

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



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



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SERMONS ON CD

Sloan Memorial Library

Available before & after services.

SYMPATHIES

Family and Friends of Priscilla Benham
Ethel McCartney (Staff) in the death of
her brother-in-law, Wayne Gunnels

DECISIONS MAR 15, 2009

BAPTIZED

Jonathan Cardenas	Albert Rodriguez
Elizabeth Chapin	Noah Rodriguez
Siobhan Reid	Yolanda Rodriguez

FOR BAPTISM

Andrew Arevalo	Beth England
Michael Cook	Corey Sanders

FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS

Marcia Albright	Marissa Moya
Armando Armenta	Sara Moya
Lisa Armenta	Serge Parrish
Samantha Chingos	B J Schipper
Adam Dimmick	Diana Schipper
Julie Dimmick	Bill Stephens
Adriana Estrada	Keewon Suh
Christopher Estrada	Cynda Todd
Steven Estrada	Emily Weber
Meredith Harris	Keith Weber
Irvin Meisenholder	Corey Wilt
Cynthia Miller	Lindsey Wilt
Kelly Milmo	Montan Winebrenner
Adam Moya	Scott Winebrenner

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 15, 2009

Sunday Bible Study	3,034
Mission Bible Study	1,074
Weekday Bible Study	493
Total	4,601
Wednesday MidLink	806

GIVING, WEEK ENDING MAR 15, 2009

Tithes & Offering	\$336,585
Weekly Requirements	\$293,142
Over/(Under)	\$43,443
Designated Gifts	\$117,159
Over/(Under) for Mar	\$145,659
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD	(\$88,616)

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



WEEK ENDING MAR 15, 2009

Total Pledged	\$24,457,310
Donations Received	\$78,913
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$11,056,054

weekend WORSHIP

March 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

KIDS' WORSHIP

9:10 am
10:45 am

Living

a message series by
Gregg Matte & Curtis Jones



HOUSTON'S FIRST
BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Gregg's Messages Now Available on Live Webcast & On-Demand Video
at HoustonsFirst.org/Media

713.681.8000 . HoustonsFirst.org . 7401 katy freeway . houston tx 77024



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)

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@HoustonsFirst.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 HoustonsFirst.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
GIVE AN EASTER LILY




Help add beauty to Easter Sunday by purchasing a lily in memory or in honor of a loved one. Visit the Holy Week 2009 page on HoustonsFirst.org (Events) for details, or contact the Worship Office at 713.957.5881 or in person. Lilies are \$10 each.

CHURCHES OPT FOR HOUSTON
Due to concerns over recent violence in Mexico, at least five churches have contacted HFBC about local service opportunities in lieu of their south-of-the-border mission trips. Last week, a church from Maryland came to Houston instead of Mexico as planned. The team served at North Central Baptist Church, one of our mission sites, doing community outreach and helping with Hurricane Ike damage. Thank God for using our church to point these mission teams toward other opportunities to spread the Gospel – and for their desire to come to H-Town!

HFBC HOSTS "SENT" CONFERENCE
The annual SENT Conference, sponsored by the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, marks its fourth year on Apr 17-18 here at HFBC. The event is "developed and

geared to train and equip church staff and lay leaders, and especially youth and collegiate students and young adults, to mobilize in missions, to learn to live their lives missionally, whether locally in Texas, somewhere in North America or overseas." Open to the public, basic registration is \$50 through Apr 1 (\$55 after Apr 1). Learn more and register at HoustonsFirst.org (Events).

GATHER our hearts >
CHURCHWIDE



SPRING LOADED!
Sun, Mar 29 @ 12:30-3:30 pm – Houston Christian HS
Celebrate Spring with 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 today in the Main Foyer and CLC Lobby or on March 25 at MidLink Café 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.

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! Childcare 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 4-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 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@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:



- Adolescence
- **Parenting Through Technology**
Wed, Apr 1 @ 6:30-8 pm, Rm 364
- Adulthood: Biblical Womanhood
- **Intimate Issues**
Tues, Mar 24-Apr 28 @ 9:30-11 am, Rm 252
 - **Shattered Dreams**
Weds, Mar 25-Apr 29 @ 6:30-8:30 pm, Rm 252

- **Guide to The Empty Nest**
Weds, Mar 25-Apr 29 @ 6:30-8:30 pm, Rm 251
 - **Accountability/Growth Group Workshop**,
Sat, Apr 4 @ 9 am-12 noon, Fellowship Ctr
- Adulthood: Faith Overcoming Loss**
- **DivorceCare**
Wed, Mar 25 @ 7-8:30 pm – Rm 265 (meets weekly)

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.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY
NEW MILESTONES CLASSES
Four new classes just for women begin soon! Refer to the "Milestones" listing above for details on these opportunities to grow your soul and connect with other women in our church! **CONTACT** jessica.villalpando@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7642.



- GIVE our lives >>>
MISSIONS
2009 MISSION TRIPS
Visit HoustonsFirst.org (What We Do > Missions) to sign up for these upcoming trips:
- Acuna, Mexico (construction) with Fred Warren: Apr 2-5 – **5 spots left!**
 - 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 – **4 spots left!**
- France with Nita DeBorde: July 20-29
- **Info Mtg**, Today @ 12:15 pm (Rm 143) or 6 pm (Connection Center)
- Aberdeen, Scotland with Kevin Jordan: Aug 7-16
- **Info Mtg**, Today @ 3-4 pm (Rm 249)
- Russia (orphanage) with Sue Marshall (713.681.5372):
Oct 5-17 - Deadline: Apr 15

PASTORAL CARE
HOMEBOUND VOLUNTEER TRAINING
Mar 28 & 31
Can you spend a couple hours a month reaching out to homebound members of our church family? This two-part training session prepares you to minister to those unable to join us in person at church. Training scheduled Sat, Mar 28 @ 10 am-12 noon and Tue, Mar 31 @ 6-8 pm. **REGISTER** at HoustonsFirst.org. **CONTACT** kelly.laughlin@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.6762.

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

HFBC PRAYER MINISTRY TEAM
Prayer, Missions & Connection Center
CONTACT becky.parker@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.957.5866

ENCOURAGERS (H.O.P.E. Volunteers) - Counseling Center
CONTACT greg.curnutte@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.335.6465

FARM & RANCH VOLUNTEER TEAM - Hunt Retreat
CONTACT bill.murrell@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.303.6374

FIRST TOUCH GREETERS - Education Ministries
CONTACT 2talltexans@sbcglobal.net; 281.859.9098

BAND OF BROTHERS RECON TEAM - Men's Ministry
CONTACT eric.reed@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.957.7680

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.



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).