

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	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

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

C

1 First Baptist Academy	1 Oasis Room
1 FBA Library	

D

1 Café	2 Rooms 249-265
1 Christian Life Center	3 Rooms 362-366
2 Crafts Room	3 Student Ministry (362-366)
1 Fellowship Center	1 The Harbor
2 Fitness Center	1 Welcome Center
1 Garden Room	

● Welcome Centers *Numbers next to location indicate floor level

1-10 (Katy Frey)
West Lot
South Lot
East Lot
N Post Oak Rd
Shuttle Stops
Shuttle Route
Walkway
Not HFBC Parking
Memorial Drive

THIS SUMMER AT HOUSTON'S FIRST

This summer is filled with opportunities to gather, grow and give! Learn more at HoustonsFirst.org (Events). Unless noted, each event happens on the campus of Houston's First Baptist Church.

Daycation
Mon-Fri, June 1- Aug 21, 7 am-6 pm

MetroLIVE
Thursdays, June 4 -July 30 @ 7:30 pm

Vacation Bible School
June 8-12 @ 9 am-noon

"Branded" MS Camp
June 12-16 – Carolina Creek Christian Camp, Huntsville, TX

"Body Worlds" HS Camp
June 12-16 – Carolina Creek Christian Camp, Huntsville, TX

A Midsummer Night's Thing
Wednesday, June 17

"Live Out Loud" Children's Camp
June 24-27 – Camp Tejas, Giddings, TX

Kindercamp
Tuesday, July 7

Houston Project
July 12-16 (evenings)

High 5 Music Camp
July 20-24

Another Midsummer Night's Thing
Wednesday, July 29

Kindercamp
Thursday, July 30

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. Here's what's coming up next month:

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

BIRTHS

Michael and Jennifer Foster in the birth of their daughter, Stella Nichole Foster
Grandmother: Brenda Barrier
Great Grandparents: Whanell (Deacon) and Cecile Spriggs

Lane and Leslie Alexander in the birth of their daughter, Lindsay Claire Alexander
Sister: Haley Alexander

Steven and Christie Mercer in the birth of their son, Tyler Jeffery Mercer

SYMPATHIES

Elba Ray and Hildegard Futch in the death of her brother, Raymond
Grandson: James Breland

DECISIONS MAY 24, 2009

BAPTIZED
Natalie Campos Katuska Silva

FOR BAPTISM
Alyssa Clark Halston Paret
Evan Gray

FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS
Amanda Gray Ally Saxe
Wesley Jones David Saxe

WEEKLY SUMMARY

ATTENDANCE, MAY 24, 2009

Sunday Bible Study	2,892
Mission Bible Study	1,244
Weekday Bible Study	421
Total Bible Study	4,557

GIVING, WEEK ENDING MAY 24, 2009

Tithes & Offering	\$213,870
Weekly Requirements	\$293,142
Over/(Under)	(\$79,272)
Designated Gifts	\$56,181
Over/(Under) for May	(\$17,530)
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD	(\$109,905)

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

WEEK ENDING MAY 24, 2009

Total Pledged	\$24,457,310
Donations Received	\$34,857
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$11,722,445

WEEKEND WORSHIP

MAY 31, 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

WHERE IS YOUR SPACE?

NEW SUNDAY AM SCHEDULE
COMING AUGUST 23
SEE SURVEY INSIDE





PASTOR GREGG MATTE

DEAR CHURCH FAMILY & GUESTS,

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

Struggling with issues related to growth is a great challenge for a church to have. Staff members and volunteers at Houston's First consistently look for solutions to a shortage of parking spaces and Sunday Bible study space.

I am thankful that they are forced to address those situations rather than the reverse. I'll take parking shortages and packed rooms over empty lots and empty seats any day – especially on Sundays!

Beginning August 23, we're implementing a new Sunday morning schedule aimed at solving these issues. The new schedule will enable us to use our parking lots and Bible study space more effectively, and will also make room for more people to attend our worship services.

As with any churchwide endeavor, we need your cooperation to make this schedule change a success. The church is asking you to make a commitment to the new schedule now so we can plan ahead for August 23. Read ahead in this worship guide and listen for details in today's worship service for how you can make your commitment known.

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

WHERE IS YOUR SPACE?

In recent weeks, you've heard about the Sunday morning schedule change that takes effect on August 23. This simple change will help in the immediate future and alleviate much of the stress on our growth as we create more space for people to park, to grow and to worship.

Today, the church is asking, "Where is your space?" In other words, what schedule will you follow beginning **August 23** as we work together to make room for one more child, one more single adult, one more couple, one more family – one more soul – at Houston's First?

Please complete the commitment card found inside your worship guide and place it in one of the collection buckets located throughout the church today. Or, you may complete an online version of the card at HoustonFirst.org.

The information you provide on the commitment card will enable church staff members and volunteers to prepare for the launch of the new schedule on August 23. Thank you in advance for your prayer and cooperation as we look forward to this chapter in the story of Houston's First!

HOUSTONSFIRST.ORG/ONEMORE

Visit us online for more details about the schedule change, frequently asked questions, and an online "Where Is Your Space?" survey. Check back often for the latest news and information in how you can help create one more space to park, worship and grow!



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

NEED TO CONTACT US?

To contact HFBC staff, call the church at 713.681.8000 (Mon-Fri 8-4:30 pm) or email firstname.lastname@HoustonFirst.org.

GATHER our hearts >

CHURCHWIDE

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S THING

Wed, Jun 17 @ 6-9 pm

At this churchwide gathering, Preschoolers will enjoy the "Big Top Circus" and kids will go "Over The Top" with the church's biggest ice cream sundae, Wii and more! Students will bolt to watch "Bolt" and grab Chick-fil-A. Women will gather for "Glitz and Grins" with guest Jeanette Clift George while the men enjoy game night in the CLC with basketball, bowling and more. No registration required! **CONTACT** candie.gonzales@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7651.

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@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.5881.

SUMMIT & FUSION MINISTRIES



MetroLIVE 2009

Begins Thu, 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@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7671.

GROW our souls >>

CHURCHWIDE

HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

Wed, Jun 3 @ 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@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 up soon:



Adulthood: Faith Overcoming Loss

Monday GPS Mon, Jun 1 @ 10 am-2 pm – Fellowship Ctr

- Common Ground for Caretakers

@ 10:15 am-noon – Rm 249

DivorceCare

Wed, Jun 3 @ 7-8:30 pm – Rm 265 (meets weekly)

GriefShare Thu, Jun 4 @ 7-8:30 pm – Rm 143

First H.O.P.E. Job Ministry

Sat, Jun 6 @ 9 am-noon – Rm 602

CONNECTION & COMMUNITY

GROWING IN CHRIST

Suns, June 7-28 @ 9:10 am - Connection Ctr

This 4-week journey for new and growing Christians walks through a series of lessons on Christian living. The class repeats itself starting the first Sunday of every month (unless otherwise indicated) and registration is not required! Jerrell Altic, Minister of Connection & Community, and Malcolm Marshall, Associate Minister of Connection & Community, lead the class. **CONTACT** malcolm.marshall@HoustonFirst.org, 713.335.6453.

KINGDOM KIDS' MINISTRIES

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Jun 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 >>>

COUNSELING CENTER

FIRST H.O.P.E. JOB MINISTRY

Sat, Jun 6 @ 9 am-noon – Rm 602

Looking for a job or to improve your employment situation? Come to this monthly gathering of First H.O.P.E. as we help others procure employment! Meet with First H.O.P.E. representatives in the Main Foyer today, and visit our job database at HoustonFirst.org (What We Do > Counseling). **CONTACT** hope@HoustonFirst.org, 713.335.6471.



MISSIONS

2009 MISSION TRIPS

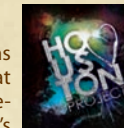
Visit HoustonFirst.org (What We Do > Missions) to sign up for these upcoming trips:

- Chile (HUB Students, High School): Jul 1-11
- San Antonio (HUB Students, 7th-8th Grades): Jul 1-11
- San Diego (HUB Students, High School): Jul 9-17
- 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 7-19
- Acuna, Mexico (Deacons–Construction): Oct 15-18

HOUSTON PROJECT

July 12-16 - Various locations

Take part in ministering to our city as Houston's First shares the love of Christ at 10 sites around town through VBS, evangelism and more. Refer to the back of today's Listening Guide or stop by the Main Foyer for details. **VISIT** HoustonProject.org. **CONTACT** becky.parker@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.5866.



VOLUNTEER

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

FLAIR - Women's Ministry

CONTACT carolyn.oneal@HoustonFirst.org; 713.957.7640

PRODUCTION TEAM - Music/Worship

CONTACT brad.durys@HoustonFirst.org; 713.957.6740

FOOD PANTRY TEAM - Missions Training Center

CONTACT claudia.reyes@HoustonFirst.org; 713.554.8800

FITNESS & RECREATION VOLUNTEERS - Recreation

CONTACT jerrell.altic@HoustonFirst.org; 713.335.6450

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

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).

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