

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](http://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**
- |                      |                    |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| 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           |              |

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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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713.812.0080

**CONNECTION CENTER TEAM - Prayer, Missions & Connection Center**  
**CONTACT** [jerrell.altic@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:jerrell.altic@HoustonsFirst.org); 713.335.6450

**AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING TEAM - The Faith Center**  
**CONTACT** [tracy.collier@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:tracy.collier@HoustonsFirst.org); 713.554.8825

**WORSHIP MINISTRY**  
**THE SINGERS**  
**Begins Wed, Aug 19 @ 7-8:30 pm – RM 143**  
If you love to sing, join the Singers – the worship-leading choir in the 11 am worship service! Childcare is available and no auditions are required. **CONTACT** [roger.cullins@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:roger.cullins@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.957.5881.

**BIRTHS**  
Jason and Chrissy McCorvey in the birth of their son, Caden James McCorvey  
Grandparents: Robert and Helene McCorvey  
Aunt: Natasha Draper  
Uncle: Jace Draper  
Aunt: Chelsea McCorvey

Karl and Annamaria Kuersteiner in the birth of their son, William Michael Kuersteiner  
Sister: Catherine Lee  
Grandparents: Mickey (Deacon) and Maria Macaluso

Matthew and Lori Bisson in the arrival of their son, William Zachary Bisson

Matt and Bethany Schneider in the birth of their daughter, Hannah Kate Schneider

**SYMPATHIES**  
Roy and Nancy Monarch in the death of his mother, Rosemary Monarch  
Shawn Hudson in the death of his grandmother, Mae Dell Hudson  
Cousin: Kenneth Harrell

**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](http://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 and we'll print them off. Please turn in your letters by today! **CONTACT** [steven.murray@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:steven.murray@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.957.5890.

**DECISIONS AUG 9, 2009**  
**SALVATION IN CHRIST**  
Alexia Solis Summer Wrathen  
Jean Solis  
**BAPTIZED**  
Fisher Bruhn Chang Song  
Andrea Butler Meeah Song  
Sarah Chow Stan Thampi  
Daniella Gonzales Jordan Vines  
Yen Le

**FOR BAPTISM**  
Garrett Kobs Claudia Puente  
Laura Kobs Courtney Smith

**FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS**  
Esther Anyanwu Sonia Lee  
Kathryn Eyre Ashley Miehle  
Danielle Gunnels Valerie Palmquist  
Taylor Hall David Skipper

**BY STATEMENT**  
Katherine Page

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

**WEEKLY SUMMARY**  
**ATTENDANCE, AUG 9, 2009**  
Sunday Bible Study 3,192  
Mission Bible Study 1,164  
Weekday Bible Study 544  
**Total Bible Study 4,900**  
Wednesday Night 393

**GIVING, WEEK ENDING AUG 9, 2009**  
Tithes & Offering \$262,838  
Weekly Requirements \$293,142  
Over/(Under) (\$30,304)  
Designated Gifts \$668,164  
Over/(Under) for Aug \$16,977  
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD (\$100,894)

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**  
 be a part of the *Story*

**WEEK ENDING AUG 9, 2009**  
Total Pledged \$24,457,310  
Donations Received \$73,025  
**TOTAL RECEIVED \$12,441,440**

weekend  
WORSHIP

August 16, 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



NEW SUNDAY SCHEDULE BEGINS AUGUST 23



make room for  
**ONE MORE**  
SPACE TO PARK. SPACE TO GROW. SPACE TO WORSHIP.





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 concludes our four-part series on the book of Jonah. Though just 48 verses in length, this story is rich with relevance to our lives today. You can purchase CDs of today's message, as well as the first three messages in the series, in the Main Foyer.

Next week, I return from my 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. And remember, we ask our members who are physically able to please park at one of our off site locations.

Finally, 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](mailto:firstname.lastname@HoustonsFirst.org).

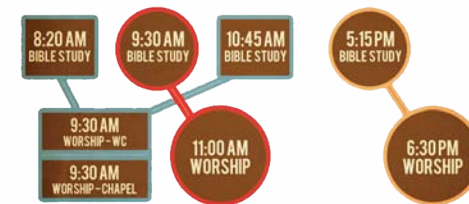
## HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

Share your requests the following ways and we'll add them to our online prayer database!

- Click "Find Help" at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://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](http://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 Wednesday 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! **CONTACT** [candie.gonzales@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:candie.gonzales@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.957.7651.



## HUB STUDENT MINISTRY

### AMP/WIRED PREVIEW NIGHT

Wed, Aug 19

Students will get a taste of what's to come this year on Wednesday evenings in the student ministry! Wired for Middle School students is from 6:15-7:45 pm (Rm 364) and AMP for High School students is from 7-8:30 pm (Rm 363). Dinner available for \$3. **CONTACT** [susan.newman@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:susan.newman@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.957.7631.

## MEN'S MINISTRY

### MEN AT THE CROSS

Fri, Aug 21 @ 6-11 pm - Berry Center

The Men's Ministry encourages men to attend "Men at the Cross"—a revolution that seeks to equip and empower you to "love a man to Jesus until he's ready to love another man to Jesus." Featuring Joe White and Mercy Me. **VISIT** Main Foyer today for info. **COST** \$29 or \$19 for 18 and under. **TICKETS** at [MenAtTheCross.org](http://MenAtTheCross.org).



## 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, \$15 from Aug 18-23. **TICKETS** visit [HoustonsFirst.org/Events](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Events). **CONTACT** [jessica.villalpando@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:jessica.villalpando@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.957.7642.

## GROW our souls >>

## CHURCHWIDE

### FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY INFO MTG

Wed, Aug 19 @ 6:30-7:30 pm - Rm 335

Dave Ramsey's FPU course begins Wed, Aug 26. Facilitator

Walter Wright explains what you can expect from FPU at this free info meeting on Aug 19. Childcare is provided. **CONTACT** [candie.gonzales@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:candie.gonzales@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.957.7651.

## MILESTONES

Milestones is 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 or visit [HoustonsFirst.org/Milestones](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Milestones) for a list of Fall 2009 courses and events!



## HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

Wed, Aug 19 @ 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](mailto:diane.bagby@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.957.6781.

## FIRST PLACE 4 HEALTH

### ORIENTATION SESSIONS

Thu, Aug 20 @ 6:30-7:30 pm – Reception Rm

Sun, Aug 23 @ 4-5 pm – Reception Rm

Several First Place 4 Health classes are offered this Fall at Houston's First. Attendance at one of these orientations is required to join a class. Come learn what FP4H is all about! **CONTACT** [lisa.cramer@FirstPlace4Health.com](mailto:lisa.cramer@FirstPlace4Health.com), 713.335.6405.



## GIVE our lives >>>

## COUNSELING CENTER

### FIRST H.O.P.E. JOB MINISTRY

Thu, Aug 20 @ 9 am-noon – Rm 602

Looking for a job? A representative from the Worksource will talk about "Rebranding Your Skills/How To Market Yourself" at this month's Thursday gathering of First H.O.P.E. as we Help Others Procure Employment! **CONTACT** [fay.suitor@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:fay.suitor@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.335.6471.



## MISSIONS

### MISSIONARY U

Classes begin Sun, Aug 23, and Wed, Aug 26, including Spanish, Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts, Chronological Bible Storying, Water Well 101, Perspectives Exposure, and International Student Friendship Ministry Orientation. **REGISTER** at [HoustonsFirst.org/Events](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Events). **CONTACT** [frank.blackwood@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:frank.blackwood@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.957.5862.

## 2009 MISSION TRIPS

Visit [HoustonsFirst.org/Missions](http://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
- Acuna, Mexico (Deacons – Construction): Oct 15–18
- Torino, Italy: Oct 16-25
- Nasir, Sudan: Oct 21-Nov 5

## VOLUNTEERING

### PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Volunteers are needed to care for the little ones in the Houston's First family! Whether it's holding newborns, teaching kids, or anything in between, there's a role for you to play! **CONTACT** [melinda.scurlock@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:melinda.scurlock@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.957.7611 (Preschool); [rae.edwards@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:rae.edwards@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.957.7622 (Children).

## WELCOME TEAM

Greeters, Welcome Center staff, parking attendants and ushers are needed to help us make a great First impression! Join the Welcome Team and serve on this vital ministry at Houston's First. **VISIT** [HoustonsFirst.org/Volunteer](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Volunteer). **CONTACT** [steven.murray@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:steven.murray@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.957.5890.

Visit [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org) for details about the following opportunities and nearly 100 ways you can serve the Lord:

## ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE TEAM - The Faith Center

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## 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 [HoustonsFirst.org/Prayer](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Prayer).

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