

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
- 2 Rehearsal Hall
 - 1 Rooms 143 & 145
 - 3 Rooms 330-336
 - 1 Welcome Center
 - 1 Worship Center
 - 2 Worship Ministry

- B**
 - 3 The Clubhouse
 - 6 Counseling Center
 - 1 FBA Primary School
 - 1 Pastoral Care
 - 2 Preschool Ministry
- 1 Rooms 100-123
 - 2 Rooms 200-221
 - 3 Rooms 301-329
 - 4 Children's Ministry
 - 5 Children's Ministry

- C**
 - 1 First Baptist Academy
 - 1 FBA Library
- 1 Oasis Room

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

● Welcome Centers *Numbers next to location indicate floor level



DECISIONS JUL 19, 2009

SALVATION IN CHRIST

BAPTIZED

- Lilly An

Joey Cessac

Blake Kelting

Josh Meeh

Teresa Monico
- Melissa Pladsri

David Saxe

Brandon Smith

Erin Tongoun

FOR BAPTISM

- Lindsay Alleman

Thomas Alleman

Andrea Butler

Abigail Davis
- Amy Lampi

Ben Raia

Marianna Raia

Zachariah Young

FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS

- Ashley Brewster

Allison Fox

Andrew Fox

PJ Lampi

Sara Merkle
- Lee Owen

Shannon Owen

Holly Ramsey

Robert Ramsey

BY STATEMENT

- Daisy Takaoka

Randi Takaoka
- Randy Takaoka

RESOURCE CENTER

SLOAN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The Resource Center is closed until Aug 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.

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!

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:

AUG

- 5** HS Safari Night / MS Ignition Night
- 7/8** RUSHAPALOOSA
- 12** NO Amp or Wired
- 19** Fall Amp/Wired Preview
- 26** MS Wired (6:15-7:45 pm)
- HS Amp (7-8:30 pm)
- 30** 6th Grade Ball

BIRTHS

Loren and Laura Jackson in the birth of their daughter, Bella Elizabeth Jackson

John-Paul and Caroline Stephens in the birth of their son, Jonathan David Stephens

Kris and Sara Oliver in the birth of the daughter, Emily Siblings: Camryn and Ethan

Kyle and Alissa Franklin in the adoption of their daughter, Aimee Sophia Franklin
Grandparents: Jason and Sondra Franklin; Grandfather: Sammy Johnson
Aunt: Melissa Franklin



SYMPATHIES

Louise Hall in the death of her husband, Walter Hall Son: Keith and his wife, Jennifer Hall Grandchildren: Kreg, Kurt, Kayla and Kevin Hall

Richard and Jennifer Farmer in the death of her grandmother, Mary Lary Great-grandchildren: Emery and Zachary Farmer

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WEEKLY SUMMARY

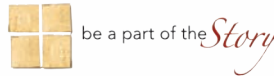
ATTENDANCE, JUL 19, 2009

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|--------------------------|--------------|
| Sunday Bible Study | 3,061 |
| Mission Bible Study | 1,120 |
| Weekday Bible Study | 883 |
| Total Bible Study | 5,064 |
| Wednesday Night | 259 |

GIVING, WEEK ENDING JUL 19, 2009

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|-------------------------|------------|
| Tithes & Offering | \$269,093 |
| Weekly Requirements | \$293,142 |
| Over/(Under) | (\$24,049) |
| Designated Gifts | \$27,639 |
| Over/(Under) for Jul | (\$77,856) |
| Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD | (\$79,191) |

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



WEEK ENDING JUL 19, 2009

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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Total Pledged | \$24,457,310 |
| Donations Received | \$50,103 |
| TOTAL RECEIVED | \$12,232,251 |

weekend WORSHIP

July 26, 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



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the great fish tale

a message series from *jonah*, by
David Self, Afshin Ziafat & Steve Knox



Pastor Gregg Matte

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

Today, Executive Pastor David Self (9:10 am & 10:45 am) and College Minister Steve Knox (6:30 pm) begin a four-part series on the book of Jonah. Though just 48 verses in length, this story is rich with relevance to our lives today. David will continue our study next week, and Afshin Ziafat will conclude the book on Aug 9 and 16.


On Aug 23, I will return from my annual sabbatical – a time for me to be refreshed and to plan for the year ahead. That's also the day our new Sunday morning schedule begins. Watch for details in the weeks ahead about how we're making room for ONE MORE space to park, space to grow and space to worship.

I invite you to come forward at the conclusion of the worship service. 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

NEED TO CONTACT US?
To contact HFBC staff, call the church at 713.681.8000 (M-F 8-4:30 pm) or email firstname.lastname@HoustonsFirst.org.

HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?
Share your requests the following ways and we'll add them to our online prayer database!
• Click "Find Help" at HoustonsFirst.org
• Text "PRAYFIRST [your name and requests]" to 41411
• Call our Prayerline at 713.335.6456
• Complete the attached "How Can We Help?" card
• Visit the Prayer, Missions & Connection Center

CELEBRATING FIVE!
 On Aug 30, we'll present Pastor Gregg with letters of thanks as we celebrate his first five years at Houston's First! Written on special "Celebrating Five!" stationery, our letters will be compiled into a book for him and his family to enjoy. Pick up stationery outside each Worship Center door or in the Main Foyer, or download and print stationery at HoustonsFirst.org/Events. Letters can be placed in the collection boxes at each Worship Center entrance, as well. You can also submit your words of thanks online at HoustonsFirst.org and we'll print them off for you. Please turn in your letters by Sun, Aug 16! **CONTACT** steven.murray@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.5890.

GATHER our hearts >
CHURCHWIDE
ANOTHER MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S THING
Wed, Jul 29 @ 4:45-8:30 pm
This one-night, fun-for-all event has something for every member of the family! No registration is required, and it's free to attend! If you plan on eating, bring \$6 per person for a burger or hot dog, chips and a drink. Dinner served from 4:45-6:30 pm, ministry events from 6:30-8:30 pm. Visit HoustonsFirst.org/Events for details. **CONTACT** candie.gonzales@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7651.

PRESCHOOL KINDERCAMP
Thu, Jul 30 @ 9 am-2 pm – Houston's First
Children age 4 through those who have completed Kindergarten will enjoy a day of fun as we explore Super Heroes of the Bible! Bring a lunch, but no peanut products, please! **COST** \$10 per child. **REGISTER** at HoustonsFirst.org/Events. **CONTACT** preschool.admin@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7611.

HUB STUDENT MINISTRY RUSHAPALOOSA
Aug 7-8 @ 8 pm-8 am – Houston's First
What's the best way to end your summer? At Rushapaloosa, of course! Middle School and High School students will have a blast during 12 hours of games, food and fun. It's NOT a lock-in. You won't have time to sleep! Registration not required. **COST** \$45 per student. **CONTACT** susan.newman@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7631.

FUSION MINISTRIES PARENTS' NIGHT OUT
Fri, Aug 7 @ 6-10 pm – Houston's First
At Parents' Night Out, the Preschool Ministry and Recreation Ministry take care of the kids while parents enjoy a romantic date night, go out with friends, enjoy an activity with your Bible study class—or just do something fun without the kids! **COST** 1 child \$10, 2 children \$15, 3 children \$20, 4+ children \$25. **REGISTER** by Aug 2 at HoustonsFirst.org. **CONTACT** christen.barrios@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7681.

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 HoustonsFirst.org/Events. **CONTACT** jessica.villalpando@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7642.

GROW our souls >>

CHURCHWIDE HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY
Wed, Jul 29 @ 11:30 am – 1010 Lamar (lower level)
Jerrell Altic 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, 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. Visit HoustonsFirst.org/Events for details. **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 HoustonsFirst.org for details. Here's what's coming up soon:

Adulthood: Faith Overcoming Loss
DivorceCare
Wed, Jul 29 @ 7-8:30 pm – Rm 265 (meets weekly)
GriefShare
Thu, Jul 30 @ 7-8:30 pm – Rm 143 (meets weekly in Jul)
First H.O.P.E. Job Ministry
Sat, Aug 1 @ 9 am-noon – Rm 602

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: John Young (Aug 5 & 12). No class on Jul 29. **CONTACT** candie.gonzales@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7651.

PRESCHOOL MINISTRY MINISTRY CHILDCARE (MOTHER'S DAY OUT)
Registration for Fall 2009 Ministry Childcare (Mother's Day Out) is still underway! This program provides childcare for those participating in weekday Bible studies or ministries, or who just need time away from the kids! Visit the Main Foyer to register or go to HoustonsFirst.org/Events. **CONTACT** preschool.admin@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7619 or 713.957.7614.


GIVE our lives >>>

MISSIONS 2009 MISSION TRIPS
Visit HoustonsFirst.org/Missions to sign up for these upcoming trips:
• Cuba (Univida): Aug 22-29
• Acuna, Mexico (Open): Sep 17-20
• Philippines (Evangelism): Sep 23-Oct 5
• Nizhniy 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

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

BAPTISM TEAM - Prayer, Missions & Connection Center
CONTACT malcolm.marshall@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.335.6453
WHAT AN EVENT! - Special Events
CONTACT jacque.killingsworth@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.957.5843
FOOD PANTRY TEAM - The Faith Center
CONTACT claudia.reyes@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.554.8800
THE DOTTED LINE REGISTRATION TEAM
Women's Ministry
CONTACT carolyn.oneal@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.957.7640
K.I.L.N. - KEEP IT LIKE NEW - Facilities
CONTACT ricky.robinson@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.957.5830

WORSHIP
LET THE WORSHIPERS ARISE!
Wed, Aug 5 @ 7-8:30 pm – Rehearsal Hall
The Choir for the 9:10 am service kicks off the new semester on Aug 5 and they want you to be there! It's an opportunity to serve, free childcare is available, and there aren't any auditions – so what's stopping you? Come see what being in the Choir is all about! **CONTACT** john.bolin@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.5887.



FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Nearly 1,200 people are fed each month through the Food Pantry at HFBC's Faith Center. On the first Sunday of each month, food donations are collected here at Houston's First to support this vital ministry. Bring non-perishable items next Sun, Aug 2, and leave them on collection tables in the CLC Lobby, the South Tower elevator lobby, or outside the Garden Room. **CONTACT** 713.554.8801.

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/Prayer.

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

HOW CAN WE HELP? (turn over)