Betsy Landers in the birth of their son, Zachary Joseph Landers  
Siblings: Hayden and Sarah

SYMPATHIES

Chris Brown in the death of his wife, Cindy Brown

Kevin and Sandy Ray in the death of his father, Virgil Ray  
Grandchildren: Taylor, Cameron, and Kendall

MEDIA CENTER

SLOAN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Hours (Closed Saturday)

Sunday	8:30 am – 12:30 pm
	6:00 pm – 6:25 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

& 20 minutes following services



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WEEKLY SUMMARY

ATTENDANCE, OCT 19, 2008

Sunday Bible Study	3,267
Mission Bible Study	524
Weekday Bible Study	1,711
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,502</b>
Wednesday MidLink	906

GIVING, WEEK ENDING OCT 19, 2008

Tithes & Offering	\$287,355
Weekly Requirements	\$293,142
Over/(Under)	(\$5,787)
Designated Gifts	\$99,864
Over/(Under) for Oct	\$55,716

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



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WEEK ENDING OCT 19, 2008

Total Pledged	\$24,270,303
Donations Received	\$76,913.76
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$8,201,317</b>

weekend  
WORSHIP

October 26, 2008

SUNDAYS

9:10 am  
10:45 am  
6:30 pm

SUNDAY

BIBLE STUDIES

8 am  
9:10 am  
10:30 am  
5:15 pm



HOUSTON'S FIRST  
BAPTIST CHURCH







Pastor Gregg Matte

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 HFBC staff, call the church at 713.681.8000 (M-F 8-4:30) or email [firstname.lastname@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto: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](http://HoustonsFirst.org)
- Text "PRAYFIRST [your name and requests]" to 41411
- Call our Prayerline at 713.335.6456
- Complete the attached "How Can We Help?" card

#### LATEST NEWS AND UPDATES

##### MELINDA SCURLOCK JOINS HFBC STAFF

Please welcome Melinda Scurlock as HFBC's new Director of Preschool Ministries! Melinda has served in various positions at HFBC, both volunteer and staff, over the past 20 years—touching many lives for Christ. She brings a love and passion for preschoolers and their parents, as well as a vision for making our preschool ministry godly, effective and excellent in every way. Melinda and Tom have three grown daughters and four grandchildren. Pray for Melinda and her family as she comes aboard the HFBC staff!

##### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Set your clocks back one hour before going to bed this **Sat, Nov 1!**

##### CHURCH CONFERENCE

**Sun, Nov 2 @ 4:15-4:30 pm – Worship Center**  
Hear monthly church financial and membership reports, as well as other information. Anybody may attend!

##### FBA - VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

**Fri, Nov 7 @ 8 am – Reception Room**  
The FBA Middle School invites all veterans and their guests for breakfast at 8 am in the Reception Room followed by a special ceremony in their honor at 8:40 am in the Worship Center. Thank you for your service to our nation!  
**CONTACT** FBA Middle School office, 713.290.2519.

## GATHER our hearts >

#### CHURCHWIDE

##### JOAN BRUNSON'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**Today, Oct 26 @ 2-4 pm – Oasis Room**

Stop by and thank Joan for faithfully sharing her musical gifts with us for five decades as the HFBC pianist! Light refreshments will be served. **CONTACT** dean-na.wilks@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.5881.



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

An all-out incredibly fun alternative on Halloween everyone! Visit [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org) for a full schedule. Admission is \$5 for HFBC members, free for guests! **CONTACT** becky.kiser@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.6702.

##### PRAYER FOR OUR NATION

**Sun, Nov 2 @ 4:30-5 pm – Worship Center**

Two days before Election Day, come lift up our leaders, the voters, and our nation as a whole!



##### HOLY LAND TOUR WITH PASTOR GREGG

Take a fascinating trip to the Holy Land 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.) Brochure available in Main Foyer or from Jim & Wanda Jean Hickey (281.496.1525 or 713.817.8157).



a relevant biblical community

#### 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 today, Oct 26, [adult.enrichment@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto: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! Prices go up after today so hop online and get a ticket! **REGISTER** at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org). **CONTACT** sheristenzel@gmail.com, 713.775.8443.

## GROW our souls >>

#### CHURCHWIDE

##### HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

**Wed, Oct 29 @ 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](mailto:diane.bagby@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.957.6781.

#### 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. Friday 6:30-9:30 pm and Saturday 8:30 am-5:30 pm. **REGISTER** at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org). **CONTACT** [lisa.pierre@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:lisa.pierre@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.335.6469.

#### HUB STUDENT MINISTRIES

##### MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

**Oct 31-Nov 2 – Lake Tomahawk**

All 6th-8th graders are invited to get to know more people,

more about God, and more about yourself! Leave Oct 31 at 9 pm and return on Nov 2 around noon. \$75 per person. **REGISTER** at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org). **CONTACT** [zac.hufy@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:zac.hufy@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](http://HoustonsFirst.org) for details. Here's what's coming up soon:



##### BIRTH OF A CHILD

• Adoption: Is God Speaking To You? – Sun, Nov 2



##### ADOLESCENCE

• Adolescence is Here (parents of 5th-8th graders) – Wed, Oct 29



##### FAITH OVERCOMING LOSS

• First H.O.P.E. Job Ministry – Sat, Nov 1

## GIVE our lives >>>

#### COUNSELING CENTER

##### FIRST H.O.P.E. JOB MINISTRY

**Sat, Nov 1 @ 9 am-12 pm – Room 602**

Learn about resume writing, interviewing and networking. Edge Employment will be recruiting for various positions including: Engineers, Administrators, Chemist and Driving Instructors. Free and open to anyone! **CONTACT** Fay Suito, [hope@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:hope@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.335.6471.

#### 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** by Fri, Oct 31, at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org). **CONTACT** [kerry.hunter@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:kerry.hunter@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.957.5806.

#### MISSIONS

##### UPCOMING MISSION TRIPS

Share the love of Christ on the mission field! **REGISTER** at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org). **CONTACT** [frank.blackwood@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:frank.blackwood@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.957.5862.

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

Team Leaders: Bob Caldwell & William Taylor

##### WORLD MISSION OFFERING

The annual IMB offering begins Nov 1! Give online at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org) or look for contribution envelopes next week.

#### 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** by Mon, Oct 27, at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org). **CONTACT** [kerry.hunter@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:kerry.hunter@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.957.5806.

#### VOLUNTEER

Visit [HoustonsFirst.org](http://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](mailto:becky.kiser@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.957.6702

##### HAPPY SMILING FACES - Special Events

**CONTACT** [jacque.killingsworth@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:jacque.killingsworth@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.957.5843

##### THE CHRISTMAS STORE TEAM - Missions Training Center

**CONTACT** [tracy.collier@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:tracy.collier@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.681.3521

##### BAPTISM TEAM - Prayer, Missions & Connection Center

**CONTACT** [malcolm.marshall@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:malcolm.marshall@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.335.6453

##### COLLEGE OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CREW

##### College Ministry

**CONTACT** [steve.knox@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:steve.knox@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.957.7673

## 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

HOW CAN WE HELP? (turn over)



Remember to pray for the thousands of names written on the floor of the Worship Center. Share and read stories of God's faithfulness at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org) [Prayer > Foundation of Prayer].