

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

2 Rehearsal Hall
3 Rooms 330-336
1 Welcome Center
1 Worship Center
2 Worship Ministry

1 Rooms 100-123
2 Rooms 200-221
3 Rooms 301-329
4 Children's Ministry
5 Children's Ministry

1 Oasis Room

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

Shuttle Stops
Shuttle Route
Walkway
Not HBC Parking

West Lot
South Lot
East Lot
Lafayette Garage (2 levels)
720 N. Post Oak
710 N. Post Oak

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 22, 2009
SALVATION IN CHRIST
Siobhan Reid
BAPTIZED
Ashley Cheatham
David Dietz
Taylor Hartman
Keith Hewson

Radkey Jolink
Annette Littleton
Conner Prince

FOR BAPTISM
Ted Benson
Elizabeth Chapin
Rachel Iliev
Janel Jarmon

Kaitlin Wilson
Aaron Young
Jeremy Yutzy

FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS
Betsy Carden
Glenn Carpenter
Rochelle Carpenter
Amy Carrington
Bonney Dahlquist
A J Darrah
Holly Darrah
Linda Flesher
Richard Flesher
Robert Flesher
Ryan Fletcher
Brittney Jacobson
Justin Jarmon

Marcia Looper
Amber Purser
Chris Purser
Gabriel Sanchez
Monica Sanchez
Gary Shie
Tanya Shie
Bret Stanley
Stephanie Stanley
Barbara Wiseman
Elvin Wiseman
Ali Wollen

BY STATEMENT
Cindy Mangrum
Karl Mangrum

BIRTHS
Mark and Greta Hall in the birth of their son, Carson Thomas Hall

Stephen (Staff) and Star Smith in the birth of their daughter, Avonlea Jane Smith
Siblings: Madison, Jackson, and Hope Smith

SYMPATHIES
Forrest and Barbara Henson in the death of her father
Granddaughter: Sunnah Butte

Mona Davila in the death of her husband, Rudy Davila.
Children: Derek and wife, Cassandra; Dominic and wife, Katy; Danielle; Demetric and wife, Jessica; Davina Slabic and husband, Tony.
Grandchildren: Madison and Hayden Davila; Anthony and Christian Slabic

WEEKLY SUMMARY

ATTENDANCE, FEB 22, 2009	
Sunday Bible Study	3,710
Mission Bible Study	976
Weekday Bible Study	3,971
Total	8,657
Wednesday MidLink	798

GIVING, WEEK ENDING FEB 22, 2009

Tithes & Offering	\$455,137
Weekly Requirements	\$293,142
Over/(Under)	\$161,995
Designated Gifts	\$121,179
Over/(Under) for Feb	\$211,332
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD	(\$231,614)

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
be a part of the *Story*

WEEK ENDING FEB 22, 2009

Total Pledged	\$24,457,310
Donations Received	\$260,600
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$10,785,735



weekend
WORSHIP

March 1, 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



NEXT MEETING
Sat. Mar 7 @ 9am-noon in Rm 602

VISIT THE MAIN FOYER WELCOME CENTER TO LEARN MORE



Pastor Gregg Matte

Parts 1 and 2, visit HoustonsFirst.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,

Pastor Gregg Matte

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@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. Pastor Gregg and other worshippers will appreciate your thoughtfulness.



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 HoustonsFirst.org or in the Main Foyer. **CONTACT** linda.sproule@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7634.

HUB STUDENT MINISTRY

FATHER/SON PAINTBALL

Sat, Mar 14 @ 1-3:30 pm
Hey middle school guys! Due to the success of our football event in the fall, we have another Father/Son event this month! The battle takes place at Urban War Zone Paintball (2215 Telephone Rd, 77023). **COST** \$15 per person. **REGISTER** at HoustonsFirst.org. **CONTACT** susan.newman@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7631.

MOTHER/DAUGHTER PAINTING

Sat, Mar 14 @ 1-3:30 pm
Hey middle school girls! Not to be outdone by the guys, we're having a Mother/Daughter event also! We'll do some painting of our own at The Mad Potter (1963-A West Gray). Afterwards, we'll go to Baskin-Robbins! **COST** \$10 per person plus the cost of your ice cream. **REGISTER** at HoustonsFirst.org. **CONTACT** susan.newman@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7631.

SUMMIT MINISTRIES

SNOW JAM

Apr 2-6 – Winter Park, CO
Young single adults + skiing + snowboarding = Snow Jam! Lodging at Zephyr Lodge. Space is limited so sign up soon! **COST** varies. **REGISTER** at HoustonsFirst.org. **CONTACT** dana.moya@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7671.

GROW our souls >>

CHURCHWIDE

HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

Wed, Mar 4 @ 11:30 am – 1010 Lamar (lower level)
Ministries Pastor Jason Swiggart 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.

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

Monday GPS

• Mon, Mar 2 @ 10 am-2 pm – Fellowship Ctr

Common Grounds Caregiver Support

• Mon, Mar 2 @ 10:15 am-noon – Rm 249

DivorceCare

• Wed, Mar 4 @ 7-8:30 pm – Rm 265 (meets weekly)

GriefShare

• Thur, Mar 5 @ 7-8:30 pm – Rm 143

First H.O.P.E. Job Ministry

• Sat, Mar 7 @ 9 am-noon – Rm 602



HUB STUDENT MINISTRY

PURITY CODE CEREMONY

Wed, Mar 4 @ 7-8:30 pm – Chapel

The student ministry's month-long Wednesday night series on *Pursuing Purity* comes to an end as both WIRED and AMP meet together for this special ceremony. Parents are encouraged to attend as their students pledge to stay sexually pure until marriage. **REGISTER** at HoustonsFirst.org. **CONTACT** susan.newman@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7631.

SUMMIT MINISTRIES

BIBLICAL ROLES OF MEN & WOMEN

Begins Fri, Mar 6 @ 6:30 pm – University Room

What does scripture say about the roles of a man or a woman? Young single adults are invited to this 5-week study exploring four key principles of biblical roles for men and women. Series kicks off with dinner on Fri, Mar 6 @ 6:30 pm. Men's and women's studies takes place on Sundays, Mar 8-29 @ 12:15 pm. **COST** \$25 including lunch and materials. **REGISTER** at HoustonsFirst.org. **CONTACT** dana.moya@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7671.

GIVE our lives >>>

ADOPTION & ORPHAN CARE

ADOPTION THROUGH CPS

Sun, Mar 8 @ 5-6:15 pm – Harbor Rm

The HFBC Adoption & Orphan Care Ministry hosts this seminar on adoption through Children's Protective Services. A panel consisting of a lawyer who specializes in adoption, a CPS caseworker, a domestic adoption agency representative, and a couple who has adopted through CPS will discuss various aspects of adoption. Come with your questions! This is a free event open to the public. **CONTACT** mia.anderson@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7621.

MISSIONS

2009 MISSION TRIPS

Visit HoustonsFirst.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 remaining!**
- Spain with Rochelle Ferrada: April 15-27 – **2 spots remaining!**
- 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
 - Russia (Orphanage) with Sue Marshall: October TBD
- Info Mtg, Sun, Mar 8 and 15 @ 12:15-1:15 pm – Rm 251**

VOLUNTEER

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

THE HAPPY CAMPER TEAM

Children's Ministry

CONTACT cindy.pitts@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.957.7620

FARM & RANCH VOLUNTEER TEAM

Hunt Retreat

CONTACT bill.murrell@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.303.6374

CONNECTION CENTER TEAM

Prayer, Missions & Connection Center

CONTACT jerrell.altic@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.335.6450

HOMEBOUND CARE TEAM - Pastoral Care

CONTACT kelly.laughlin@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.957.7672

HEARTLAND WORSHIP TEAM

Preschool & Kindergarten

CONTACT erin.ruddle@HoustonsFirst.org; 281.717.4280

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 HoustonsFirst.org (Prayer > Foundation of Prayer).



FIRST BAPTIST ACADEMY

MIDDLE SCHOOL PLAY

Thurs, Mar 5 @ 7 pm and Fri, Mar 6 @ 4 pm

Travel back to the 1940s as Middle School students present "A Town, Some Hope and a Slice of Lemon Meringue Pie" - a play written by an FBA teacher about her father's personal WWII experience. It's free to attend! **CONTACT** wayne.cherry@FBAHouston.org, 713.290.2545.