

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
 - 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



HUB STUDENTS

SUMMER RUSH 2009
School's winding down, but summer's heating up in the HUB Student Ministry! Middle School and High School students won't want to miss these chances to stay connected in the months ahead! Visit HoustonsFirst.org (Get Connected > Students) for details.

- JUNE**
- 3**
 - HS Dart Night
 - MS Ignition Night
- 10**
 - MS/HS Camp Rally
- 17**
 - MS/HS Movie Night
- 24**
 - HS Wing Busters
 - MS Game Night

- JULY**
- 1**
 - MS/HS Camp Reflections/ Missions Commissioning
- 8**
 - HUB Family Day @ the Astros
- 15**
 - HS Game Night
 - MS Wing Busters
- 22**
 - Missions Celebration
- 29**
 - MS/HS Movie Night

- AUGUST**
- 5**
 - HS Safari Night
 - MS Ignition Night
- 7 & 8**
 - RUSHAPALOOSA
 - NO Amp or Wired
- 12**
 - NO Amp or Wired
- 19**
 - Fall Amp/Wired Preview
- 26**
 - MS Wired (6:15-7:45 pm)
 - HS Amp (7-8:30 pm)
- 30**
 - 6th Grade Ball

DECISIONS MAY 17, 2009

SALVATION IN CHRIST
Emma Venghaus

BAPTIZED
Jantzen Clayton
Julie Dimmick
Valerie Gay
Jeannie Kohoutek
Chad Niemeyer
Lanier Redweik
Chris Wilson
Kaitlyn Wilson

FOR BAPTISM
Adam Guajardo
Katuska Silva
Ben Soo
Pam Soo
David Watson
Grady West IV
Larissa West
Lindsey West

FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS
Rachel DeLano
Nancy Lewis
Laura Millican
Andree Staggs
Buzz Staggs
Matthew Staggs
Sarah Staggs
Nia Watson
Grady West III
Jeff Wolfe
Kindall Womack

BY STATEMENT
David Byers Jr
Benjie Guajardo

BIRTHS

Matt and Erin DuBroc in the birth of their son, Everett Stewart DuBroc
Taylor and Amy Delleney in the birth of their son, Klein Taylor Delleney
Sisters: Avery and Sawyer
Brother: Hudson

Brandon and Jeannine Cavazos in the birth of their son, John Mark Cavazos
Brothers: Jackson and Jacob Sister: Julia Great Aunt: Stella Cavazos

Christopher and Jennifer McGuirk in the birth of their daughter, Madison Rae McGuirk

SYMPATHIES

Taylor and Amy Delleney in the death of their son, Klein Taylor Delleney
Sisters: Avery and Sawyer
Brother: Hudson

Truitt and Julie Allen in the death of her brother, John
Niece: Ella Allen

Martha Breland in the death of her father, Wallace Wheeldon
Grandson: James Breland

WEEKLY SUMMARY

ATTENDANCE, MAY 17, 2009
Sunday Bible Study 3,192
Mission Bible Study 980
Weekday Bible Study 1,124
Total Bible Study 5,296
Wednesday MidLink 766

GIVING, WEEK ENDING MAY 17, 2009
Tithes & Offering \$309,657
Weekly Requirements \$293,142
Over/(Under) \$16,515
Designated Gifts \$279,807
Over/(Under) for May \$61,742
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD (\$29,948)

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

be a part of the *Story*

WEEK ENDING MAY 17, 2009
Total Pledged \$24,457,310
Donations Received \$64,733
TOTAL RECEIVED \$11,687,588

WEEKEND WORSHIP

MAY 24, 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





PASTOR GREGG MATTE

DEAR CHURCH FAMILY & GUESTS,

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

With us today in our two morning services are the families of fallen heroes who served our country in the armed forces in Iraq and Afghanistan. As our nation observes Memorial Day, our church has invited these families to gather with us

as we remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice – including their loved ones. Pray that God would continue to comfort these families, and share your appreciation for their loved ones' service to our nation.

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

NEW SCHEDULE. MORE SPACE.

God has richly blessed Houston's First with significant growth in the last four years, and we continue to experience increased attendance and membership. As a result, we are running out of space in three critical areas:

- **Parking** (especially when the 10:45 am service begins)
- **Bible Studies** (available rooms are nearly full at 9:10 am and 10:30 am)
- **Worship** (the 10:45 am service has limited seating)

To create more space for people to park, to grow and to worship, the following Sunday schedule will take effect on August 23. This simple change will create space for the immediate future and alleviate much of the stress on our growth.



The key is to have people come to the new 8:20 am Bible study and the 9:30 am worship hour, or to the evening options. To help grow the new early schedule and make it work for everyone, a new contemporary worship venue will be added at 9:30 am in the Chapel.

Visit HoustonsFirst.org for additional details and FAQs. Then, 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 coming to you this week via email or at church on 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@HoustonsFirst.org.

GATHER our hearts >

CHURCHWIDE

NIGHT OF WORSHIP

Sat, Jun 20 @ 7-8:30 pm – Worship Center

Led by our own bands, vocalists and the 10:45 choir, Houston's First will gather for a special evening of music and prayer on June 20. This casual gathering is a great time to introduce friends and co-workers to our church! Who will you invite? **CONTACT** dean-na.wilks@HoustonsFirst.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@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7626.

SUMMIT & FUSION MINISTRIES



METROLIVE 2009
Begins Thur, Jun 4 @ 7:30 pm – Worship Center
At MetroLIVE, young singles and married young adults can connect with God and with each other with speaker Curtis Jones and worship leaders Tommy Lynch and Roger Cullins. MetroLIVE will have a local and global

missional focus this summer, enabling you to serve the city and love the world in a tangible way each week. Free childcare through 1st grade. **CONTACT** dana.moya@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7671.

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 Christian Life Center the same night (see above). Childcare is provided by the Preschool Ministry. **REGISTER** at HoustonsFirst.org (Events) by today. **CONTACT** christen.barrios@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7681.

GROW our souls >>

CHURCHWIDE

HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

Wed, May 27 @ 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:



Adulthood: Faith Overcoming Loss

DivorceCare

Wed, May 27 @ 7-8:30 pm – Rm 265 (meets weekly)



HOLY LAND TOUR

Oct 29-Nov 10, 2009

Join Ministries Pastor Jason Swiggart and Jim & Wanda Jean Hickey 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. Pick up a brochure in the Main Foyer for details. **COST** \$4,190 per person. **CONTACT** Jim & Wanda Jean Hickey, jhickey3@comcast.net, 281.496.1525 or 713.817.8157.

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 HoustonsFirst.org (Events). **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)
- Cuba (Oasis): July 26-Aug 1
- Cuba (Univida): Aug 24-31
- Philippines (Evangelism): Sept 23-Oct 5
- Granada, Spain: Oct 14-26

VOLUNTEER

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

CONNECTION CENTER TEAM -

Prayer, Missions & Connection Center

CONTACT malcolm.marshall@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.335.6453

SUMMER KICK-OFF PARTY - Children's Programming

CONTACT cassi.odom@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.957.7626

HEARTLAND WORSHIP TEAM -

Preschool & Kindergarten

CONTACT erin.ruddle@HoustonsFirst.org; 281.717.4280

FITNESS & RECREATION VOLUNTEERS - Recreation

CONTACT jerrell.altic@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.335.6450

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER - 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

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 (Prayer > Foundation of Prayer).