

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 |

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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 | |

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| 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



HOUSTON PROJECT KICK-OFF SITE MEETINGS

Today @ 2 pm
Houston Project volunteers will meet with their site leaders and fellow volunteers

today in the following rooms as we kick-off preparations for the Houston Project on July 12-16. Not sure where you'll be serving? Still need to register? Check with Houston Project volunteers in the Main Foyer today for assistance!

- Allen Parkway – Garden Rm
- Farrington – Rm 258
- Glendale – Rm 251
- Iglesia Bautista Del Redentor – Rm 143
- Kelly Village – Rm 145
- Long Point – Rm 249
- Los Arcos Apts (formerly Greenhouse) – Connection Ctr
- North Central – Rm 252
- Park Temple – Rm 259
- Third Ward – Reception Rm

Visit HoustonProject.org for online registration, meeting schedules, and other details about this church-wide mission trip to our own backyard! **CONTACT** becky.parker@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.5866.

DECISIONS JUN 7, 2009

- BAPTIZED**
 Connie Davis Bruce Wilkin
 Brad McPhee
- FOR BAPTISM**
 Sonya Garcia Lois Ruthstrom
- FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS**
 Darrell Armstrong Pamela Jones
 Trisha Armstrong Bruce Leggett
 Jennifer Berry Paula Leggett
 Laure Cooley Brandon Musselman
 Alice Dixon Sarah Musselman
 Martin Dixon Cindy Rathmann
 Carrie Eschberger Michael Rathmann
 Troy Eschberger
- BY STATEMENT**
 David Hardcastle Tamra Moritz
 Clyde Kiser

HUB STUDENTS

SUMMER RUSH 2009
 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 soon:

- JUNE**
 24 HS Wing Busters
 MS Game Night
- JULY**
 1 MS/HS Camp Reflections/
 Missions Commissioning
 8 HUB Family Day @ the Astros

BIRTHS

Matt and Kelly Ultis, in the birth of their daughter, Bailey Katherine Ultis

SYMPATHIES

Robert Branson, in the death of his wife, Rosemary Branson

Bill and Betty Alexander, in the death of his brother, A.C. Alexander

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 Ministry info, news, events & more!

WEEKLY SUMMARY

ATTENDANCE, JUN 7, 2009

Sunday Bible Study	3,277
Mission Bible Study	1,003
Weekday Bible Study	1,371
Total Bible Study	5,651
Wednesday Night	379

GIVING, WEEK ENDING JUN 7, 2009

Tithes & Offering	\$346,554
Weekly Requirements	\$293,142
Over/(Under)	\$53,412
Designated Gifts	\$99,985
Over/(Under) for Jun	\$53,412
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD	(\$64,176)

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

be a part of the *Story*

WEEK ENDING JUN 7, 2009

Total Pledged	\$24,457,310
Donations Received	\$63,285
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$11,890,507

WEEKEND WORSHIP

6:14:09

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

THE END TIMES

A N T I C H R I S T

A SERMON SERIES BY GREGG MATTE



HOUSTON'S FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



MEET THE PASTOR



GREGG MATTE

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

Our church is a place where we gather our hearts, grow our souls and give our lives. The content of this worship guide provides just a few of the many ways for you to do just that – gather, grow and give. This week, there are two great opportunities for

the entire church to gather for fellowship and worship.

On Wednesday, every member of your family will enjoy A Midsummer Night's Thing. Children and students will have a blast with their friends while men and women will connect with people of all ages from throughout the church. This Saturday, Houston's First will gather for a Night of Worship – a casual evening of prayer and contemporary music as we bring God our hearts and praise.

Details about each of these evenings can be found under the "Gather Our Hearts" section below. If you're able to come to either gathering, why not invite a friend to join you? Both nights will provide your friend with a great introduction to Houston's First!

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 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.

LATEST NEWS & UPDATES

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 today at New & Prospective Member Orientation! Choose either lunch at noon (Fellowship Center) or light snacks at 5 pm (Connection Center). Walk-ins welcome! **CONTACT** malcolm.marshall@HoustonFirst.org, 713.335.6453.

"THE END TIMES: ANTICHRIST" CD GIFT SETS

Pastor Gregg's three-part "The End Times: Antichrist" 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!



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 outside the Worship Center entrances. Or, you may complete an online version of the card at HoustonFirst.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

A Midsummer Night's Thing is a one-night, fun-for-all event at Houston's First with something for every member of the family! No registration is required! See today's worship guide insert to discover what's in store for preschoolers, children, students, men and women. **COST** Free to attend, but bring \$6 for burgers or hot dogs, chips and drink! **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 prayer and contemporary music on June 20. This casual gather-

ing 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 Wed, Jun 17, at HoustonFirst.org (Events). **CONTACT** dean-na.wilks@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.5881.

GROW our souls >>

CHURCHWIDE

HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

Wed, Jun 17 @ 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.



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 or call Jim & Wanda Jean. **COST** \$4,190 per person. **CONTACT** Jim & Wanda Jean Hickey, jhickey3@comcast.net, 281.496.1525 or 713.817.8157.

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

• DivorceCare

Wed, Jun 17 @ 7-8:30 pm – Rm 265 (meets weekly)

• First H.O.P.E. Job Ministry

Thu, Jun 18 @ 10 am-noon – Rm 602

• GriefShare

Thu, Jun 18 @ 7-8:30 pm – Rm 143

KINGDOM KIDS' MINISTRIES

"LIVE OUT LOUD" CHILDREN'S CAMP

Jun 24-27 – Camp Tejas, Giddings, TX

At camp, kids will discover that the book of James 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 HoustonFirst.org or in the Main Foyer. **CONTACT** mia.anderson@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7621.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

SUMMER BIBLE STUDIES

Various Dates & Times

Although Summer is usually spent reading a book by the side of the pool, why not spend these months in a women's Bible study? Four studies kick-off this week, and one just got started! **VISIT** HoustonFirst.org/Women for details. **CONTACT** jessica.villalpando@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7642.

WORSHIP MINISTRY

NEW TO PHOTOGRAPHY: DIGITAL BASICS

Wed, Jun 24 @ 6:45-9 pm - Rm 259

Professional photographer Jack Potts leads this free class covering camera basics, where to take photos, composition, and more. The class is offered by IMAGO, a ministry of Houston's First that engages artists and the arts for the glory of God. Registration not required. **CONTACT** dean-na.wilks@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.5881.

GIVE our lives >>>

CHURCHWIDE

HOUSTON PROJECT

Jul 12-16 @ evenings

Kick-Off Site Meetings take place today @ 2 pm – see the back of this worship guide for details! Got questions? Visit with Houston Project volunteers today in the Main Foyer.

COMMUNICATIONS

WELCOME TEAM INFORMATION SESSION

Wed, Jun 24 @ 6:30-7:30 pm – Garden Rm

Help Houston's First make a great "First impression" as a Welcome Team volunteer! At this session, learn about the four areas to serve – parking attendants, greeters, Welcome Center staff and ushers. Volunteers are needed as we prepare for the new Sunday schedule beginning August 23! No commitment necessary – just come and learn! **CONTACT** steven.murray@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.5890.

MISSIONS

2009 MISSION TRIPS

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

- Houston Project (Churchwide): Jul 12-16 (evenings)
- Cuba (Oasis): Jul 26-Aug 1
- Cuba (Univida): Aug 22-29
- Philippines (Evangelism): Sep 23-Oct 5
- Granada, Spain: Oct 7-19
- Info Mtg, Jun 28 @ 12-12:30 pm – Rm 145
- Acuna, Mexico (Deacons – Construction): Oct 15-18

VOLUNTEER

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

CONNECTION CENTER TEAM

Prayer, Missions & Connection Center

CONTACT jerrell.altic@HoustonFirst.org; 713.335.6450

PRODUCTION TEAM - Music/Worship

CONTACT brad.duryea@HoustonFirst.org; 713.957.6740

HOMEBOUND CARE TEAM - Pastoral Care

CONTACT kelly.laughlin@HoustonFirst.org; 713.957.6762

HFBC PRAYER MINISTRY TEAM

Prayer, Missions & Connection Center

CONTACT becky.parker@HoustonFirst.org; 713.957.5866

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 HoustonFirst.org (Prayer > Foundation of Prayer).