

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 |
- B**
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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 | |
- D**
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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



CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2009

The 53 graduating high school seniors listed below from the HUB Student Ministry represent 19 different schools in the greater Houston area. Pray for them and their families as they celebrate this milestone in their lives!

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| Lile Adams | Jennifer Le |
| William Arroyo | Alysa Lejeune |
| Rachel Bohler | Megan Lloyd |
| Jacy Burrell | Nathan Lowe |
| Ashley Burton | Hannah Nicholson |
| Brad Carter | Elizabeth Ogle |
| Sandra Cassel | Taylor Peterson |
| John Cessna | Kamri Pierre |
| Benjamin Chacko | Ryan Sittin |
| Danielle Chan | Emma Slattery |
| Corinne Chung | Stephen Slavens |
| Ryan Connor | Chris Smith |
| Hilary Cooper | Ryan Soule |
| Maribeth Drake | Alexandra Stiles |
| Jenny Drews | Rebecca Tamez |
| Callie Edmonds | Morgan Taylor |
| Evan Farthing | Taylor Torregrossa |
| John Gerhart | Alonso Torres |
| Julia Hatridge | Hannah Trout |
| Ben Horne | Ashley Tufail |
| Michelle Humphrey | Wendy Valverde |
| Rachel Ibarra | Timothy Valverde |
| Heath Jenkins | Alannah Vasquez |
| John Joubert | Matt Vaughan |
| Courtney Kennedy | Tom Westmoreland |
| David Klein | Mark Wienken |
| Stacy Kurokata | |

DECISIONS MAY 10, 2009

- BAPTIZED**
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| Michael Cook | Courtney James |
| Laura Craig | Noah Thomas |
| Shawn Craig | |
- FOR BAPTISM**
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| Al Guillot III | Shirley Harris |
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- FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS**
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|----------------|----------------|
| Lindsey Carver | Titus Nunes |
| Amy Cullins | Tricia Nunes |
| Chris Cullins | Whitney Owen |
| Matt Hall | Kimberley Pool |
| Jonathan Jones | Joyce Vines |
| Tony Kickertz | Joy Westeen |
| Mia Mundy | |

BIRTHS

Brad and Elizabeth Hibbetts in the birth of their son, Robert Will Hibbetts
 Sister: Allison Hibbetts

SYMPATHIES

- Jesse (Staff) and Dana Moya (Staff) in the death of her mother, Cory Davidson
 Grandchildren: Eddie and Elena Moya
- Family and Friends of Geneva Britt
- Martha Freeland in the death of her father, Wallace Wheeldon
 Grandson: James Freeland
- Earl Hyland in the death of his brother, Floyd Hyland

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

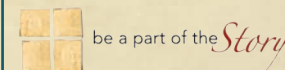
ATTENDANCE, MAY 10, 2009

Sunday Bible Study	3,004
Mission Bible Study	981
Weekday Bible Study	1,327
Total Bible Study	5,312
Wednesday MidLink	736

GIVING, WEEK ENDING MAY 10, 2009

Tithes & Offering	\$269,105
Weekly Requirements	\$293,142
Over/(Under)	(\$24,037)
Designated Gifts	\$83,273
Over/(Under) for May	\$45,227
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD	(\$45,113)

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



WEEK ENDING MAY 10, 2009

Total Pledged	\$24,457,310
Donations Received	\$52,335
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$11,622,855

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WEEKEND WORSHIP

MAY 17, 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



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

details inside



PASTOR GREGG MATTE

DEAR CHURCH FAMILY & GUESTS,

Welcome to Houston's First! We're glad you're here today.

Last Sunday, I introduced the "One More" campaign during the worship services and you read about it here in the worship guide. The campaign explains the church's plans to make room for "one more" beginning Sunday, August 23 – one more space

to park, space to grow and space to worship. You'll hear more about it in the weeks ahead in church publications, Sunday Bible studies and online at HoustonFirst.org.

Beginning Sunday, May 31, each of you will be asked to make a commitment to one of the new Sunday Bible study hours and worship service times. Doing so will help our staff and volunteers plan appropriately for the launch of the new schedule on August 23. For now, review the options and pray about where God would have you gather and grow on Sundays at Houston's First as we prepare to make room for "one more" this August.

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,

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.



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@HoustonFirst.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 HoustonFirst.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 & UPDATES

"PURPOSE PEOPLE" CD GIFT SETS

Pastor Gregg's three-part "Purpose People" series is available in the Main Foyer – including today's message. The packaged CD gift sets are a great resource, and for just \$7, also a great gift to share with others!

HOLY LAND TOUR INFO MEETING

Interested in going to Israel? Learn more at an information meeting on Mon, May 18, from 7-8 pm in the Garden Room. Tour guides Jim & Wanda Jean Hickey and Jason Swiggart will share what you can expect on this fascinating tour scheduled for Oct 29-Nov 10, 2009!

GATHER our hearts >

CHURCHWIDE

ROBIN ROEWE IN CONCERT

Today @ 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@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.5881.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SUMMER KICK-OFF PARTY

Fri, May 29 @ 6-10 pm – Christian Life Center

Kids who have completed Kindergarten through 5th grade will enjoy pizza, sno-cones, giveaways, sports activities, and a special soccer presentation. Parents can stop in to register their kids for summer programs before heading off to a night out with friends or each other! **COST Free!** **CONTACT** cassi.odom@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7626.

FUSION MINISTRIES

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Fri, May 29 @ 6-10 pm

The married young adult ministry offers inexpensive childcare for the parents in our church approximately six times a year. This month, PNO is for infants through children entering Kindergarten. Older children can attend the Summer Kick-Off Party in the CLC the same night (see above). Childcare is provided by the Preschool Ministry. **REGISTER** at HoustonFirst.org (Events) by Sun, May 24. **CONTACT** christen.barrios@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7681.

GROW our souls >>

CHURCHWIDE

HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

Wed, May 20 @ 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@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.6781.

MILESTONES

Equipping you for the milestones of life! Pick up a brochure or visit HoustonFirst.org for details. Here's what's coming:

- Adulthood: Faith Overcoming Loss**

DivorceCare Wed, May 20 @ 7-8:30 pm

Rm 265 (meets weekly)

First HOPE Job Ministry Thu, May 21 @ 10 am-noon

Rm 602

GriefShare Thu, May 21 @ 7-8:30 pm – Rm 143

KINGDOM KIDS' MINISTRIES

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 8-12 @ 9 am-noon

G'day Mate! Take a thrilling ride across the land 'down under' during this year's VBS! VBS is for children who will enter Kindergarten in August 2009 through those who have just completed 1st-5th grades. **COST Free!** **REGISTER** at HoustonFirst.org (Events). **CONTACT** mia.anderson@HoustonFirst.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. **COST \$10. REGISTER** at HoustonFirst.org. **CONTACT** malcolm.marshall@HoustonFirst.org, 713.335.6453

COUNSELING CENTER

FIRST H.O.P.E. JOB MINISTRY

Thu, May 21 @ 10 am-noon – Rm 602

Representative from The Worksource will discuss and answer questions about the services they provide for those seeking employment, as well as discuss how to use the internet to find a job. **CONTACT** Fay Sutor, hope@HoustonFirst.org, 713.335.6471.



MISSIONS

2009 MISSION TRIPS

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

- Houston Project (Churchwide): July 12-16 (evenings)
- Cuba (Oasis): July 26-Aug 1
- Cuba (Univida): Aug 24-31
- Philippines (Evangelism): Sept 23-Oct 5

PASTORAL CARE

GRIEF SHARE

Thu, May 21 @ 7-8:30 pm – Rm 143

Ministering to those who are grieving the loss of a loved one, this support group meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month. No registration required. **CONTACT** linda.askin@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.6761.

VOLUNTEER

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

FIRST TOUCH GREETERS - VISITOR PARKING LOT Education Ministries

CONTACT 2talltexas@sbcglobal.net; 281.859.9098

SUMMER KICK-OFF PARTY - Children's Programming

CONTACT cassi.odom@HoustonFirst.org; 713.957.7626

FITNESS & RECREATION VOLUNTEERS - Recreation

CONTACT jerrell.altic@HoustonFirst.org; 713.335.6450

HOST FAMILY VOLUNTEERS - The Faith Center

CONTACT tracy.collier@HoustonFirst.org; 713.554.8825

BAPTISM TEAM - Prayer, Missions & Connection Center

CONTACT malcolm.marshall@HoustonFirst.org; 713.335.6453

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)

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 HoustonFirst.org (Prayer > Foundation of Prayer).