

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 FEB 15, 2009

BAPTIZED

Chris Owens
Mandy Owens
John Pfanz
Bettie Stiles
Gillian Stiles

Quentin Stiles
RJ Stiles
Heather Zamora
Tommy Zamora

FOR BAPTISM

Vanessa Gonzalez
Lance Losey

Downy Vickery

FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS

Keith Dunn
Kelly Farfan
Roberto Farfan
Jason Freeman
Tracee Martin
Tyler Martin
Beth Medley

Stephanie Moreno
Bill Page
Andre Pfanz
April Ries
Kyle Ries
Kavin Vickery

BIRTHS

Shane and Lindsay Mikeska in the birth of their son, Judson James

Grandparents: Roger and Sharon Reynolds

Uncle: Evan Reynolds

SYMPATHIES

Mildred Teets in the death of her son, Jimmy Teets

Dr. James McSwain in the death of his son, Phillip McSwain

Brother: Anthony McSwain

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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 min. after 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, FEB 15, 2009

Sunday Bible Study

3,414

Mission Bible Study

957

Weekday Bible Study

4,388

Total

8,759

Wednesday MidLink

871

GIVING, WEEK ENDING FEB 15, 2009

Tithes & Offering

\$341,268

Weekly Requirements

\$293,142

Over/(Under)

\$48,163

Designated Gifts

\$71,650


Over/(Under) for Feb

\$49,337

Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD

(\$392,702)

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



WEEK ENDING FEB 15, 2009

Total Pledged

\$24,457,310

Donations Received

\$54,007

TOTAL RECEIVED


\$10,525,135

weekend
WORSHIP

February 22, 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



HOUSTON'S FIRST

BAPTIST CHURCH

new member

ORIENTATION

Whether you've recently joined or have recently visited Houston's First Baptist Church, come learn what it means to be a part of a relevant biblical community! Orientation takes place today at noon with lunch in the Fellowship Center or at 5 pm with dessert in the Connection Center.



Pastor Gregg Matte

DEAR CHURCH FAMILY & GUESTS,
We're glad you're worshipping with us! Today, I continue a three-part series called "The End Times" as we look with great anticipation at Christ's return. This is a topic that makes some people nervous or even scared. However, in Paul's letter to the church at Thessalonica, we will discover hope and encouragement. If

you missed Part 1 on February 15, visit HoustonFirst.org for the audio and video versions.

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. Volunteers will answer your questions and help you find a Bible study to attend. They'll also help you find your way around the campus.

Again, welcome to Houston's First Baptist Church!

In Him,

NEED TO CONTACT US?

To contact HFBC staff, call the church at 713.681.8000 (M-F 8-4:30 pm) 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.



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

"ROOKIE TRIP" INFORMATION MEETING

Never been on a foreign mission trip? Consider going on the annual "Rookie Trip" designed just for folks like you! We're going to Costa Rica on March 14-21 (Spring Break). Come to an information meeting today at noon in the Connection Center. No obligation to go – just come learn what it's about! Only 2 spots remaining!

GARDEN BOOKSTORE CLOSING

Today is the final day of "The Last Page Sale" at the Garden Bookstore – turning the last page on a 15 year chapter in the life of our church. Stop by for deep discounts on Bibles, books, CDs, and more!

WORSHIP CENTER ROOF

This week, contractors begin putting a new roof on the Worship Center – a project necessitated by damage from Hurricane Ike. We are grateful that our insurance company is covering all related expenses! The work is expected to last six weeks, and the impact on church and First Baptist Academy operations should be minimal. Pray for safety for everyone involved!

INTRODUCING SERVICEU

ServiceU is HFBC's new tool for online giving and event registrations. Visit us online at HoustonFirst.org to learn how to set up online recurring donations and to register for upcoming events!



SERVICEU

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!



GATHER our hearts >

CHURCHWIDE

HUB SCRAMBLE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Mon, Mar 30 @ 11:30 am – BlackHorse Golf Club

Tee up and support student ministry mission projects at the beautiful BlackHorse Golf Club in Cypress. Driving range open at 11:30 am, shotgun start at 1:30 pm. **REGISTER** at HoustonFirst.org. **CONTACT** linda.sproule@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7634.

SUMMIT MINISTRIES

Feb 28-Mar 1 – Trinity, TX



Young single adults will invade Trinity Pines for their annual winter retreat with speaker Curtis Jones and worship leader Roger Cullins. Enjoy an 80s prom, hiking, and much more! **COST** \$65 thru Feb 22; \$75 thru Feb 28. **REGISTER** and learn more at HoustonFirst.org. **CONTACT** dana.moya@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7671.

FUSION MINISTRIES

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



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** by today at HoustonFirst.org. **CONTACT** christen.barrios@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7681.

GROW our souls >>

CHURCHWIDE

HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

Wed, Feb 25 @ 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.

MILESTONES

Classes and events to equip you for the milestones of life. Pick up a brochure or visit HoustonFirst.org for details. Here's what's coming up soon:

Purity For Life

• Pursuing Purity:

Building Healthy Morals & Values

Today @ 5-8 pm – Rm 363 (for parents of 5th-10th graders)



Adulthood: Faith Overcoming Loss

• DivorceCare

Wed, Feb 25 @ 7-8:30 pm – Rm 265 (meets weekly)

• Monday GPS

Mon, Mar 2 @ 10 am-2 pm – Fellowship Center

- **Common Grounds Caregiver Support** @ 10:15 am-noon – Rm 249

• First H.O.P.E. Job Ministry

Sat, Mar 7 @ 9 am-noon – Rm 602

GIVE our lives >>>

MISSIONS

2009 MISSION TRIPS

Visit HoustonFirst.org (What We Do > Missions) to sign up for these upcoming trips:

- Costa Rica (Rookie Trip) with William Taylor: March 14-21 (Spring Break) – **2 spots left!**
- **Info Mtg, Today @ 12 noon – Connection Center**

- Spain with Rochelle Ferrada: April 15-27 – **2 spots left!**

- Guatemala (Medical) with Frank Blackwood: May 9-16 – **2 doctors needed!**

- Amazon, Brazil with Jonathan Stearne: June 14-28

- Nairobi, Kenya with William Taylor: July 16-30

VOLUNTEER

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

HOMEBOUND CARE TEAM - Pastoral Care

CONTACT kelly.laughlin@HoustonFirst.org; 713.957.7672

WHAT AN EVENT! - Special Events

CONTACT jacque.killingsworth@HoustonFirst.org; 713.957.5843

FARM & RANCH VOLUNTEER TEAM - Hunt Retreat

CONTACT bill.murrell@HoustonFirst.org; 713.303.6374

SHUTTLE GREETERS - Systems, Parking

CONTACT andy.rogers@HoustonFirst.org; 713.957.5814

MISSION CONTROL - Recreation

CONTACT becky.kiser@HoustonFirst.org; 713.957.6702



FBA
First Baptist
Academy

FIRST BAPTIST ACADEMY

KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

Tue, Feb 24 @ 9 am, The Clubhouse (Rm 303)

Prospective Kindergarten students and parents are invited to "saddle up" in the Clubhouse at 9 am then mosey on over to the classrooms. Parents can meet FBA staff while children explore the Kindergarten "range." Light refreshments will be served. **RSVP** to admissions@FBAHouston.org, 713.290.2522. **CONTACT** allison.smith@FBAHouston.org.

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).