

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



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 for you. Please turn in your letters by Sun, Aug 16! **CONTACT** steven.murray@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.5890.

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

- 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

DECISIONS JUL 26, 2009

SALVATION IN CHRIST
Stephanie Barajas Tom Holt
Nathan Cuttell Kevin Waterman
BAPTIZED
Emma Bradley Carlin Moore
Austin Drake Austin Parker
Joel Drake Adam Sanders
Brooklyn Moore Britt Williams
FOR BAPTISM
Gloria Barajas Lindsey Walker
FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS
Tiffany Kwan Jerry Rains
Matthew Lim Lydia Rains
Alyssa Maness Madison Rains
Cameron Maness Kimberly Ulman
Jonathan Pfeiffer

BIRTHS

Jason and Jean Borzik in the birth of their daughter, Jadienn Lauren Borzik
Rob and Brandi Crawford in the birth of their daughter, Noelle Elizabeth Crawford
Siblings: Brianna and Chelsea
Brad and Mae Matejcek in the birth of their son, Adam Matejcek
Sister: Brianna;
Grandparents: Paul and Janet Sanders

SYMPATHIES

Mo and Katie Carney in the death of his father, Jim Carney
Bob and Lela Newsom in the death of her father, Dr. Faber McMullen
Granddaughter: Kelly Newsom
Heather Roughton, in the death of her husband, SPC Andrew Roughton
Mother-in-law: Rhonda Martinelli; Sister-in-law: Valerie Poley; Nephew: Charles Martin

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.

WEEKLY SUMMARY

ATTENDANCE, JUL 26, 2009	
Sunday Bible Study	2,936
Mission Bible Study	1,138
Weekday Bible Study	231
Total Bible Study	4,305
Wednesday Night	1,030

GIVING, WEEK ENDING JUL 26, 2009

Tithes & Offering	\$257,042
Weekly Requirements	\$293,142
Over/(Under)	(\$36,100)
Designated Gifts	\$15,286
Over/(Under) for Jul	(\$113,956)
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD	(\$113,956)

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

be a part of the *Story*

WEEK ENDING JUL 26, 2009	
Total Pledged	\$24,457,310
Donations Received	\$52,020
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$12,284,271

weekend
WORSHIP

August 2, 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



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BAPTIST CHURCH



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Celebrating Five!

Celebrating Pastor Gregg's first five years at Houston's First.



Submit your words of appreciation by Aug 16.



Pastor Gregg Matte



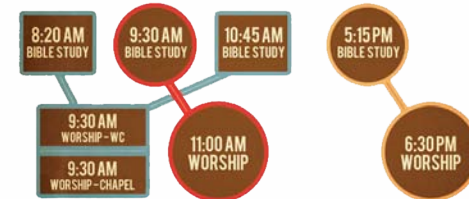
DEAR CHURCH FAMILY & GUESTS,
Welcome to Houston's First! We're glad you're worshipping here today.

Today, Executive Pastor David Self continues 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. Afshin Ziafat will continue our study of "the great fish tale" on Aug 9 and 16.

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

NEW SCHEDULE BEGINS AUG 23.

To create more space for people to park, to grow and to worship, a new Sunday morning schedule takes effect on Aug 23. By making some simple changes, you will create space for **ONE MORE** individual or family at Houston's First, and alleviate much of the stress on our growth.



How can you make room for **ONE MORE** at Houston's First with the new schedule?

- Attend Bible study at the new 8:20 am hour and the 9:30 am worship service (either in the Worship Center or the Chapel)
- Attend the 5:15 pm Bible study hour and the 6:30 pm worship service
- Park off site on Sunday mornings – regardless of which schedule you follow

Visit HoustonsFirst.org/Events for additional details and FAQs about our plans to make room for **ONE MORE**!

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. Anybody may attend, but only individuals who are members of HFBC may vote.

GATHER our hearts >

HUB STUDENT MINISTRY

MS IGNITION NIGHT

Wed, Aug 5 @ 6:30-8:30 pm – CLC

Middle School students will gather for wild and wacky games! Meet in Rm 364 before we head down to the CLC. Bring \$3 for Chick-Fil-A served at 6:30 pm on the 3rd floor. **CONTACT** susan.newman@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7631.

HS SAFARI NIGHT

Wed, Aug 5 @ 6:30-8:30 pm – 3rd Floor

High School students will have an adventurous night of survival games. Dress for the safari – whatever that means to you! Bring \$3 for Chick-Fil-A served at 6:30 pm on the 3rd floor. **CONTACT** susan.newman@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7631.

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 today 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, Aug 5 @ 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, 713.957.6781.

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, Aug 5 @ 7-8:30 pm – Rm 265 (meets weekly)

• GriefShare

Thu, Aug 6 @ 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: John Young (Aug 5 & 12). **CONTACT** candie.gonzales@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7651.

COUNSELING CENTER

MEN OF INTEGRITY

Begins Thu, Aug 27 @ 5:30-7 pm – Rm 600

This is a new group for men struggling with sexual purity. Over 15 weeks, participants will use Facing the Shadows by Patrick Carnes and will have required work outside of the weekly meetings. **REGISTER** Schedule a pre-screening session with Greg Curnutte by Mon, Aug 24. **COST** \$40 per week. **CONTACT** greg.curnutte@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.335.6465.

GIVE our lives >>>

MISSIONS

MISSIONARY U

Missionary U classes begin Sun, Aug 23, and Wed, Aug 26, with offerings such as Spanish, Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts, Chronological Bible Storying and more! **REGISTER** at HoustonsFirst.org/Events. **CONTACT** frank.blackwood@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.5862.

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.

BULLETIN BUDDIES - Adult Enrichment

CONTACT ben.pritchett@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.957.7600

CONNECTION CENTER TEAM

Prayer, Missions & Connection Center

CONTACT jerrell.altic@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.335.6450

BAND OF BROTHERS SPECIAL OPS - Men's Ministry

CONTACT eric.reed@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.957.7680

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER

The Faith Center

CONTACT tracy.collier@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.554.8825

HEART 2 HEART - Preschool & Kindergarten

CONTACT sherry.oradat@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.957.7613

WORSHIP



LET THE WORSHIPPERS 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.

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 HoustonsFirst.org/Prayer.

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