

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

B 3 The Clubhouse
6 Counseling Center
1 FBA Primary School
1 Pastoral Care
2 Preschool Ministry

C 1 First Baptist Academy
1 FBA Library

D 1 Café
1 Christian Life Center
1 Fellowship Center
2 Fitness Center
2 Rooms 249-265

2 Rehearsal Hall
1 Rooms 143 & 145
3 Rooms 330-336
1 Welcome Center
2 Worship Ministry

1 Rooms 100-123
2 Rooms 200-221
3 Rooms 301-329
4 Children's Ministry
5 Children's Ministry

1 Oasis Room

3 Rooms 362-366
3 Student Ministry (362-366)
1 The Harbor
1 Welcome Center

● Welcome Centers *Numbers next to location indicate floor level

West Lot South Lot East Lot

Shuttle Stops Shuttle Route Walkway Not HFBC Parking

Memorial Drive

720 N. Post Oak
710 N. Post Oak

Lafayette Garage (2 levels)

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

BIRTHS

Steven (Staff) and Amanda Murray in the birth of their son, Wilson Jacob Murray
Brother: Braden

SYMPATHIES

Shawn and Laura Craig in the death of her grandfather, Marion Hambrick
Great-grandchildren: Ashley, Katelyn and Kara Craig

Tony and Dana Munoz, Jr. in the death of his father, Tony Munoz, Sr.
Grandchildren: Alana and Eric Munoz and Matthew Gonzales

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

LISTENING DEVICES

Assisted listening devices are available for hearing impaired worshippers during all three services. Visit the Sloan Memorial Library to borrow a device free of charge!

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

DECISIONS MAY 3, 2009

FOR BAPTISM
Lilly An Carrie Osgood-Millsap
Ethan Brown Chris Rogers
Molly Gentry Chad Yake
Haley Millsap

FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS
Alice Burch Alli McDonald
Wendy Dewlen Dan Rieke
William Dewlen Terah Sellars
Robby Gentry

WEEKLY SUMMARY

ATTENDANCE, MAY 3, 2009
Sunday Bible Study 3,257
Mission Bible Study 938
Weekday Bible Study 1,203
Total Bible Study 5,398
Wednesday MidLink 864

GIVING, WEEK ENDING MAY 3, 2009
Tithes & Offering \$362,406
Weekly Requirements \$293,142
Over/(Under) \$69,264
Designated Gifts \$101,577
Over/(Under) for May \$69,264
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD (\$20,026)

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

be a part of the *Story*

WEEK ENDING MAY 3, 2009
Total Pledged \$24,457,310
Donations Received \$69,135
TOTAL RECEIVED \$11,570,520

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WEEKEND
WORSHIP

MAY 10, 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



ONE MORE
SPACE TO PARK. SPACE TO GROW. SPACE TO WORSHIP.
Details Inside



HOUSTON'S FIRST
BAPTIST CHURCH



PASTOR GREGG MATTE

DEAR CHURCH FAMILY & GUESTS,

Happy Mother's Day! We thank God for these special women in our lives – from expectant newlyweds to great-grandmothers and every stage in between. As we honor our mothers and celebrate motherhood today, “may she who gave you birth rejoice!” (Proverbs 23:25).

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

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

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.

NEW SCHEDULE. MORE SPACE.

God has richly blessed us with significant growth in the last four years, and that growth is continually increasing. We are running out of space in three critical areas:

- **Parking** (especially when the last service begins)
- **Bible Studies** (9:10 and 10:30 is nearly full)
- **Worship** (10:45 hour)

The new schedule below addresses space needs and will take effect on August 23, Back to School Sunday. This simple change will create space for the immediate future and alleviate much of the stress on our growth. Sound a little confusing? See the diagram below for the new schedule coming this fall.



The key is having more people come to the new 8:20 am Bible study and to the 9:30 am worship hour. To help grow this early schedule choice and make it work for everyone, a new contemporary worship venue will be added to the 9:30 am schedule in the Chapel. Begin praying and discussing with your family about which hours you plan to attend Bible study and worship. Plan to share your preference in a survey beginning May 31.



GATHER our hearts >

CHURCHWIDE

ROBIN ROEWE IN 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. Reception following. **CONTACT** dean-na.wilks@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.5881.

SUMMIT MINISTRIES

OXYGEN :: TRUTH FOR LIFE

Sat, May 16 @ 7 pm - Fellowship Ctr

Young single adult women are invited to a fun and refreshing evening as we celebrate the value of knowing, believing, living and speaking Truth! Brooke Beck, Pulmonary RN at Texas Children's Hospital, will demonstrate the importance of oxygen and Amy Kuntz will share how Truth can transform us from merely existing to embracing the abundant life God promises. Become a breath of fresh air as you are equipped to speak Truth into the lives of others! The evening also includes discussion, prayer, art, laughter – and of course, sweets! **CONTACT** amy.kuntz@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7672.

SINGLE PARENT FAMILIES

MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

Today @ noon – Fellowship Ctr

Summit Ministries, the young single adults of Houston's First, invites single parent families to a free lunch in their honor following the 10:45 am worship service today. Children will present flowers, gifts and cards to their sweet moms. Single dads – this is for you, too! **CONTACT** amber.willet@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.5807.

GROW our souls >>

CHURCHWIDE

HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

Wed, May 13 @ 11:30 am – 1010 Lamar (lower level)

Malcolm Marshall 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.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Sun, May 10-Aug 14 @ 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. **COST** \$90 per kit (couples only need one kit). **REGISTER** at HoustonsFirst.org (Events).

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!



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

Financial Peace University May 10-Aug 14 @ 4:30-6:30 pm – Rm 249

ADULTHOOD: FAITH OVERCOMING LOSS

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

DivorceCare Wed, May 13 @ 7-8:30 pm – Rm 265 (meets weekly)

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.

KINGDOM KIDS' MINISTRIES

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 8-12 @ 9 am-noon

See insert for details. **COST** Free! **REGISTER** at HoustonsFirst.org (Events) or with today's worship guide insert. **CONTACT** mia.anderson@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7621.

GIVE our lives >>>

CONNECTION & COMMUNITY

DISCOVERING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Wed, May 27-Jun 24 @ 6:30 pm – Connection Ctr

If you have ever asked questions like, “Where do I fit in?” or “Why am I here?” or “What can I do to make a lasting difference in my life and in the lives of others?” then this class is for you! This 5-week class will bring about life transformation with a comprehensive exploration of your personality, your unique gifts and your talents. **COST** \$10. **REGISTER** at HoustonsFirst.org. **CONTACT** malcolm.marshall@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.335.6453

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 23-Oct 5

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.

CAN HOPE - Pastoral Care

CONTACT kelly.laughlin@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.957.6762

HEART 2 HEART - Preschool & Kindergarten

CONTACT sherry.oradat@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.957.7613

SUMMER KICK-OFF PARTY - Children's Programming

CONTACT cassi.odom@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.957.7626

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS - Sloan Memorial Library

CONTACT shirley.dodson@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.957.5820

CHILDREN'S CHURCH HELPER - MTC

CONTACT tracy.collier@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.554.8825

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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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 (Prayer > Foundation of Prayer).