

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)



WEDNESDAY
 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

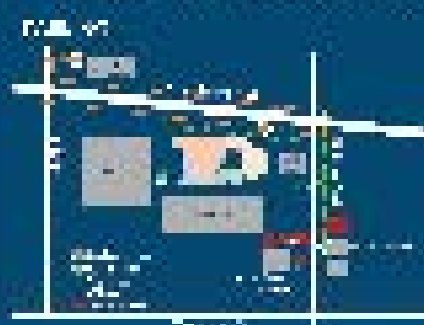
7 pm – Fellowship Center
 Bible study with Curtis Jones

6-7 pm – The Clubhouse (Rm 303)
 PreK-5th Grade – walk-ins welcome!

7-8:30 pm – The Clubhouse (Rm 303)
 1st-5th Grade

6:15-7:45 pm – Rm 364
 Middle School students

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



MIDLINK

WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST

MIDLINK CAFÉ

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THE LINK

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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

SYMPATHIES

Dutch and Linda Askin in the death of her brother, Ray Carter

Glen and Jeanene Andrus in the death of his mother, Lydia Andrus

Claire and Oscar Turner in the death of her father, Harry Chavanne
 Grandchildren: Lisa and her husband, Darrell Taylor; Paige and her husband, Jason Swiggart; Lindy and her husband, John Minter; Marlo and her husband, Paul Wise

Great-grandchildren: Morgan, Brooks, Graham and Colton Taylor; Chambers, Harrison, and Preston Swiggart; Anna Claire, Luke and Molly Minter, Vivian and Elizabeth Wise

MEDIA CENTER

SLOAN MEMORIAL LIBRARY
Hours (Closed Saturday)

Sunday	8:30 am – 12:30 pm 6:00 pm – 6:25 pm
Monday	& 20 minutes following services 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

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 NOV 2, 2008

SALVATION IN CHRIST

Johnny Zorbas

BAPTIZED

Daniel Hawk

FOR BAPTISM

Paige Bays

Chris Phillips

FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS

Brian Buzby

Sarah Lampe-Bergeron

Kay Coleman

Ismael Martinez

Steven Crain

Vendredie Riera

WEEKLY SUMMARY

ATTENDANCE, NOV 2, 2008

Sunday Bible Study	3,522
Mission Bible Study	744
Weekday Bible Study	1,428
Total	5,694
Wednesday MidLink	830

GIVING, WEEK ENDING NOV 2, 2008

Tithes & Offering	\$312,457
Weekly Requirements	\$293,142
Over/(Under)	\$19,315
Designated Gifts	\$95,553
Over/(Under) for Nov	\$19,315

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



WEEK ENDING NOV 2, 2008

Total Pledged	\$24,270,303
Donations Received	\$61,012
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$8,295,939

WEEKEND WORSHIP

Nov 1-2, 2008

WEDNESDAY

4:45-6:45 pm

7:00 pm

7:00 pm

THURSDAY

7:00 pm

7:00 pm

7:00 pm

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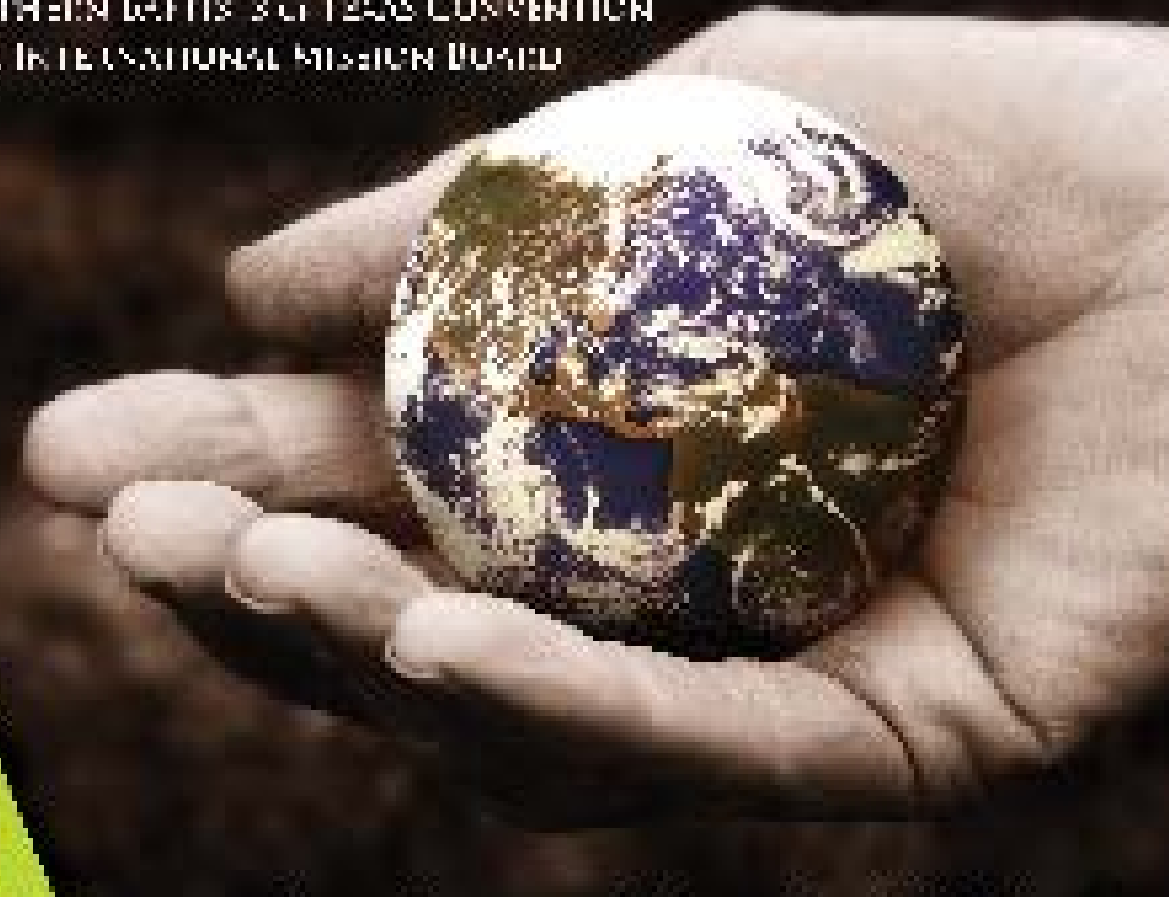
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DEAR CHURCH FAMILY & GUESTS,

We're glad you're worshipping here today! A special welcome goes to our many friends from throughout the Lone Star State who are here for the SBTC Annual Meeting and Bible Conference! We look forward to serving you during your stay here, and pray that you are blessed by all that

God has in store in the days ahead.

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 Greg Matthews

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.

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 name & requests]" to 41411
• Call our Prayerline at 713.335.6456
• Complete the attached "How Can We Help?" card

LATEST NEWS AND UPDATES

SBTC ANNUAL MEETING

Nov 9-11

As HFBC hosts the 10th Annual Meeting of the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, our church family is invited to participate! The coinciding Bible Conference on Mon & Tues features speakers such as Afshin Ziafat, Tim McKenzie, Houston Astro Lance Berkman, and more with worship led by Travis Cottrell. Monday lunch sessions with Bro. John Bisagno, Beth Moore, and others require registration. VISIT HoustonsFirst.org for schedule and details!

IMB COMMISSIONING SERVICE

Tues, Nov 11 @ 7-9 pm - Worship Center

On the final evening of the SBTC annual meeting, the International Mission Board (IMB) will appoint 100+ men and women as international missionaries - the second largest such service in IMB history! You will be encouraged by testimonies from some of the men and women being appointed, and challenged by a message from International Mission Board President, Jerry Rankin.

NEW & PROSPECTIVE MEMBER ORIENTATION

Sun, Nov 16 @ noon (lunch) & 5 pm (dessert)

Come and learn what it means to be a part of a relevant biblical community! REGISTER at HoustonsFirst.org. CONTACT malcolm.marshall@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.335.6453.



POINSETTIAS

Donate a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone this Christmas! \$10 per poinsettia. Limited supply available. Order deadline Fri, Nov 21. VISIT HoustonsFirst.org or contact the Worship Ministry at 713.957.5881.



CHRISTMAS PORTRAITS

Sun, Nov 16 & 23 - Christian Life Center

Break out the Christmas sweaters and say "Cheese!" HFBC member and professional photographer Jack Potts is offering photo shoots for just \$50. Receive a CD with your images to take with you to print, e-mail, etc. A portion of the proceeds will benefit The Christmas Store. VISIT HoustonsFirst.org for details on how to sign up.

Visit HoustonsFirst.org for a full listing of events this holiday season!

GATHER our hearts >

CHURCHWIDE

A NIGHT OF WORSHIP WITH ROGER CULLINS

Fri, Nov 21 @ 7:30 pm - Worship Center

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

BAND OF BROTHERS MEN'S MINISTRY

PAINTBALL!

Sat, Nov 15 @ 10 am-2 pm - Paintball Zone

Before we gear up for the long holiday season, let's get together for some paintball action! Whether you are a pro or a sitting duck, have fun with friends and make some new ones, too! REGISTER at HoustonsFirst.org. CONTACT eric.reed@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7681.

FUSION MINISTRIES

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Fri, Nov 14 @ 6-10 pm

Enjoy a romantic date night, go out with friends, or spend time with your Bible study members while the kids have fun at church! REGISTER by Sun, Nov 9, at HoustonsFirst.org. CONTACT christen.barrios@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7681.

GROW our souls >>

CHURCHWIDE

HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

Wed, Nov 12 @ 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.

SONG OF SOLOMON CONFERENCE

Jan 30-31, 2009 - Worship Center

Attraction. Dating. Intimacy. Conflict. Romance. Commitment. Save the date for this powerful conference about all of the above - and more. Details coming in December.

COUNSELING CENTER

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Thursdays @ 6-9 pm - Fellowship Center

Celebrate Recovery is a 12-step recovery ministry based on biblical principles and provides a safe, confidential place to break out of life's hurts, habits, and hang ups into God's grace. Everyone invited for fellowship, worship, teaching or testimony and small groups. Free. Registration not required. CONTACT celebrate.recovery@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.335.6477.

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:

ADULTHOOD: FAITH OVERCOMING LOSS

- DivorceCare - Wed, Nov 12
• Phase II - Thurs, Nov 13

GIVE our lives >>>

MISSIONS



GIFT COLLECTION DAY

Sun, Nov 16

Provide needy families with gifts this Christmas! Bring new, unwrapped gifts to the Main Foyer on Nov 16 for use at the annual Christmas Store on Sat, Dec 6! VISIT us online at HoustonsFirst.org for recommended gifts and other info.



UPCOMING MISSION TRIPS

Share the love of Christ on the mission field! REGISTER at HoustonsFirst.org. CONTACT 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 began Nov 1! Give online at HoustonsFirst.org or use contribution envelopes in the Worship Center.

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

THE CHRISTMAS STORE TEAM

Missions Training Center

CONTACT tracy.collier@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.681.3521

SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

Preschool & Kindergarten

CONTACT laura.sanchezquan@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7611

KIDS' WORSHIP TEAM - Children's Programming

CONTACT chad.overton@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7625

CONNECTION CENTER TEAM

Prayer, Missions & Connection Center

CONTACT jerrell.altic@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.335.6450

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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