

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 DIRECTORY & PARKING MAP



- 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 |

- B**
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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 | |

- D**
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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



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VOLUNTEER

Visit HoustonsFirst.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@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.335.6450

SHUTTLE GREETERS Systems, Parking

CONTACT andy.rodgers@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.957.5814

HEART 2 HEART Preschool & Kindergarten

CONTACT sherry.oradat@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.957.7613

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

- 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



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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 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.

BIRTHS

Marvin and Melanie McNeese in the birth of their daughter, Lydia Lee McNeese
Brother: Marvin III

Joe and Suzan Parle in the birth of their son, Joseph Dennis Parle Jr.
Sister: Faith Grandparents: Bernard and Joyce Seggerman

SYMPATHIES

Scott and Egla Fullerton in the death of his mother, Paula J. Roye
Grandsons: Elijah and Samuel Fullerton

DECISIONS AUG 2, 2009

BAPTIZED
Roger Bruinsma Alyssa Witte
FOR BAPTISM
Chang Song Matthew Vivion
Meeah Song
FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS
Norma Loera Nancy Manuel
Gary Manuel Rebecca Wilson
BY STATEMENT
Tami Sales

WEEKLY SUMMARY

ATTENDANCE, AUG 2, 2009

Sunday Bible Study	3,069
Mission Bible Study	1,165
Weekday Bible Study	1,058
Total Bible Study	5,292
Wednesday Night	655

GIVING, WEEK ENDING AUG 2, 2009

Tithes & Offering	\$340,423
Weekly Requirements	\$293,142
Over/(Under)	\$47,281
Designated Gifts	\$14,513
Over/(Under) for Aug	\$47,281
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD	(\$70,165)

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

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WEEK ENDING AUG 2, 2009

Total Pledged	\$24,457,310
Donations Received	\$84,144
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$12,368,415

weekend WORSHIP

August 9, 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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get connected at **Houston's First.**





Pastor Gregg Matte

DEAR CHURCH FAMILY & GUESTS,

Welcome to Houston's First! We're glad you're worshipping here today.

Today, guest speaker and Houston's First member Afshin Ziafat 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 will conclude our study of "the great fish

tale" next week on Aug 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. Read below for details 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.

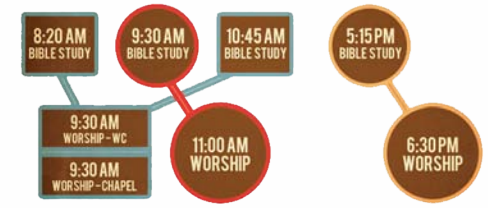
HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

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

NEW SCHEDULE BEGINS AUG 23

To create more space for people to park, to grow and to worship, a new Sunday 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!

OFF SITE PARKING

Guests are the least informed about off site parking options. When they arrive on Sunday mornings and find closed lots on campus, they do not know where else to go. Therefore, our committed and informed members must make room for them by parking at one of several off site locations:

- 300 spaces behind 701 N. Post Oak (walk across South Lot to church)
100 spaces at 710 N. Post Oak (shuttle to church)
250 spaces at 720 N. Post Oak (shuttle to church)
250 spaces at Marq*E (shuttle to church) – Aug 23 & 30 only

Shuttles from 710 & 720 N. Post Oak drop off and pick up at the CLC and Preschool entrances. Temporary shuttles from the Marq*E on Aug 23 & 30 will drop off and pick up at the Garden Room entrance. By parking off site on Sunday mornings, you make room for ONE MORE guest at Houston's First!

Look on the back page of this Worship Guide for a detailed map of parking and updated shuttle route.

GATHER our hearts >

CHURCHWIDE MIDLINK

Begins Wed, Aug 26
There's more to Houston's First than what goes on Sundays! Beginning Aug 26, join the church family on Wednes-



day evenings for MidLink—an evening of food and activities for all ages! Come for MidLink Café from 4:45-6:45 pm, then take advantage of Milestones courses, music rehearsals, kids programs and more! MidLink—connecting the Body from Sunday to Sunday! CONTACT candie.gonzales@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7651.

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

MILESTONES

Milestones is a framework for how HFBC's ministries and programs can better equip members of the body of Christ—from birth to adulthood—to take their unique place as part of a relevant biblical community. It's a tool for taking God's road map—the Bible—and applying its principles of spiritual development to nine seasons of life. Watch your mailbox and HoustonsFirst.org for a catalog about all that Milestones has to offer in Fall 2009!



HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

Wed, Aug 12 @ 11:30 am – 1010 Lamar (lower level)
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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays @ 7-8 pm – Garden Rm
On Aug 12, the Wednesday Night Bible Study wraps up the summer with a lesson from HFBC staff member John Young. Whether you've come every week or this would be your first time, take advantage of this opportunity in the middle of your week to explore God's Word with others. CONTACT candie.gonzales@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7651.



HOLY LAND TOUR

Aug 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.

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.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

A NEW JOURNEY

Begins Sun, Aug 23 @ 8:20 am - Rm 251
Widows can gather with one another as they begin "A New Journey" – a class just for them! Taught by Carol Pierce and Karen Mayer, this new Bible study will use God's Word and fellowship to encourage women during this season of life. CONTACT carolyn.oneal@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7642.

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, Water Well Drilling, Perspectives Exposure 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:

- Acuna, Mexico (Open): Sep 17-20
Philippines (Evangelism): Sep 23-Oct 5
Nizhny Novgorod, Russia (Orphanage): Oct 5-17
Granada, Spain: Oct 7-19
Acuna, Mexico (Deacons – Construction): Oct 15–18
Torino, Italy: Oct 16-25
Nasir, Sudan: Oct 21-Nov 5

VOLUNTEER

PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Volunteers are needed as we prepare for the new schedule! Whether it's holding newborns, teaching kids, or anything in between, there's a role for you to play! CONTACT melinda.scurlock@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7611 (Preschool); rae.edwards@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7622 (Children).

WELCOME TEAM

Parking attendants, greeters, ushers and Welcome Center volunteers are needed to support the new schedule. Join the Welcome Team and help us make a great First impression! CONTACT steven.murray@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.5890.

(More volunteer opportunities cont'd. on back)

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

Blank lines for writing comments

HOW CAN WE HELP? (turn over)

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.