

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 | 1 Rooms 143 & 145 |
| 2 Education Ministry | 3 Rooms 330-336 |
| 1 Library | 1 Welcome Center |
| 1 Main Foyer | 1 Worship Center |
| 1 Reception Room | 2 Worship Ministry |

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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 Café | 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 |
| 2 Rooms 249-265 | |

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 APR 26, 2009

BAPTIZED

Ted Benson	Sean Gentry
April Burgin	Jorge Portilla
David Castillo	Corey Sanders
Cameron Gentry	

FOR BAPTISM

Jeremy Bergmann	Haley Payne
Caitlin McClanahan	Laura Stone

FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS

Kenner Adams	Stephen Foss
Carole Davis	Renda Harper
Nelson Davis	Christopher Hudson
Christy Foss	Karen Lambert

BIRTHS

Brad and Kristyna Wright in the birth of their son, Brayden Jackson Wright
 Tom and Amanda Jenkins in the birth of their daughter, Sofia Taylor Jenkins
 Siblings: Oliva Grace and Dylan Thomas Jenkins

Les and Rachel Stinson in the birth of their daughter, Amanda Grace Stinson
 Brother: Trey Stinson
 Brad and Elizabeth Hibbetts in the birth of their son, Robert Will Hibbetts
 Sister: Allison Hibbetts

SYMPATHIES

Emma Riehl in the death of her cousin, Ronald Wayne Saums

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Open 24/7/365
 Ministry info, news, events & more!

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, APR 26, 2009

Sunday Bible Study	3,394
Mission Bible Study	1,056
Weekday Bible Study	1,205
Total Bible Study	5,655
Wednesday MidLink	770

GIVING, WEEK ENDING APR 26, 2009

Tithes & Offering	\$282,445
Weekly Requirements	\$293,142
Over/(Under)	(\$10,697)
Designated Gifts	\$69,613
Over/(Under) for Apr	\$69,471
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD	(\$89,080)

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

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WEEK ENDING APR 26, 2009

Total Pledged	\$24,457,310
Donations Received	\$47,587
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$11,501,385

weekend WORSHIP

May 3, 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

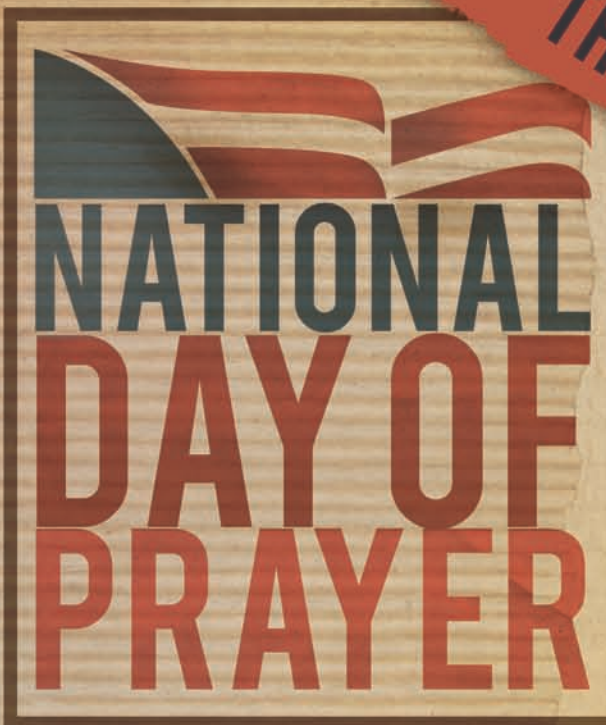


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BAPTIST CHURCH

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THIS
THURSDAY



MAY 7

Pray with members of Houston's First at locations throughout the city.
 Find a gathering place near you at HoustonsFirst.org.



Pastor Gregg Matte

DEAR CHURCH FAMILY & GUESTS,

Welcome to Houston's First Baptist Church! I'm glad to be back after a pastors' conference took me away from the pulpit the past two Sundays. Once again, I want to thank Dr. Jerry Rankin, Dr. Rick Rigsby, and our own Jerrell Altic for delivering the messages in my absence.

Today, we begin our study of 2 Thessalonians – Paul's second letter to the church in Thessalonica. We'll begin with his words of praise and appreciation for the believers in this bustling port city. Then, we'll continue our "End Times" series by looking at what Paul wrote about the antichrist. What'll we study after that? Go ahead and read the rest of the book to see what's in store!

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. Staff members are available to talk with you about becoming a Christian, being baptized, or joining our church – a relevant biblical community!

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.

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

NEW & PROSPECTIVE MEMBER ORIENTATION

Whether you've recently joined or just visited Houston's First Baptist Church, come learn what it means to be a part of a relevant biblical community today, May 3! Choose lunch at noon (Fellowship Ctr) or light snacks at 5 pm (Connection Ctr). Walk-ins welcome! **CONTACT** malcolm.marshall@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.335.6453.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Following up from Dave Ramsey's "Town Hall For Hope" on April 23, Houston's First is offering his Financial Peace University course beginning next Sunday, May 10. Learn more under "Grow Our Souls."

DEACON MEETINGS

The Deacon Administrative Committee meets today at 2:30 pm in Room 143. The entire Deacon body will meet at 3:30 pm in the Chapel.

CHURCH CONFERENCE

This monthly gathering meets today at 4:45-4:55 pm in the Chapel. The meeting covers church financial and membership reports, as well as other information as necessary. Anybody may attend, but only individuals who are members of HFBC may vote.



GATHER our hearts >

CHURCHWIDE

HIGH 5 KIDS' CHOIRS NIGHT OF WORSHIP Today @ 4:30 pm – Worship Center
The PreK through 5th grade kids in the High 5 Kids' Choir have been preparing all semester. Now, they look forward to sharing their music with the entire church—whether you know a kid singing or not! **CONTACT** dean-na.wilks@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.5881.

ROBIN ROEWE FAREWELL CONCERT

Sun, May 17 @ 4-5 pm – Worship Center
Robin Roewe has served Houston's First as our Interim Director of Worship (Choir & Orchestra) since Fall 2008. Before he moves on in June, this talented tenor will share his musical gifts with us at a free concert featuring several genres: classic hymns, contemporary worship, opera, and easy listening classical. Open to the public. **CONTACT** dean-na.wilks@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.5881.

GROW our souls >>

CHURCHWIDE

HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

Wed, May 6 @ 11:30 am – 1010 Lamar (lower level)
Afshin Ziafat 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](mailto:bagby@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.957.6781.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

May 10-Aug 9 @ 4:30-6:30 pm – Rm 249
Dave Ramsey's *Financial Peace University* is a life-changing program that teaches you how to make the right decisions with your money. You'll be empowered with the practical skills and confidence needed to achieve your

financial goals and experience true financial peace. Attend a no-obligation preview session today at 5 pm in Rm 249 to learn more! **COST** \$90 per kit (couples only need one kit). **REGISTER** at HoustonsFirst.org (Events).

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:



Birth Of A Child
The Adoption Triad Today @ 5-6:30 pm – Harbor Rm
Adulthood

Financial Peace University

May 10-Aug 9 @ 4:30-6:30 pm – Rm 249

Adulthood: Faith Overcoming Loss

Monday GPS

Mon, May 4 @ 10 am-2 pm – Fellowship Ctr

-Common Ground for Caretakers @ 10:15 am-noon – Rm 249

DivorceCare

Wed, May 6 @ 7-8:30 pm – Rm 265 (meets weekly)

GriefShare Thu, May 7 @ 7-8:30 pm – Rm 143

CanHope Mon, May 11 @ 6:45 pm – Reception Rm

HOLY LAND TOUR

Oct 29-Nov 10, 2009 (new dates)
Join Ministries Pastor Jason Swiggart on a fascinating trip to the Holy Land! This tour of Israel will enhance your spiritual life as you walk through the Bible in living color. The cost is \$4,190 per person. Pick up a brochure in the Main Foyer or call Jim & Wanda Jean Hickey (281.496.1525 or 713.817.8157) for more information!

COUNSELING CENTER

FATHER TO THE FATHERLESS

Begins Wed, May 13 @ 6-7:30 pm – Counseling Ctr

For women only, Father to the Fatherless (F2F) is an eleven-week therapy group designed specifically for women who

struggle finding fulfillment in their relationships with their earthly fathers. This counselor-led group will address topics such as identity and worth, relationship patterns, and how to relate to God as Father. **COST** \$35 per weekly session, plus cost of workbook. **REGISTER** by contacting Courtney Strong or Jennifer Griffith at 713.335.6463. A screening interview is required to participate.

GIVE our lives >>>

CHURCHWIDE

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Thu, May 7 @ 11:30 am-1 pm – Various locations
Members of Houston's First will gather at 10 locations throughout Houston to pray for our nation on the 58th annual National Day of Prayer. Visit HoustonsFirst.org (Prayer) for a list of locations and to RSVP! **CONTACT** becky.parker@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.5866.

ADOPTION & ORPHAN CARE

THE ADOPTION TRIAD

Today @ 5-6:20 pm – Harbor Rm

Julie Stobbe, founder and president of Act of Life, will share about the "Adoption Triad" – the relationship between the birth family, adopted family and the adopted child. This Milestone class is for anyone wanting to adopt as well as families who have already adopted. **CONTACT** mia.anderson@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7621.

EVANGELISM EQUIPPING

SHARE YOUR FAITH WORKSHOP

Sat, May 16 @ 8:30 am-4 pm – Fellowship Ctr
The Share Your Faith workshop uses your hand as a simple memory tool to share a Gospel presentation. **COST** \$10 covers materials and lunch. **REGISTER** on HoustonsFirst.org (Events) by May 14. **CONTACT** tracie.bowman@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7661.



MISSIONS

2009 MISSION TRIPS

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

- Houston Project (Churchwide): July 12-16 (evenings)
- Rio De Janeiro, Brazil (College): July 16-30
- Philippines (Evangelism): Sept 16-28

PASTORAL CARE

CANHOPE

Mon, May 11 @ 6:45 pm – Reception Rm
Ministering to families touched by cancer, CanHope welcomes comedian Martha Marks! She'll share the difficult medical decision she had to make due to risk factors in her family, believing that humor has helped her survive. Raised in the Jewish faith, Martha became a believer in Christ in 2000. Entrée is provided, please bring a salad, vegetable or dessert. **RSVP** to Pastoral Care at 713.957.6761 or 713.957.6762.

VOLUNTEER

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

SUMMER KICK-OFF PARTY - Children's Programming

CONTACT cassiodom@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.957.7626

FARM & RANCH VOLUNTEER TEAM - Hunt Retreat

CONTACT bill.murrell@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.303.6374

HFBC PRAYER MINISTRY TEAM

Prayer, Missions & Connection Center
CONTACT becky.parker@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.957.5866

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER - MTC

CONTACT tracy.collier@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.554.8825

STEPHEN MINISTRY - Pastoral Care

CONTACT kelly.laughlin@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.957.6762

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)



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).

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.