

# 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](http://HoustonsFirst.org).

( ) Add this request to the church's public prayer database.

## PASTORAL CARE

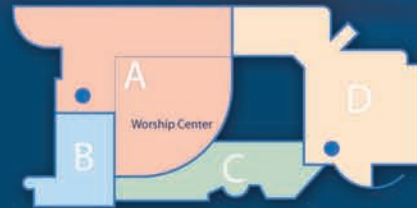
Are you experiencing grief, loneliness, illness, job loss or other life difficulties? The Pastoral Care Ministry provides free and confidential help through the Stephen Ministry. Call 713.957.6762 for assistance, or indicate your interests below:

( ) 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
  - 1 Rooms 143 & 145
  - 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
  - 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



## 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 29, 2009

### SALVATION IN CHRIST

Freddie Gehring      Kenny Gehring

### BAPTIZED

Micah Barnes	Wendy Rial
Paige Barnes	Jason Ritch
Jen Driskill	Evie Smith
Janel Jarmon	Katelyn Smith
Jordan King	Scott Wesley
Madison King	Paul Zavala
Natalie Rial	

### FOR BAPTISM

Ashley Ashy	Danny Mathew
Brian Ashy	Traci Williams

### FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS

Thomas Anderson	Alyssa Matus
Brenda Bridges	Naomi Miller
Brooke Brown	Guy Moore
Lucas Brown	Liz Moore
Timothy Cate	Katie Nixon
John Goetzmann	Paula Ramon
Pam Goetzmann	Atsuko White
Jessica Mathew	Matt White

## BIRTHS

Lincoln and Priscilla Goodwin in the birth of their daughter, Savannah Grace Goodwin

Kyle and Lori Bethancourt in the birth of their daughter, Anna Maye Bethancourt  
Brother: John Bethancourt

Bruno and Corrie Chumpitazi in the birth of their daughter, Grace Isabella Chumpitazi

## SYMPATHIES

Cathy Davis in the death of her mother, Patricia Ann Davis

Janet Havens in the death of her mother, Lucille Boothe

Patrick and Roverta Murrell in the death of her mother, Ida Mae Lazenby  
Granddaughter: Jennifer Murrell

Paul (Staff) and Christine Sofka in the death of her sister, Carole Rice  
Nephews: Andrew and Stephen Sofka

## WEEKLY SUMMARY

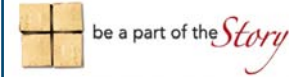
### ATTENDANCE, MAR 29, 2009

Sunday Bible Study	3,385
Mission Bible Study	1,037
Weekday Bible Study	1,482
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,904</b>
Wednesday MidLink	806

### GIVING, WEEK ENDING MAR 29, 2009

Tithes & Offering	\$230,456
Weekly Requirements	\$293,142
Over/(Under)	(\$62,686)
Designated Gifts	\$110,346
Over/(Under) for Mar	\$86,274
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD	(\$151,641)

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



### WEEK ENDING MAR 29, 2009

Total Pledged	\$24,457,310
Donations Received	\$85,205
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$11,202,671</b>

## weekend WORSHIP

April 5, 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

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# PALM SUNDAY 2009

## IMAGO ART SHOW

MAR 29 – APR 12 • MAIN FOYER • OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

## DAILY READINGS

APR 5-12 • SEE INSERT OR VISIT [HOUSTONSFIRST.ORG](http://HOUSTONSFIRST.ORG)

## BROKEN FOR YOU

THUR, APR 9 • 6:30-8 pm • WORSHIP CENTER

## GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER WEBCAST

FRI, APR 10 • NOON-12:20 pm • VISIT [HOUSTONSFIRST.ORG/WEBCAST](http://HOUSTONSFIRST.ORG/WEBCAST)

## EASTER

SUN, APR 12 • THREE IDENTICAL SERVICES

9:10 AM, 10:45 AM & 6:30 PM

Visit [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org) (Events > Holy Week 2009) for details  
and to send eCards inviting friends to join you as we celebrate Holy Week!





Pastor Gregg Matte

DEAR CHURCH  
FAMILY & GUESTS,

We're glad you're worship-  
ping with us! Today, I con-  
clude a series on "Living"  
as we look at Paul's final  
instructions at the conclu-  
sion of his first letter to the  
church in Thessalonica.

On the back of today's listen-  
ing guide, you'll find a listing  
of daily readings for today  
and the week ahead. As we

journey from Christ's humble entry into Jerusalem on Palm  
Sunday to His triumphal victory over death on Easter, allow  
these readings to focus your heart's attention on our Savior's  
final week on earth. Ask God to speak to you through His  
Word as you reflect on the happenings of Holy Week.

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, staff mem-  
bers are available to talk with you about becoming a Chris-  
tian, being baptized, or joining our church.

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](mailto:firstname.lastname@HoustonsFirst.org).



**HOLY WEEK 2009**

Visit us online at  
[HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org) (Events > Holy Week 2009)  
for details and to send eCards inviting friends  
to join you as we celebrate Holy Week!

**IMAGO ART SHOW**  
THROUGH APR 12 • OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  
Christ's final hours on earth are depicted in this  
powerful display of art by HFBC members

**DAILY READINGS**  
Refer to today's Listening Guide or visit  
[HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org) for readings as we journey  
to the empty tomb

**BROKEN FOR YOU**  
THUR, APR 9 • 6:30-8 pm  
Remember Christ's sacrifice  
with Dr. Mitch Glaser, a Jewish believer in Jesus,  
and observance of the Lord's Supper

**GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER WEBCAST**  
FRI, APR 10 • NOON-12:20 pm  
Visit [HoustonsFirst.org/Webcast](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Webcast) to hear a message  
from Pastor Gregg with worship led by Stephen Smith

**EASTER SERVICES**  
SUN, APR 12 • 9:10 AM, 10:45 AM & 6:30 PM  
Choose from one of three identical services  
to celebrate that "He is Risen!"

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](http://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

"LIVING" CD GIFT SETS

Packaged CD gift sets of the entire "Living" series by Pas-  
tor Gregg and Curtis Jones are available today in the Main  
Foyer for \$8. Pick one up to give to a friend!

EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Next Sunday, three identical worship services are offered  
at 9:10 am, 10:45 am and 6:30 pm. Since many guests at-  
tend the 10:45 am service, members are encouraged to go  
to the other services to make room. Sunday Bible studies  
will not meet on Easter. As always, members are asked to  
park offsite to make room for our guests and those who  
need to park close to the building.

GATHER our hearts >

CHURCHWIDE

AID SUDAN 5K FUN RUN/WALK

Sat, Apr 25 @ 7:45 am - Bear Creek Park

Sponsored by HFBC, this family-friendly  
event includes a 1K for kids and a 5K run/  
walk for everybody else! All proceeds ben-  
efit Aid Sudan's efforts in the U.S. and southern Sudan.  
Their vision is to aid in growing strong southern Suda-  
nese communities committed to serving Jesus Christ.  
**COST** Adults \$25 thru Apr 17, \$35 after Apr 17. Kids \$10.  
**DETAILS** at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org) (Events). **REGISTER** to-  
day in the Main Foyer or at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org). **CONTACT**  
[becky.kiser@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:becky.kiser@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.957.6702.



GROW our souls >>

CHURCHWIDE

HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

Wed, Apr 8 @ 11:30 am - 1010 Lamar (lower level)

Executive Pastor David Self will speak at this week's down-  
town 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](mailto:diane.bagby@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.957.6781.

MILESTONES

Equipping you for the milestones of life! Pick up a brochure  
or visit [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org) for details.  
Here's what's coming up soon:



Adolescence

- Age of Opportunity (see details below)

Adulthood: Biblical Manhood

- Dads of Destiny (Part 1) (see details below)
- Roles of a Man (see details below)

Adulthood: Faith Overcoming Loss

- **Monday GPS** Mon, Apr 6 @ 10 am-2 pm - Fellowship Ctr  
- **Common Ground for Caretakers** @ 10:15 am-noon -  
Rm 249
- **DivorceCare**  
Wed, Apr 8 @ 7-8:30 pm - Rm 265 (meets weekly)
- **Phase II** Thurs, Apr 9 @ 5-6:30 pm - Rm 143

FIRST PLACE 4 HEALTH

SPRING SESSIONS

Begins Thurs, Apr 9

If you're interested in joining FP4H for the first time or  
simply want to learn more about the program, attend  
an orientation meeting today at 4 pm in the Reception  
Room. Materials available for purchase then or in the  
FP4H office (Suite 337). **REGISTER** by Mon, Apr 6 at the  
CLC or the FP4H office. **CONTACT** [erin.dubroc@FirstPlace4Health.com](mailto:erin.dubroc@FirstPlace4Health.com), 713.688.6788 x402.

HUB STUDENT MINISTRY

AGE OF OPPORTUNITY

Weds, Apr 8-May 13 @ 6:30-8 pm - Rm 336

This Milestone essential class uncovers the heart issues  
impacting parents and teenagers during the adolescent  
years. Parents will learn how to seize countless opportuni-  
ties to deepen communication, learn, and grow with their  
teenagers. Parents of younger children through teenagers  
are encouraged to attend! **CONTACT** [candie.gonzales@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:candie.gonzales@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.957.7651.

PREP CLASSES FOR PARENTS

If you're a parent of a high school Junior or Senior, do you  
feel prepared for the next couple of years? Are you ready  
for your child's transition to college? Do you have other  
parents whom you can talk with about these issues? The  
HUB Student Ministry can help!

• **Prep Class for Parents of Seniors**

Today @ 5-6:30 pm - Rm 363

• **Prep Class for Parents of Juniors**

Sun, Apr 26 @ 5-6:30 pm - Rm 363

Registration not required. **CONTACT** [susan.newman@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:susan.newman@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.957.7631

MEN'S MINISTRY

DADS OF DESTINY (PART 1)

Weds, Apr 15-May 20 @ 7-8:15 pm - Rm 332

Developed by the National Center for Fathering, this study  
utilizes the Gospel of John to equip each man in building  
his home on the Rock. Join us as we learn to steer clear of  
the shifting sands the world works to draw our families into.  
Facilitated by Rick Wertz. Registration not required. **CON-  
TACT** [christen.barrios@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:christen.barrios@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.957.7681.

ROLES OF A MAN

Weds, Apr 15-May 13 @ 6-7:30 pm - Craft Rm (270)

This five-week study explores four key principles of biblical  
manhood. Join men young and old, married and single, in  
the discovery of God's best. Co-led by Don Munton (Minis-

ter of Summit Ministries) and Eric Reed (Minister of Married  
Young Adults and Men). Registration not required. **CON-  
TACT** [christen.barrios@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:christen.barrios@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.957.7681.

GIVE our lives >>>

MISSIONS

2009 MISSION TRIPS

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

- Guatemala (medical) with Frank Blackwood: May 9-16  
>>> 1 doctor needed!
- Amazon, Brazil with Jonathan Sterne: June 14-28
- Nairobi, Kenya with William Taylor: July 16-30  
>>> 2 men needed!
- France with Nita DeBorde: July 20-28
- Aberdeen, Scotland with Kevin Jordan: Aug 7-16
- Russia (orphanage) with Sue Marshall (713.681.5372):  
Oct 5-17 - Deadline: Apr 15

VOLUNTEER

Visit [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org) for details about the following  
opportunities and nearly 100 ways you can serve the Lord.

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS - Sloan Memorial Library

**CONTACT** [shirley.dodson@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:shirley.dodson@HoustonsFirst.org); 713.957.5820

AID SUDAN 5K TEAM - Recreation

**CONTACT** [becky.kiser@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:becky.kiser@HoustonsFirst.org); 713.957.6702

HEARTLAND WORSHIP TEAM

Preschool & Kindergarten

**CONTACT** [erin.ruddle@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:erin.ruddle@HoustonsFirst.org); 281.717.4280

HOMEBOUND CARE TEAM - Pastoral Care

**CONTACT** [kelly.laughlin@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:kelly.laughlin@HoustonsFirst.org); 713.957.6762

HEALTHY HELPERS - First Place 4 Health

**CONTACT** [carole.lewis@FirstPlace4Health.org](mailto:carole.lewis@FirstPlace4Health.org);  
713.335.6400

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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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 worshipers 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](http://HoustonsFirst.org) (Prayer > Foundation of Prayer).