

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 MAR 1, 2009

SALVATION IN CHRIST

Erica Espinoza Mercedes Hargrove
 Joshua Espinoza Nicholas Saye

BAPTIZED

John Bordelon Kimp DeRoven
 Leslie Bordelon Natalia Ortiz
 Cheryl DeRoven Derrick Roddy

FOR BAPTISM

Nicky Anthony Peter Lee
 Amy Diep Josh Meeh
 Jen Driskill Ely Niero

FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS

Jeremy Burrell Justin Riley
 Iris Hsu Luann Riley
 Elizabeth Meeh Karin Smallwood
 Amy Permenter Mark Vandagriff

BIRTHS

Phil and Paige McCormick in the birth of their son, Winston Scott McCormick
 Sister: Clark Adelaide McCormick

Curtis and Amanda Jones in the birth of their daughter, Annabeth Ellen Jones
 Brother: Jackson Jones
 Grandparents: Keith and Beth Moore

SYMPATHIES

Wanda Shadle in the death of her husband, Ralph Shadle (Deacon)
 Children: Jeannie Shadle, Beverly and her husband, David Kealey

Tim Snyder in the death of his niece, Logan Venegas

Adam (Staff) and Sharlene Mason in the death of his aunt, Bobbie Webber
 Great Niece: Leanna Mason
 Great Nephews: Ryan and Kyle Mason

RESOURCE 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

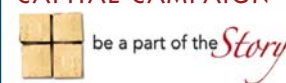
ATTENDANCE, MAR 1, 2009

Sunday Bible Study	3,472
Mission Bible Study	1,033
Weekday Bible Study	3,885
Total	8,390
Wednesday MidLink	838

GIVING, WEEK ENDING MAR 1, 2009

Tithes & Offering	\$385,866
Weekly Requirements	\$293,142
Over/(Under)	\$92,724
Designated Gifts	\$175,073
Over/(Under) for Mar	\$92,724
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD	(\$139,570)

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



WEEK ENDING MAR 1, 2009

Total Pledged	\$24,457,310
Donations Received	\$147,681
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$10,933,416

weekend WORSHIP

March 8, 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



Online, anytime.

Pastor Gregg's Messages Now on Live Webcast & On-Demand Video

Visit us online at HoustonsFirst.org/Media to stay connected with Live Webcasts, Audio & Video Messages, Photos, Resources, Links and more!





Pastor Gregg Matte

DEAR CHURCH FAMILY & GUESTS,

We're glad you're worshipping with us! Today, I conclude a series called "The End Times" as we look with great anticipation at Christ's return. The entire series is available online at HoustonFirst.org in audio and video format. Also, you can purchase a CD gift set in the Main Lobby – including today's message.

I invite you to come forward at the conclusion of the worship service, especially if you're a first time guest. It would be my pleasure to welcome you in person! Also, be sure 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 (Mon-Fri 8-4:30 pm) 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

PRESCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As our church grows, so is the Preschool Ministry! Volunteers are needed to serve once every six weeks in a specific classroom. Doing so enables our Sunday School volunteers and the parents of the children to attend worship services. Contact Sherry Oradat at sherry.oradat@HoustonFirst.org or 713.957.7613 to sign up!

FIRST H.O.P.E. JOB MINISTRY

Looking for a job? Stop by the Main Foyer Welcome Center today to talk with reps from the First H.O.P.E. Job Ministry. Visit HoustonFirst.org to access a job database and to learn how First H.O.P.E. can assist you in your search. The next First H.O.P.E. meeting is Thurs, Mar 19 @ 10 am-noon in Rm 602. It's free and open to everybody!

2009 DATES TO REMEMBER

Visit HoustonFirst.org (Events) for a list of key events in 2009 that you won't want to miss—camps, VBS, Spring Loaded, Houston Project, Christmas events, and more. Sunday schedules on holiday weekends are also listed, as well as when the Lord's Supper will be observed.



GATHER our hearts >

CHURCHWIDE

SPRING LOADED!

Sun, Mar 29 @ 12:30-4 pm – Houston Christian High School
The entire church family is invited to celebrate Spring at a day loaded with fun! Enjoy egg hunts, inflatables, a petting zoo, Ultimate Frisbee and much more! Admission is free. Buy "Fast-Pass" meal tickets in the Main Foyer and CLC Lobby on March 15 and 22 or at MidLink Café on March 25 so you can jump to the head of the line at Spring Loaded! **DETAILS** at HoustonFirst.org. **CONTACT** cassi.odom@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7626.

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

HUB STUDENT MINISTRY

MS GUYS @ PAINTBALL

Sat, Mar 14 @ 1-3:30 pm
Hey middles school guys! The battle takes place at Urban War Zone Paintball (2215 Telephone Rd, 77023). Dads are welcome, too! **COST** \$15 per person. **REGISTER** at HoustonFirst.org. **CONTACT** susan.newman@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7631.

MS GIRLS @ MAD POTTER

Sat, Mar 14 @ 1-3:30 pm
Hey middle school girls! Not to be outdone by the guys, we'll do some painting of our own at The Mad Potter (1963-A West Gray). Afterwards, we'll go next door to Baskin-Robbins! Moms are welcome, too! **COST** \$10 per person plus the cost of your ice cream. **REGISTER** at

HoustonFirst.org. **CONTACT** susan.newman@HoustonFirst.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 based on options. **REGISTER** at HoustonFirst.org. **CONTACT** dana.moya@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7671.

GROW our souls >>

CHURCHWIDE

HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

Wed, Mar 11 @ 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

Equipping you for the milestones of life! Pick up a brochure or visit HoustonFirst.org for details. Here's what's coming up soon:

Adulthood: Biblical Womanhood
• **Guide To The Empty Nest**
Weds, Mar 25-Apr 29 @ 6:30-8:30 pm – Rm 251



Adulthood: Faith Overcoming Loss
• **DivorceCare**
Wed, Mar 11 @ 7-8:30 pm – Rm 265 (meets weekly)
• **CanHope**
Mon, Mar 16 @ 6:45-9 pm – Reception Rm
• **Life's Healing Choices**
Weds, Mar 18-May 13 @ 6:30-8:30 pm – Rm 602

FUSION MINISTRIES

MAD ABOUT YOU

Apr 24-26 – Round Top Retreat Center
Newlywed and engaged couples will enjoy a weekend in the country to relax, refresh, reflect, and reconnect with each other. This annual retreat fills up quickly, so sign up soon! **REGISTER** at HoustonFirst.org. **CONTACT** barrios@HoustonFirst.org or 713.957.7681.

GIVE our lives >>>

ADOPTION & ORPHAN CARE

ADOPTION THROUGH CPS

Today @ 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** cindy.pitts@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7620.

MISSIONS

2009 MISSION TRIPS

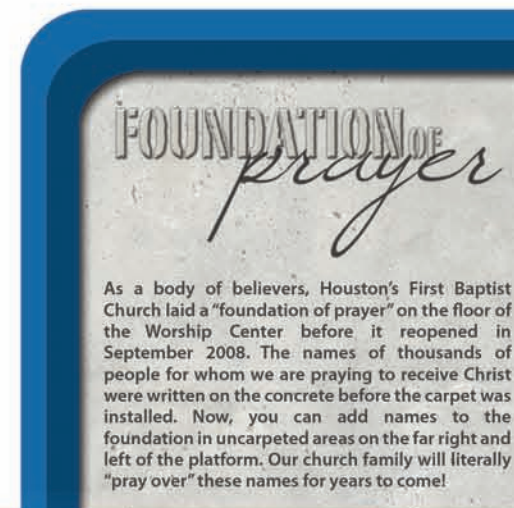
Visit HoustonFirst.org (What We Do > Missions) to sign up for these upcoming trips:
• Costa Rica (Rookie Trip) with William Taylor: March 14-21 (Spring Break) – **2 spots remaining!**
• Spain with Rochelle Ferrada: April 15-27 – **2 spots remaining!**
• Guatemala (Medical) with Frank Blackwood: May 9-16 – **2 doctors needed!**
• Amazon, Brazil with Jonathan Sterne: June 14-28
• Nairobi, Kenya with William Taylor: July 16-30
• France with Nita DeBorde: July 20-29 - **Info Mtg**, Mar 22 @ 12:15 pm (Rm 143) or 6 pm (Connection Center)

• Russia (Orphanage) with Sue Marshall: October TBD
- **Info Mtg**, Today and Mar 15 @ 12:15-1:15 pm (Rm 251)

VOLUNTEER

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

- HEART 2 HEART - Preschool & Kindergarten**
CONTACT sherry.oradat@HoustonFirst.org; 713.957.7613
- FOOD PANTRY TEAM - Missions Training Center**
CONTACT claudia.reyes@HoustonFirst.org; 713.681.3521
- VISUAL AIDE ENGINEER - Music/Worship**
CONTACT brad.duryea@HoustonFirst.org; 713.957.6740
- HOMEBOUND CARE TEAM - Pastoral Care**
CONTACT kelly.laughlin@HoustonFirst.org; 713.957.7672
- LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS - Sloan Memorial Library**
CONTACT shirley.dodson@HoustonFirst.org; 713.957.5820



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

HOW CAN WE HELP? (turn over)

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.