

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 Café
 - 1 Christian Life Center
 - 1 Fellowship Center
 - 2 Fitness Center
 - 1 The Harbor
- 2 Rooms 249-265
 - 3 Rooms 362-366
 - 3 Student Ministry (362-366)
 - 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 8, 2009

SALVATION IN CHRIST

Beth Wachira

BAPTIZED

Emily Branch

Mike Castro

Amy Johnson

Ryan Johnson

Jade LeBlanc

FOR BAPTISM

Laura Craig

Shawn Craig

Kathy Neumeyer
Samantha Warren
Pamela York
Sammy Zarzana

Mayte Garza
Mark Redd

BIRTHS

David and Lisa Domine in the birth of their son, Caleb David Domine

Timothy and Christa Copenhaver in the birth of their daughter, Amelia Grace Copenhaver Sister: Madeline Copenhaver

Aaron and Amiee McCann in the birth of their daughter, Heather Kathleen McCann Sisters: Hannah and Haleigh McCann

Eric and Debra Mayfield in the birth of their son, Ethan Patterson Mayfield Sister: Catherine Mayfield

Blayton and Jaclyn Peschke in the birth of their son, Emmett Lee Peschke

Jason and Alison Spencer in the birth of their son, Joe Spencer Sister: Kelly Spencer

SYMPATHIES

Michael Newman in the death of his mother, Phyllis Newman

FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS

Kelle Bryant
Brad Douglass
Susan Douglass
Betty Ezell
Jonathan Hala
Megan Hala
Chris Lambert
Larson Rogers

Madison Rogers
Michael Rogers
Sloane Rogers
Anna Stroh
Janice Whalen
Jim Whiteside, II
Sallie Whiteside



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WEEKLY SUMMARY

ATTENDANCE, MAR 8, 2009

Sunday Bible Study	3,130
Mission Bible Study	1,066
Weekday Bible Study	3,819
Total	8,015
Wednesday MidLink	958

GIVING, WEEK ENDING MAR 8, 2009

Tithes & Offering	\$302,634
Weekly Requirements	\$293,142
Over/(Under)	\$9,492
Designated Gifts	\$73,223
Over/(Under) for Mar	\$102,216
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD	(\$131,879)

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



be a part of the *Story*

WEEK ENDING MAR 8, 2009

Total Pledged	\$24,457,310
Donations Received	\$43,725
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$10,977,141

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weekend
WORSHIP

March 15, 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

KIDS' WORSHIP

9:10 am
10:45 am



HOUSTON'S FIRST
BAPTIST CHURCH

Living

a message series by
Gregg Matte & Curtis Jones





Pastor Gregg Matte

DEAR CHURCH FAMILY & GUESTS,
We're glad you're worshipping with us! Today, I begin a series on "Living" as we look at Paul's final instructions at the conclusion of his first letter to the church in Thessalonica.

Speaking of living, if you are a new Christian, make plans to attend "Growing In Christ"

beginning Sunday, April 5. This four-week journey walks through a series of lessons on Christian living led by Jerrell Altic, Minister of Connection & Community, and Malcolm Marshall, Associate Minister of Connection & Community. Refer to the "Grow Our Souls" section of this worship guide for details about this exciting new opportunity.

Finally, 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

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

SPRING LOADED!

Sun, Mar 29 @ 12:30-3:30 pm – Houston Christian HS
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 HoustonsFirst.org. **CONTACT** cassi.odom@HoustonsFirst.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 HoustonsFirst.org or in the Main Foyer. **CONTACT** linda.sproule@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7634.

SUMMIT MINISTRIES

SOFTBALL OPENING DAY FESTIVITIES

Fri, Mar 20 @ 7-10 pm – Quillian Fields
Young single adults are invited to kick off the softball season at this action-packed night featuring a Homerun Derby and a message from former New York Yankee and HFBC member Bubba Crosby. Food and snacks available, along with a playground for kids. Regular season begins Sat, Mar 21. **REGISTER** to play at HoustonsFirst.org. **CONTACT** Rene & Eleanor Rivera, erivera5@comcast.net.

FUSION MINISTRIES

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Fri, Apr 3 @ 6-10 pm
Fusion Ministries offers inexpensive childcare for the married couples of our church. Enjoy a romantic date night,

go out with friends, get together with your Bible study class—or just do something fun without the kids! Child-care provided by the Preschool Ministry & Recreation Ministry. **REGISTER** at HoustonsFirst.org by Sun, Mar 29. **CONTACT** christen.barrios@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7681.

GROW our souls >>

CHURCHWIDE

GROWING IN CHRIST

Sundays, Apr 5, 12, 19, 26 @ 9:10 am – Connection Ctr
This four-week journey for new and growing Christians walks through a series of lessons on Christian living. The class repeats itself starting the first Sunday of every month unless otherwise indicated. Led by Jerrell Altic and Malcolm Marshall, the first class begins April 5. No registration required! **CONTACT** malcolm.marshall@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.335.6453.

HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

Wed, Mar 18 @ 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@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.6781.

MILESTONES

Equipping you for the milestones of life! Pick up a brochure or visit HoustonsFirst.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

• **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

• **DivorceCare**
Wed, Mar 18 @ 7-8:30 pm – Rm 265 (meets weekly)
• **GriefShare**
Thurs, Mar 19 @ 7-8:30 pm – Rm 143

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 HoustonsFirst.org. **CONTACT** christen.barrios@HoustonsFirst.org or 713.957.7681.

GIVE our lives >>>

EVANGELISM EQUIPPING

SHARE YOUR FAITH WORKSHOP

Sat, Mar 21 @ 8:30 am-4 pm – Rm 143
Learn the five points of the Gospel on the five fingers of your hand, giving yourself a tool for sharing your faith that never leaves your side! Free to attend. **REGISTER** at HoustonsFirst.org. **CONTACT** evangelism@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7661.



MISSIONS

2009 MISSION TRIPS

Pray for the following teams that are now in the field around the world:

- China Earthquake Relief (Summit): March 13-20
- Los Angeles (College): March 14-20
- Costa Rica (Rookie Trip): March 14-21
- Cuba: March 15-23

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

- 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)
- Aberdeen, Scotland with Kevin Jordan: Aug 7-16
- **Info Mtg**, Mar 22 @ 3-4 pm (Rm 249)
- Russia (Orphanage) with Sue Marshall: October TBD
- **Info Mtg**, Today @ 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.

SPECIAL EVENTS TEAM - Ministries

CONTACT candie.gonzales@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.957.7651

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

FOOD PANTRY TEAM - Missions Training Center

CONTACT claudia.reyes@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.681.3521

HEART 2 HEART - Preschool & Kindergarten

CONTACT sherry.oradat@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.957.7613

SUMMER 2009

DATES TO SAVE!

- **Vacation Bible School**, June 8-12
- **Middle School Camp**, June 12-16
- **High School Camp**, June 12-16
- **A Midsummer Night's Thing**, June 17
- **Children's Camp**, June 24-27
- **Houston Project**, July 12-16
- **High 5 Music Camp**, July 20-24
- **Another Midsummer Night's Thing**, July 29

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).