

## 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.

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### 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



### SUMMER RUSH

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:

#### 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



### HOUSTON PROJECT MINISTRY SITE MEETINGS

Wed, Jul 8 @ 7 pm - Various rooms

As the Houston Project nears, plan now to attend this meeting with leaders and volunteers from your ministry site - and get your Houston Project t-shirt, too! Meetings take place at Houston's First, with exact room assignments announced soon and posted that evening. **CONTACT** becky.parker@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.5866.

### DECISIONS JUN 21, 2009

#### SALVATION IN CHRIST

Jeffrey Smith  
**BAPTIZED**  
 Blake Brown Jaxon Draper

#### FOR BAPTISM

Janine Campbell  
 Charlotte Hudson Kayla Schneeweiss  
 Patricia Jennings Christen Sistrunk

#### BY STATEMENT

Damen Sistrunk Sr

#### BIRTHS

Jeremy and Julia Lawrence in the birth of their daughter, Audrey Belle Lawrence

Chris and Melanie Skolaut in the birth of their son, Grayson Conner Skolaut

#### SYMPATHIES

Malcolm (Deacon) and Becky Morris in the death of her brother, JC Simmons

Family and Friends of Elaine Faulkner

#### RESOURCE CENTER

**SLOAN MEMORIAL LIBRARY**  
 The Resource Center will be closed July 1 to August 22 for remodeling. During this time resources can be purchased in the Main Foyer on Sundays (8:30 am-12:30 pm & 6-6:30 pm and 30 minutes after the 6:30 pm service). Library books may be kept during the closure or returned in the book drop outside the Resource Center.

#### LISTENING DEVICES

Assisted listening devices are available for hearing impaired worshippers during all three services. Visit the Sloan Memorial Library to borrow a device free of charge!

**SERMONS ON CD**  
**Sloan Memorial Library**  
 Available before & after services.

**HOUSTONSFIRST.ORG**  
**Open 24/7/365**  
 Ministry info, news, events & more!

#### WEEKLY SUMMARY

##### ATTENDANCE, JUN 21, 2009

Sunday Bible Study	2,979
Mission Bible Study	1,012
Weekday Bible Study	843
<b>Total Bible Study</b>	<b>4,834</b>
Wednesday Night	1,307

##### GIVING, WEEK ENDING JUN 21, 2009

Tithes & Offering	\$277,949
Weekly Requirements	\$293,142
Over/(Under)	(\$15,193)
Designated Gifts	\$31,837
Over/(Under) for Jun	(\$30,875)
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD	(\$146,322)

#### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

be a part of the *Story*

**WEEK ENDING JUN 21, 2009**

Total Pledged	\$24,457,310
Donations Received	\$38,950
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$12,014,287</b>

## weekend WORSHIP

June 28, 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

713.681.8000 . HoustonsFirst.org . 7401 katy freeway . houston tx 77024



PRAY TO FIND YOUR WAY  
 A MESSAGE SERIES BY GREGG MATTE



Pastor Gregg Matte

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

I invite you to come forward at the conclusion of the worship service, especially if you're visiting for the first time. It would be my pleasure to welcome you in person! Also, I encourage you to visit the Welcome

Center in the Main Foyer or the Christian Life Center Lobby. Welcome Team members are ready to answer your questions and help you find a Bible study to attend. They'll also help you find your way around the campus.

Finally, during your time with us today, I pray that you would not be impressed by our church's size, facilities or anything we have to offer. Rather, my desire is that you would be impacted by the very real presence of God in this place—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](http://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](mailto:firstname.lastname@HoustonFirst.org).

**LATEST NEWS & UPDATES**  
**WORSHIP CENTER BIBLES**  
A designated fund has been established to cover the ongoing costs of providing Bibles in the Worship Center seatbacks. One Bible can be provided for a donation of just \$5. Contact Mary Roberts ([mary.roberts@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:mary.roberts@HoustonFirst.org), 713.957.5804) to make a donation in any amount, or indicate "Worship Center Bibles" in the memo line of your check or on your giving envelope and place it in the offering plate.

**GATHER our hearts >**

**CHURCHWIDE**  
**CINDY PITTS' RECEPTION**  
**Sun, Jul 5 @ 9-9:30 am, 10:15-10:45 am – Rm 500**  
Cindy Pitts, Minister to Children, is resigning on June 30 after celebrating 25 years of ministry at Houston's First. Drop by this come-and-go reception and thank Cindy for her service to our church and God's kingdom.

**CHILDREN**  
**HIGH 5 MUSIC CAMP**  
**Jul 20-24 @ 9 am-noon - Houston's First**  
Children who have completed Kindergarten-4th grade will love this upbeat, noisy and STOMP-endous week! We'll spend our time each day getting ready for our big performance on Fri, Jul 24, @ 7 pm in the Worship Center. Go ahead and invite your friends



and family to the show! **COST** \$25 per child. **REGISTER** at [HoustonFirst.org/Events](http://HoustonFirst.org/Events). **CONTACT** [cassi.odom@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:cassi.odom@HoustonFirst.org), 713.957.7626.

**HUB STUDENT MINISTRY**  
**CAMP REFLECTIONS & MISSIONS COMMISSIONING**  
**Wed, Jul 1 @ 6:30-8:30 pm – Chapel**  
While Middle School and High School students take a look back at camp, they'll look forward to what God will do through those serving on mission trips this summer. Parents are encouraged to attend, as well! **CONTACT** [susan.newman@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:susan.newman@HoustonFirst.org), 713.957.7631.

**HUB FAMILY DAY AT THE ASTROS**  
**Wed, Jul 8 @ 1:05 pm – Minute Maid Park**  
Watch the Astros take on the Pirates! Cost includes a ticket, a hot dog and a drink. **COST** \$10 per person. **TICKETS** Stop by or call the HUB Student Ministry offices. **CONTACT** [susan.newman@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:susan.newman@HoustonFirst.org), 713.957.7631.

**SUMMIT & FUSION MINISTRIES**  
**METRO LIVE 2009**  
**Thursdays @ 7:30 pm – Worship Center**  
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 has a local and global missional focus, 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](mailto:dana.moya@HoustonFirst.org), 713.957.7671.

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY**  
**LIVING PROOF LIVE SIMULCAST**  
**Aug 28-29 – Worship Center**  
Beth Moore is bringing Living Proof Live to her hometown of Green Bay, WI. Thanks to simulcast technology, she'll be

here at Houston's First, too. Soul-stirring worship led by Travis Cottrell, life-changing teaching from Beth—right here, in real time. **COST** \$10 thru Aug 17. **TICKETS** available at [HoustonFirst.org/Events](http://HoustonFirst.org/Events). **CONTACT** [jessica.villalpando@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:jessica.villalpando@HoustonFirst.org), 713.957.7642.

**GROW our souls >>**

**CHURCHWIDE**  
**HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY**  
**Wed, Jul 1 @ 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](mailto:diane.bagby@HoustonFirst.org), 713.957.6781.

**HOLY LAND TOUR**  
**INFORMATION MEETING**  
**Sun, Jul 12 @ 4-5 pm – Garden Rm**  
Come learn about this fascinating trip to the Holy Land, Oct 29-Nov 10, 2009! Ministries Pastor Jason Swiggart and Jim & Wanda Jean Hickey will provide an overview of the journey and answer your questions. Pick up a brochure in the Main Foyer or visit [HoustonFirst.org/Events](http://HoustonFirst.org/Events) for details about the trip. **CONTACT** Jim & Wanda Jean Hickey, [jhickey3@comcast.net](mailto:jhickey3@comcast.net), 281.496.1525 or 713.817.8157.

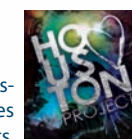
**MILESTONES**  
Equipping you for the milestones of life! Pick up a brochure or visit [HoustonFirst.org](http://HoustonFirst.org) for details. Here's what's coming up soon:  
**Adulthood: Faith Overcoming Loss**  
• **DivorceCare**  
Wed, Jul 1 @ 7-8:30 pm – Rm 265 (meets weekly)  
• **GriefShare**  
Thu, Jul 2 @ 7-8:30 pm – Rm 143



**WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY**  
**Wednesdays @ 7-8 pm – Garden Rm**  
Now through Aug 12, this Bible study provides a time in the middle of your week to explore God's Word with others. Taught by Houston's First staff members: Lee Hsia (Jul 1 & 8), Rick Jones (Jul 22), and John Young (Aug 5 & 12). No class on Jul 15 or 29. **CONTACT** [candie.gonzales@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:candie.gonzales@HoustonFirst.org), 713.957.7651.

**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, evangelism and more. Got questions? Visit with Houston Project volunteers today in the Main Foyer. **REGISTER** at [HoustonProject.org](http://HoustonProject.org) or in the Main Foyer today. **CONTACT** [becky.parker@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:becky.parker@HoustonFirst.org), 713.957.5866.



**SPECIAL NEED: CONSTRUCTION PROJECT**  
During the Houston Project, put your hands to use at Long Point Baptist Church! A special construction project at this ministry site needs volunteers to get the job done. **CONTACT** Bill Neighbors, [bneigh47@comcast.net](mailto:bneigh47@comcast.net), 713.899.1928.

**MISSIONS**  
**2009 MISSION TRIPS**  
Visit [HoustonFirst.org/Missions](http://HoustonFirst.org/Missions) to sign up for these upcoming trips:  
• Houston Project (Churchwide): Jul 12-16 (evenings)  
• Cuba (Oasis): Jul 26-Aug 2  
• Cuba (Univida): Aug 22-29  
- Info Mtg, today @ 12 pm & 4 pm – Rm 259

- Philippines (Evangelism): Sep 23-Oct 5
- Granada, Spain: Oct 7-19
- Info Mtg, today @ 12 pm – Rm 145
- Acuna, Mexico (Deacons – Construction): Oct 15 – 18

**VOLUNTEER**  
Visit [HoustonFirst.org](http://HoustonFirst.org) for details about the following opportunities and nearly 100 ways you can serve the Lord.  
**HFBC PRAYER MINISTRY TEAM**  
**Prayer, Missions & Connection Center**  
**CONTACT** [becky.parker@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:becky.parker@HoustonFirst.org); 713.957.5866  
**PRODUCTION TEAM - Music/Worship**  
**CONTACT** [brad.duryea@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:brad.duryea@HoustonFirst.org); 713.957.6740  
**FOOD PANTRY TEAM - The Faith Center**  
**CONTACT** [claudia.reyes@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:claudia.reyes@HoustonFirst.org); 713.554.8800  
**FITNESS & RECREATION VOLUNTEERS - Recreation**  
**CONTACT** [jerrell.altic@HoustonFirst.org](mailto: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**

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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](http://HoustonFirst.org/Prayer).

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