

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
  - 2 Crafts Room
  - 1 Fellowship Center
  - 2 Fitness Center
  - 1 Garden Room
- 2** Rehearsal Hall
  - 1 Rooms 143 & 145
  - 3 Rooms 330-336
  - 1 Welcome Center
  - 1 Worship 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

- 2** Rooms 249-265
  - 3 Rooms 362-366
  - 3 Student Ministry (362-366)
  - 1 The Harbor
  - 1 Welcome Center
- 1** Welcome Centers
- \*Numbers next to location indicate floor level*



PROPOSED CHURCH BUDGET

The church applies undesignated tithes and offerings toward the operating budget, which is voted on by the church body every year. The Finance Committee of the church meets on a monthly basis to review the church's financials. A summary of the church's monthly financials is presented to the Deacons and the church body at the monthly church conference.

For the fiscal year beginning July 2009 and ending June 2010, the church's operating budget has been set at the same

BIRTHS

Mike and Jennifer Massey in the birth of their son, Luke Michael Massey

Troy and Karen Mooney in the birth of their son, Jake Mooney  
Sister: Rose Mary Mooney

SYMPATHIES

Ralph and Nancy Martin in the death of his mother, Alice Todd Martin  
Grandson: Trey Martin

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

Leon and Veva Savage in the death of her sister in law, Virginia Rose  
Karl and Debra Schweitzer in the death of his aunt

amount as the operating budget for the current fiscal year ending June 2009: \$15,898,403.

A listing of ministries and departments under each of the categories can be found at HoustonsFirst.org/Financial.

This operating budget will be presented for approval at the monthly church conference today at 4:45 pm in the Chapel. Everyone is invited to attend, but only members of the church may cast a vote.

The allocations amongst ministries and areas of operation are as follows:

DECISIONS MAY 31, 2009

SALVATION IN CHRIST

Nathaniel Dortch Ke'on Vaughns

BAPTIZED

Susan Mui Brittany Schneider  
Halston Paret Chad Yake

FOR BAPTISM

Blake Brown Alex Massey  
Kelli Evans Cornelia Massey

FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS

Maddy Caban Raymond Eisenbach  
Bess Drews Elizabeth Hernandez  
Carl Drews Zamick Milhouse  
Jenny Drews Jeffery Weber  
Mary Drews

BY STATEMENT

Mary Massey Melissa Weber



- Missions - \$2,021,606
- FBA Support - \$662,000
- Ministries - \$2,385,906
- Pastoral - \$1,015,313
- Music - \$1,020,825
- Administration - \$3,205,443
- Communications - \$641,469
- Operations - \$3,738,803
- Capital Improvements/Debt Service - \$1,207,038

WEEKLY SUMMARY

ATTENDANCE, MAY 31, 2009

Sunday Bible Study 3,393  
Mission Bible Study 963  
Weekday Bible Study 908  
**Total Bible Study 5,264**

GIVING, WEEK ENDING MAY 31, 2009

Tithes & Offering \$286,328  
Weekly Requirements \$293,142  
Over/(Under) (\$6,814)  
Designated Gifts \$127,549  
Over/(Under) for May (\$24,344)  
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD (\$117,163)

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



WEEK ENDING MAY 31, 2009

Total Pledged \$24,457,310  
Donations Received \$104,777  
**TOTAL RECEIVED \$11,827,222**

weekend WORSHIP

June 7, 2009

SUNDAYS

9:10 am  
10:45 am  
6:30 pm

SUNDAY

BIBLE STUDY

8 am  
9:10 am  
10:30 am  
5:15 pm

KIDS' WORSHIP

9:10 am  
10:45 am



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LOVE GOD  
PEOPLE

HOUSTON  
PROJECT



meet the  
PASTOR

Pastor Gregg Matte



**DEAR CHURCH FAMILY & GUESTS,**  
Welcome to Houston's First! We're glad you're worshiping here today.

On July 12-16, members of our church family will "give their lives" as we share the love of Christ at ten different ministry sites throughout our city during the Houston Project. From Vacation Bible School to adult ministry, transportation to evangelism, prayer to food distribution and several other areas of service, there is a place for everyone on this churchwide mission trip to our own backyard.

You can sign up to serve by visiting [HoustonProject.org](http://HoustonProject.org) or by using the insert in today's worship guide. Houston Project volunteers are available in the Main Foyer to answer your questions or to assist you with registration. Whether you're a veteran of foreign missions or you've never set foot on the mission field, the Houston Project is a great way to share the Truth with others – our own fellow Houstonians.

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*

**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](http://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 (Mon-Fri 8-4:30 pm) or email [firstname.lastname@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:firstname.lastname@HoustonsFirst.org).

**LATEST NEWS & UPDATES**  
**DEACON MEETINGS**  
The Deacon Administrative Committee meets today at 2:30 pm in Rm 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. This month, the church's 2009-2010 proposed operating budget will be presented and voted upon. Refer to the back of today's worship guide for details. Anybody may attend, but only individuals who are members of HFBC may vote.

**NEW & PROSPECTIVE MEMBER ORIENTATION**  
Whether you've recently joined or just visited Houston's First, come learn what it means to be a part of a relevant biblical community next Sunday, June 14! Choose either lunch at noon or light snacks at 5 pm. **REGISTER** at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org). **CONTACT** [malcolm.marshall@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:malcolm.marshall@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.335.6453.

**WHERE IS YOUR SPACE?**

The new Sunday morning schedule change takes effect on August 23. What schedule will you follow as we work together to make room for one more child, single adult, couple, family – one more soul – at Houston's First? In other words, "Where is your space?"

Please complete the commitment card found in the seatback literature holders and place it in the offering plate or in a collection bucket in the Main Foyer. Or, you may complete an online version of the card at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org). Your response will enable us to prepare for the launch of the new schedule. Thank you in advance for your prayer and cooperation as we look forward to this chapter in the story of Houston's First!

## 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 as men enjoy game night in the CLC with basketball, bowling and more. No registration required! **COST** Free to attend, but bring money for burgers and hot dogs! **CONTACT** [candie.gonzales@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:candie.gonzales@HoustonsFirst.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, Hous-

ton'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? Free childcare through completed Kindergarten, but registration is required by Mon, Jun 15, at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org) (Events). **CONTACT** [dean-na.wilks@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:dean-na.wilks@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.957.5881.

**SUMMIT & FUSION MINISTRIES**  
**METROLIVE 2009**  
**Thursdays @ 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](mailto:dana.moya@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.957.7671.

## GROW our souls >>

**CHURCHWIDE**  
**HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY**  
**Wed, Jun 10 @ 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](mailto:diane.bagby@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.957.6781.

**MILESTONES**  
Equipping you for the milestones of life! Pick up a brochure or visit [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org) for details. Here's what's coming up soon:

**Adulthood: Faith Overcoming Loss**  
**DivorceCare**  
Wed, Jun 10 @ 7-8:30 pm – Rm 265 (meets weekly)

**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! **FOR** children who will enter Kindergarten in August 2009 through those who have just completed 1st-5th grades. **COST** Free! **REGISTER** today in the Main Foyer or when you arrive for VBS. **CONTACT** [mia.anderson@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:mia.anderson@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.957.7621.

**"LIVE OUT LOUD" CHILDREN'S CAMP**  
**Jun 24-27 – Camp Tejas, Giddings, TX**  
At camp, kids will discover that the book of James in the New Testament gives us great pointers on how God wants us to live and enjoy the life He has given us! **FOR** children who have completed 3rd-5th grades. **COST** \$225 per child. **REGISTER** at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org) or in the Main Foyer. **CONTACT** [mia.anderson@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:mia.anderson@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.957.7621.

**HUB STUDENT MINISTRY**  
**MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL CAMPS**  
**Jun 12-16 – Carolina Creek Christian Camp, Huntsville, TX**  
Two camps, one location – one awesome week! At "Branded" Middle School camp, students who have completed 6th-8th grades will learn "You're Not Your Own." At "Body Worlds" High School camp, students who have completed 9th-12th grades will learn about "Putting The Body Back Together." **COST** \$325 per student. **REGISTER** at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org). **CONTACT** [susan.newman@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:susan.newman@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.957.7631.

## GIVE our lives >>>

**CHURCHWIDE**  
**HOUSTON PROJECT**  
**Jul 12-16 @ evenings**  
Take part in ministering to our city as Houston's First



shares the love of Christ at 10 sites around town through VBS, youth events, adult ministry, construction projects, evangelism and more. Got questions? Visit with Houston Project volunteers today in the Main Foyer. **REGISTER** at [HoustonProject.org](http://HoustonProject.org) or with today's worship guide insert. **CONTACT** [becky.parker@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:becky.parker@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.957.5866.

**MISSIONS**  
**2009 MISSION TRIPS**  
Visit [HoustonsFirst.org](http://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 7-19
- Acuna, Mexico (Deacons – Construction): Oct 15 – 18

**VOLUNTEER**  
Visit [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org) for details about the following opportunities and nearly 100 ways you can serve the Lord.

**FARM & RANCH VOLUNTEER TEAM - Hunt Retreat**  
**CONTACT** [bill.murrell@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:bill.murrell@HoustonsFirst.org); 713.303.6374

**EVENT TEAM - Married Young Adults**  
**CONTACT** [eric.reed@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:eric.reed@HoustonsFirst.org); 713.957.7680

**CONNECTION CENTER TEAM**  
**Prayer, Missions & Connection Center**  
**CONTACT** [malcolm.marshall@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:malcolm.marshall@HoustonsFirst.org); 713.335.6453

**OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CREW - College Ministry**  
**CONTACT** [steve.knox@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:steve.knox@HoustonsFirst.org); 713.957.7673

**FITNESS & RECREATION VOLUNTEERS - Recreation**  
**CONTACT** [jerrell.altic@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:jerrell.altic@HoustonsFirst.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

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**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](http://HoustonsFirst.org) (Prayer > Foundation of Prayer).