

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

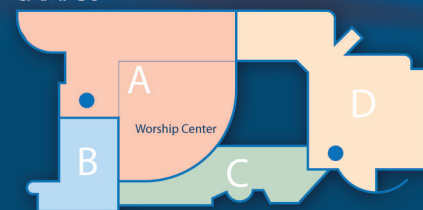
Are you experiencing grief, loneliness, illness, job loss or other life difficulties? The Pastoral Care Ministry provides free and confidential help through the Stephen Ministry. Call 713.957.6762 for assistance, or indicate your interests below:

() 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

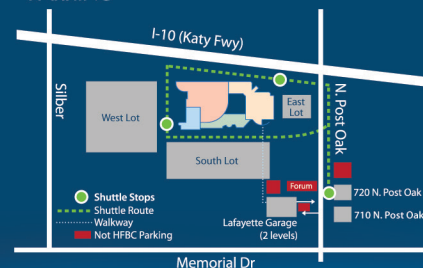
- B**
- 3 The Clubhouse
 - 6 Counseling Center
 - 1 FBA Primary School
 - 1 Pastoral Care
 - 2 Preschool Ministry

- C**
- 1 First Baptist Academy
 - 1 FBA Library

- D**
- 1 Bookstore
 - 1 Cafe
 - 1 Christian Life Center
 - 1 Fellowship Center
 - 2 Fitness 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 18, 2009

SALVATION IN CHRIST

Hannah DeBolt Jason Ritch

BAPTIZED

Robin Border Anna Joubert
Ashley Burton Sarah Pitts
Emma Cross

FOR BAPTISM

Ashley Cheatham Keith Hewson
Christa Hale Laura Lansdown

FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS

Luke Cheatham Danielle Poole
Stephanie Curto Melissa Shelley
Katy Hewson Lynne Smith
Suzanne Jones Jonathan Winkler
Kris Lansdown Lindi Winkler
Rachel Mahaffey

BY STATEMENT

Kebrah Jefferson Brooke Lindsey
Nawal Kaileh Ashley Mack

BIRTHS

Brian and Melanie Kratky in the birth of their daughter, Laney Hope Kratky
Sisters: Avery and Tatum

SYMPATHIES

Keli Hawthorne in the death of her mother, Kate Hawthorne



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



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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 18, 2009

Sunday Bible Study 3,387
Mission Bible Study 826
Weekday Bible Study 4,207
Total 8,420
Wednesday MidLink 366

GIVING, WEEK ENDING JAN 18, 2009

Tithes & Offering \$286,561
Weekly Requirements \$293,142
Over/(Under) (\$6,581)
Designated Gifts \$89,668
Over/(Under) for Jan (\$80,754)
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD (\$371,035)

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

be a part of the *Story*

WEEK ENDING JAN 18, 2009

Total Pledged \$24,457,310
Donations Received \$59,332
TOTAL RECEIVED \$10,264,083

weekend WORSHIP

January 25, 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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meet the
PASTOR



Pastor Gregg Matte

I'm encouraging parents with kids younger than 5th grade to take advantage of one of three Kids' Worship services offered today. 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.

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.

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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).

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.

LAUGH TOGETHER

Sat, Feb 28 @ 6:30-8:30 pm – Fellowship Center

Married young adults are invited to step outside your busy lives and have a much-needed time of refreshment! Enjoy a fun, casual evening with great food, games, giveaways, and entertainment by ComedySportz. Childcare available. **COST** \$25 per couple. **REGISTER** at HoustonFirst.org. **CONTACT** christen.barrios@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7681.

HUB STUDENT MINISTRY

SUPER SUNDAY

Sun, Feb 1

High school boys will have a Super Bowl party next Sunday afternoon (\$5), while high school girls will gather for pizza and pedicures (\$10). Look for times and locations coming soon! **CONTACT** susan.newman@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7631.

UPCOMING HIGH SCHOOL RETREATS

Fri, Feb 20-Sat, Feb 21

Fathers and sons will head to Carolina Creek Christian Camp in Huntsville, and mothers and daughters will gather at the Omni Hotel on I-10. Save the date and watch for details coming soon! **CONTACT** susan.newman@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7631.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

KITCHEN KONNECTIONS

Thursdays, Feb 5 & Feb 12 @ 6:30-9 pm

Join us for one of two full nights of food and fun! Prepare a meal, maybe learn a new recipe, and connect with old and new friends! Hosted by Marsha Taylor (Feb 5) and Cammy Johnson (Feb 12). **REGISTER** at HoustonFirst.org. **CONTACT** jessica.villalpando@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7642.

GROW our souls >>

CHURCHWIDE

HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

Wed, Jan 28 @ 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.

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.

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 >>>

EVANGELISM EQUIPPING

XEE

Begins today @ 5 pm – Rm 249

XEE provides lifestyle witness training for a post-modern culture using modern means of equipping, reaching, and building a relevant, biblical community to reach this generation for Christ. It's FREE and open to anyone! **CONTACT** evangelism@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7661.

MISSIONS

MISSIONARY U

• **Spanish classes** (Intro through Level 5) tonight @ 5 pm – Rms 318, 319, 320, 323, 334, and 335. For more information, show up at class or contact Frank Blackwood at 713.539.0253.

Register at HoustonFirst.org for upcoming classes:

- **Water Well 101** begins Sun, Feb 1 @ 5 pm – Rm 190
- **Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts** begins Wed, Feb 11 @ 6:30 pm – Rm 258

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.

2009 MISSION TRIPS

Visit HoustonFirst.org to sign up for these upcoming Spring mission trips:

- 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
- Guatemala (Living Water) with Richard Bell: March 27-April 4

PASTORAL CARE

STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING

Begins Mon, Feb 16

This class will train you to "walk" with people who are facing a crisis in their lives. Advanced registration is required to allow for the screening process. Visit with Stephen Ministry representatives in the Welcome Center today! **CONTACT** rick.jones@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.6761.

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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