

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

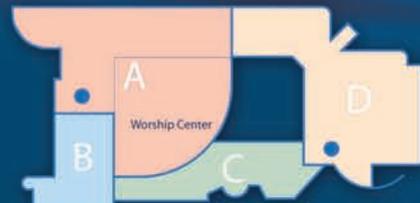
Are you experiencing grief, loneliness, illness, job loss or other life difficulties? The Pastoral Care Ministry provides free and confidential help through the Stephen Ministry. Call 713.957.6762 for assistance, or indicate your interests below:

() 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**
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| 1 Chapel | 2 Rehearsal Hall |
| 1 Connection Center | 3 Rooms 330-336 |
| 2 Education Ministry | 1 Welcome Center |
| 1 Library | 1 Worship Center |
| 1 Main Foyer | 2 Worship Ministry |
| 1 Reception Room | |

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| 3 The Clubhouse | 1 Rooms 100-123 |
| 6 Counseling Center | 2 Rooms 200-221 |
| 1 FBA Primary School | 3 Rooms 301-329 |
| 1 Pastoral Care | 4 Children's Ministry |
| 2 Preschool Ministry | 5 Children's Ministry |

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| 1 First Baptist Academy | 1 Oasis Room |
| 1 FBA Library | |

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| 1 Bookstore | 2 Rooms 249-265 |
| 1 Cafe | 3 Rooms 362-366 |
| 1 Christian Life Center | 3 Student Ministry (362-366) |
| 1 Fellowship Center | 1 The Harbor |
| 2 Fitness Center | 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 JAN 11, 2009

FOR BAPTISM

Alaina Castillo	Sarah Pitts
David Castillo	Natalie Rial
Doug Dickey	Wendy Rial
Grant Hixson	Greer Sims
Rebecca Hixson	John Weatherly

FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS

Chris Belcher	Sherry Gremillion
Megan Belcher	Heidi McCoy
Koby Brown	Bob Pilko
Terilyn Brown	Christine Pilko
Adam Castillo	Arlene Ratcliff
Amy Castillo	Kathy Saunders
Joe Castillo	Richard Sheeren
Micah Castillo	Jonathan Simon
Andy Chapman	Drew Tedford
Holley Chapman	Brandon Wilkerson
Rebecca Dye	Katie Wilkerson

BY STATEMENT

Ashley Dickey

BIRTHS

Robert and Parsla Ring in the birth of their daughter, Adele Katrina Ring
 Grandparents: Earl and Mary Ring

SYMPATHIES

Ken and Sara Lowrimore in the death of his sister, Darlene Agent Niece:
 Cindi Lowrimore; Gayla Giffen and her husband, Bill Great Niece: Ashley Great Nephew: Zack

Steve and Kyle Miller and in the death of her father, Ralph Kerkman

MEDIA CENTER

SLOAN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Hours (Closed Saturday)
 Sunday 8:30 am – 12:30 pm
 6:00 pm – 6:25 pm
 & 20 minutes following services
 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

WEEKLY SUMMARY

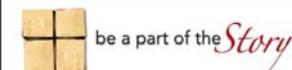
ATTENDANCE, JAN 11, 2009

Sunday Bible Study	3,934
Mission Bible Study	959
Weekday Bible Study	883
Total	5,776
Wednesday MidLink	592

GIVING, WEEK ENDING JAN 11, 2009

Tithes & Offering	\$283,763
Weekly Requirements	\$293,142
Over/(Under)	(\$9,379)
Designated Gifts	\$230,482
Over/(Under) for Jan	(\$74,173)
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD	(\$352,402)

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



WEEK ENDING JAN 11, 2009
 Total Pledged \$24,457,310
 Donations Received \$147,964
TOTAL RECEIVED \$10,204,751

weekend WORSHIP

January 18, 2009

SUNDAYS

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

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES

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



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HOUSTON'S FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH





Pastor Gregg Matte

DEAR CHURCH FAMILY & GUESTS,
We're glad you're worshipping at Houston's First Baptist Church! Through January 25, I will lead a sermon series entitled *The Birds and the Bees: Sex in the 21st Century*.

I'm encouraging parents with kids younger than 5th grade to take advantage of one of three Kids' Worship services during these three weeks. I would love for your child to participate in a kid-friendly worship service while we discuss some tough issues that face us in the 21st century during our main worship times.

Kids' Worship takes place in The Clubhouse (Rm 303) at 9:10 am, 10:45 am, and also at 6:30 pm during this sermon series. Children in Kindergarten through 4th grade will love this action-packed hour of worship designed just for them! Stop by the Welcome Center in the Main Foyer if you need directions to The Clubhouse.

Thank you for your cooperation and for the spiritual guidance you provide your children!

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@HoustonFirst.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 HoustonFirst.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

2009 CHURCHWIDE DEVOTIONAL

Stop by the Garden Bookstore and pick up the 2009 churchwide devotional, *The One Year Walk With God Devotional* by Chris Tiegreen, for just \$15 (including free engraving on the cover).

WORLD MISSION OFFERING

The annual offering to the International Mission Board is from November through January. Give online at HoustonFirst.org or use contribution envelopes in the Worship Center.

MARATHON ROAD CLOSURES

When leaving the church campus this morning, be aware of potential road closures at the 610 West Loop feeder road and Woodway and Memorial Drives. Pay attention to detours, and pray for the runners, too!

OFFSITE PARKING

It may not look like it when you arrive for Bible study or the worship service at 9:10 am, but the parking lots fill up before the 10:45 am service gets underway. Members are asked to park in offsite locations along N. Post Oak Road to make sure guests can park on campus. In terms of occupants in your vehicle, "Three or more, park at the door. One or two, offsite is for you!" It's a small way to help grow our church – and His kingdom!

GIVING LIFE AWAY EXPO
Today @ 8:30 am-1:30 pm & 4-8 pm – Main Foyer
Come discover opportunities to give your life away! At this church-wide event, you can learn about missions, volunteering, prayer, evangelism and much more—and talk to people who are already doing it! The Main Foyer will be divided into two areas: The Six Regions of the World and Partnering Ministries. You'll want to explore both areas, learning about how you can give life away right here at Houston's First or on the other side of the planet! T-shirts available for purchase with proceeds benefitting missions.

GATHER our hearts >

FUSION MINISTRIES

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Fri, Feb 6 @ 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, Feb 1, at HoustonFirst.org. **CONTACT** christen.barrios@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7681.

SUMMIT MINISTRIES

INDOOR VOLLEYBALL

Sundays thru Feb 15
Young singles – get out of the cold this winter! Double header games each Sunday afternoon in the Christian Life Center (CLC). Co-ed competition with 6 person teams. **COST** \$10 for season. **REGISTER** at HoustonFirst.org. **CONTACT** Rene' and Eleanor Rivera, rivera95@comcast.net, 281.496.5884.

GROW our souls >>

CHURCHWIDE

HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

Wed, Jan 21 @ 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@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.6781.

SONG OF SOLOMON BIBLE CONFERENCE

Jan 30-31, 2009 – Worship Center
What does God's Word have to say about attraction, dating, intimacy, conflict, romance and commitment? Find out at this city-wide event! Free childcare available for HFBC members (must register by Jan 25). **REGISTER** for discounted \$30 tickets at HoustonFirst.org before Jan 21. **CONTACT** nancy.monarch@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7651.

COUNSELING CENTER

NEW THERAPY GROUPS

Groups starting in February include: Co-dependency, Spouses of Sex Addicts, and Sexual Addictions. **VISIT** HoustonFirst.org (What We Do > Counseling) for details. **CONTACT** greg.curnutte@HoustonFirst.org, 713.335.6465.

HUB STUDENT MINISTRY

RITE OF PASSAGE PARENTING SEMINAR

Today @ 12:30-3:30 pm – Rm 363
Parents of 5th through 8th graders will gain valuable insight from guest speaker Dr. Walker Moore, author of Rite of Passage Parenting. Lunch available for \$5. **CONTACT** susan.newman@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7631.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

"THE INHERITANCE" WITH BETH MOORE

Tuesdays thru Mar 17 @ 6:30 pm – Worship Center
Women will journey through God's Word as you study the biblical concept of inheritance. Discover what it means to be an heir of God and a co-heir of Jesus Christ. No registration required. Childcare not available. Café open at 4:45 pm. Doors open at 6 pm. **CONTACT** carolyn.oneal@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7642.

GIVE our lives >>>

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

HOW GOD LEADS YOU THROUGH AN ADOPTION

Today @ 5-6:20 pm – Reception Rm
In this Milestones class, learn the highs and lows of the adoption journey from adoptive parents! Couples will share the joys, blessings and challenges that many go through during the process. **CONTACT** Steve & Mary Klein, 281.246.9904

MISSIONS

MISSIONARY U: SPANISH CLASSES

Spanish classes (Intro through Level 5) begin tonight at 5 pm in Rooms 318, 319, 320, 323, 334, and 335. For more information, show up at class or contact Frank Blackwood at 713.539.0253 or visit the Missionary U table at today's Expo in the Main Foyer.

2009 MISSION TRIPS

Visit HoustonFirst.org to sign up for these upcoming Spring mission trips:
• Aweil, Sudan with Peter Swann: March 6-21
• Costa Rica (Rookie Trip) with William Taylor and Frank Blackwood: March 14-21 (Spring Break)
• Cuba with William Taylor and Frank Blackwood: March 22-29
• Nizhny Novgorod, Russia with Sally Hinzle: March 23-31

PASTORAL CARE

CANHOPE

Mon, Jan 19 @ 6:45 pm – Reception Rm
Individuals and families touched by cancer are invited to this time of prayer and fellowship with guest speaker Deb Wilson. Meat is provided for our meal; please bring a salad, vegetable or dessert. **CONTACT** Pastoral Care Office, 713.957.6761 or 713.957.6762.

VOLUNTEER

Visit HoustonFirst.org for details about the following opportunities and nearly 100 ways you can serve the Lord.

FOOD PANTRY/CLOTHES CLOSET TEAM - MTC

CONTACT claudia.reyes@HoustonFirst.org; 713.681.3521

HEARTLAND WORSHIP TEAM - Preschool & Kindergarten

CONTACT erin.ruddle@HoustonFirst.org; 713.957.7613

SPECIAL EVENTS TEAM - Education Ministries

CONTACT nancy.monarch@HoustonFirst.org; 713.957.7651

CONNECTION CENTER TEAM

Prayer, Missions & Connection Center

CONTACT jerrell.altic@HoustonFirst.org; 713.335.6450

STEPHEN MINISTRY - Pastoral Care

CONTACT rick.jones@HoustonFirst.org; 713.957.7670

**FIRST BAPTIST ACADEMY
WINTER OPEN HOUSE**

Thurs, Jan 29 @ 6:30-8 pm – Oasis Rm

The Administrators and Faculty of FBA invite families interested in learning more about the school to attend our Winter Open House! Hors d'oeuvres will be served. **RSVP** by Tue, Jan 27 to Admissions, 713.290.2522.

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 (date) _____
 Engaged Widowed
 Children living at home (ages) _____

COMMENTS

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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 HoustonFirst.org (Prayer > Foundation of Prayer).

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. Pastor Gregg and other worshippers will appreciate your thoughtfulness.