

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

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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
1 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/Students for details. Here's what's coming up soon:

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



HOUSTON PROJECT
FINAL MINISTRY SITE MEETINGS
Wed, Jul 8 @ 7 pm – Various Rms
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 this Wednesday. Refer to signage that evening for your site's meeting room. **CONTACT** becky.parker@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.5866.

DECISIONS JUN 28, 2009

BAPTIZED

Jalan Dixon	Celeste Smith
Caitlin McClanahan	Ryan Spadt
Haley Payne	Emily Tang
Sophia Romo	Kaitlin Wilson

FOR BAPTISM

Sarah Chow	Brooklyn Moore
Carlin Moore	Sandra Sierra

FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS

Jacky Baker	Greg Lee
Chris Boerger	Cyndy Phillips
Leah Gronewold	Peter Pincoffs
DJ Hogwood	Ignacio Rodriguez
Chelsea Lee	

BY STATEMENT


Victor Bazaldua	Karina Solorio
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BIRTHS
Jason and Stephanie George in the birth of their son, Hudson Gray George

Jeff and Sarah Wright in the birth of their daughter, Grace Elizabeth Wright
Brother: Garrett Wright

SYMPATHIES
JD (Deacon) and Ruth Hunter in the death of his brother, Stayton Hunter

Family and Friends of Carl Schultz (Deacon)

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

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.

 **SERMONS ON CD**
Available before & after services.

WEEKLY SUMMARY
ATTENDANCE, JUN 28, 2009

Sunday Bible Study	3,056
Mission Bible Study	1,001
Weekday Bible Study	1,017
Total Bible Study	5,074
Wednesday Night	606

GIVING, WEEK ENDING JUN 28, 2009

Tithes & Offering	\$208,329
Weekly Requirements	\$293,142
Over/(Under)	(\$84,813)
Designated Gifts	\$26,113
Over/(Under) for Jun	(\$115,688)
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD	(\$231,340)

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

 be a part of the *Story*

WEEK ENDING JUN 28, 2009

Total Pledged	\$24,457,310
Donations Received	\$35,783
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$12,050,070

weekend
WORSHIP

July 5, 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

FREEDOM SUNDAY
JULY FIFTH





Pastor Gregg Matte

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

This weekend, our nation celebrates the 233rd anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. That day in 1776 brought us one step closer to the freedoms we cherish as Americans and that we exercise here at Houston's

First today – freedom to assemble, freedom of speech, freedom to worship.

However, our earthly freedoms pale in comparison to the freedom found in Jesus Christ. In Him, we have freedom from death itself. Could this be the day you declare your dependence on Christ?

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 finding freedom in Christ, being baptized, or joining our church – a relevant biblical community!

In Him, *Pastor Gregg Matte*

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.

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

LATEST NEWS & UPDATES
DEACONS MEETINGS & CHURCH CONFERENCE
Due to the holiday weekend, the monthly Deacons meetings and church conference will not be held today. The meetings will resume on Sunday, August 2.

LORD'S SUPPER
The Lord's Supper will be observed in all three worship services next Sunday, July 12. When the Lord's Supper is observed at Houston's First, a special benevolence offering for the needy is taken at the conclusion of the service as we exit the Worship Center.

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, 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
Today @ 9-9:30 am, 10:15-10:45 am – Rm 500
Cindy Pitts, Minister to Children, resigned 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!

PRESCHOOL KINDERCAMP
Tue, Jul 7 @ 9 am-2 pm
Children entering Kindergarten or 1st Grade this Fall will enjoy a day of fun discovering the greatest Super Hero ever! (Can't make this one? Plan on joining us on Jul 30!) **COST** \$10 per child. **REGISTER** at HoustonFirst.org/Events. **CONTACT** preschool.admin@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7611.

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. **CONTACT** cassi.odom@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7626.



HUB STUDENT MINISTRY
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, 713.957.7631.

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. **CONTACT** jessica.villalpando@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7642.

GROW our souls >>

CHURCHWIDE
HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY
Wed, Jul 8 @ 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 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 for details about the trip. **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, Jul 8 @ 7-8:30 pm – Rm 265 (meets weekly)
- **GriefShare**
Thu, Jul 9 @ 7-8:30 pm – Rm 143 (meets weekly in July)
- 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 8), Rick Jones (Jul 22), and John Young (Aug 5 & 12). No class on Jul 15 or 29. **CONTACT** 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 or in the Main Foyer today. **CONTACT** 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, 713.899.1928.

- MISSIONS**
2009 MISSION TRIPS
Visit HoustonFirst.org/Missions to sign up for these upcoming trips:
- Houston Project (Churchwide): Jul 12-16 (evenings)
 - Cuba (Univida): Aug 22-29
- Info Mtg, today @ 12 pm & 7:45 pm – Rm 145
 - Acuna, Mexico: Sep 17-20
 - Philippines (Evangelism): Sep 23-Oct 5
 - Nizhnyi Novgorod, Russia (Orphanage): Oct 5-17
 - Granada, Spain: Oct 7-19
 - Hawaii (Age 40+): Oct 13-20
 - Acuna, Mexico (Deacons–Construction): Oct 15-18

- Torino, Italy: Oct 16-25
- Nasir, Sudan: Oct 21-Nov 5

PASTORAL CARE
CANHOPE WITH TRAVIS HERZOG
Mon, Jul 20 @ 7-9 pm – Reception Rm
Channel 13 meteorologist and Houston's First member Travis Herzog will present a message of hope called "Weathering The Storms Of Life" at this gathering for those impacted by cancer and their families. An entree for the meal is provided; please bring a side dish. Everyone is invited. **CONTACT** linda.askin@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.6761.

VOLUNTEER
Visit HoustonFirst.org for details about the following opportunities and nearly 100 ways you can serve the Lord.
SPECIAL EVENTS TEAM - Ministries
CONTACT candie.gonzales@HoustonFirst.org; 713.957.7651

HFBC PRAYER MINISTRY TEAM
Prayer, Missions & Connection Center
CONTACT becky.parker@HoustonFirst.org; 713.957.5866
FARM & RANCH VOLUNTEER TEAM - Hunt Retreat
CONTACT bill.murrell@HoustonFirst.org; 713.303.6374

CONNECTION CENTER TEAM
Prayer, Missions & Connection Center
CONTACT jerrell.altic@HoustonFirst.org; 713.335.6450
ADULT YOUTH LEADERS - The HUB Student Ministry
CONTACT doug.bischoff@HoustonFirst.org; 713.957.7630

FIRST BAPTIST ACADEMY
FBA has limited openings in the Lower School and Middle School for the '09-'10 school year. Financial aid is available for qualified applicants on a limited basis. **CONTACT** Allison Smith, Director of Admissions, allison.smith@HFBA.org, 713. 290.2522.

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.

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