

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

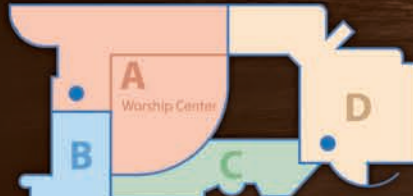
Are you experiencing grief, loneliness, illness, job loss or other life difficulties? The Pastoral Care Ministry provides free and confidential help through the Stephen Ministry. Call 713.957.6762 for assistance, or indicate your interests below:

() 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**
 - 1 Chapel
 - 1 Connection Center
 - 2 Education Ministry
 - 1 Library
 - 1 Main Foyer
 - 1 Reception Room
- 2 Rehearsal Hall
 - 1 Rms 143 & 145
 - 3 Rms 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 Rms 100-123
 - 2 Rms 200-221
 - 3 Rms 301-329
 - 4 Children's Ministry
 - 5 Children's Ministry

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

- D**
 - 1 Café
 - 1 Christian Life Center
 - 2 Crafts Rm
 - 1 Fellowship Center
 - 2 Fitness Center
 - 1 Garden Rm
- 2 Rms 249-265
 - 3 Rms 362-366
 - 3 Student Ministry
 - 1 Harbor Rm
 - 1 Welcome Center

● Welcome Centers *Numbers next to location indicate floor



MIDLINK

MidLink Café - Wed @ 4:45-6:45 pm in the Fellowship Center
Casual dining with food for all ages! Adults \$6, Senior Adults \$5, Children (12 & under) \$4.50
Students can buy discount tickets from Student Ministry for \$3

THE LINK
7-8 pm – Garden Rm
Bible study with Curtis Jones

MUSIC REHEARSALS
7-8:30 pm
Choir – Rehearsal Hall (open)
Singers – Rm 143 (open)
Orchestra – Worship Center (by audition)

JUST FOR KIDS!
Children of all ages can learn about God and have fun, too!

MISSION FRIENDS
6-8:30 pm – Preschool Suite
Birth-Kindergarten

HIGH 5 KIDS' CHOIR
6-7 pm – Walk-ins welcome!
PreK-K – Rm 217
1st-5th – The Clubhouse (Rm 303)

BREAKOUT
7-8:30 pm – The Clubhouse (Rm 303)
1st-5th Grades

JUST FOR STUDENTS!
Weekday connections featuring worship and truth from God's Word

WIRED
6:15-7:45 pm – Rm 364 (MS Students)

AMP
7-8:30 pm – Rm 363 (HS Students)

DECISIONS AUG 30, 2009
SALVATION IN CHRIST
Kelly Tate
BAPTIZED
Chance Mann Traci Williams
FOR BAPTISM
Greg Bergeron Bryan Jones
Devin Carroll Sally Jones
Ashley Huneycutt Jennifer Overshiner
FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS
Gail Broussard Julie Overshiner
Stephanie Carroll Ken Overshiner
Joan Giacona Sarah Overshiner
Rachel Howser Gabrielle Owens
Melinda Kennedy Mark Owens
Andrew Overshiner Matthew York

BIRTHS
Ryan and Stacy Volkmer in the birth of their son, Clive Roan Volkmer

Tim and Melanie Schubert in the birth of their daughter, Jessica May Schubert

SYMPATHIES
Ernest and Rene Longoria in the death of her mother, Mary Ruth Botts

Eric (Staff) and Stacie Reed in the death of her cousin, Kristi Harrison
Second Cousins: Emma, Luke, Kate and Lily Reed

Doug (Staff) and Wendy Bischoff in the death of his father, Larry Bischoff
Grandchildren: Micah, Ruth, Lucas and Bailey Bischoff

WEEK ENDING AUG 30, 2009
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CornerBooks

HOUSTON'S FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday 8 am–12:30 pm & 5–8 pm
Monday Closed
Tuesday 9 am–4 pm
and 4-9 pm during Living Proof Bible Study
Wednesday 9 am–4 pm
and 4-9 pm during MidLink
Thursday 9 am–4 pm
Friday & Saturday Closed

WEEKLY SUMMARY
ATTENDANCE, AUG 30, 2009
Sunday Bible Study 3,764
Mission Bible Study 1,137
Weekday Bible Study 2,169
Total Bible Study 7,070
Wednesday MidLink 1,434

GIVING, WEEK ENDING AUG 30, 2009
Tithes & Offering \$232,732
Weekly Requirements \$293,142
Over/(Under) (\$60,410)
Designated Gifts \$15,811
Over/(Under) for Aug (\$54,861)
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD (\$173,639)

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

sep 6, 2009

sundays
9:30 am
11 am
6:30 pm

sunday Bible study
8:20 am
9:30 am
10:45 am
5:15 pm

sunday kids' worship
9:30 am
11 am
6:30 pm



HOUSTON'S FIRST
BAPTIST CHURCH



UNLEASHED MEN'S RETREAT 09

OCT 2 & 3
CAMP CHO-YEH

FOR MORE INFO VISIT HOUSTONSFIRST.ORG/MEN

BAND OF
BROTHERS

meet the pastor



pastor gregg matte

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

This past week, Kelly and I have been so blessed by reading the written words of appreciation presented to us last Sunday. Thank you for sharing your words with us. We consider each letter to be fruit from the ministry God placed me in here at

Houston's First five years ago. It truly is a privilege and honor to serve as your pastor!

Today, I conclude the three-part "Setting The Stage" series – our first series in a year-long study of Genesis. Next week, I'll begin a series titled "The Story Begins" as we continue looking at creation. The Truth found in this first book of the Bible is essential to understanding who we are – not evolved by luck and chance, but created with purpose and love.

I invite you to come forward at the conclusion of the worship service, especially if you're a first time guest. 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.

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.

a relevant biblical community • HoustonsFirst.org



Houston's First Baptist Church is a relevant biblical community where we gather our hearts, grow our souls, and give our lives as we seek to fulfill the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20).

GATHER our hearts >

HUB STUDENT MINISTRY

MS TEAM BUILDING

Sat, Sep 12 @ 1:30-4:30 pm - LaserQuest
Middle School students will have a blast while team building at LaserQuest (13711 Westheimer between Eldridge and Hwy 6). Meet at LaserQuest and bring a friend! **COST** \$15 for 5 games and refreshments. **CONTACT** susan.newman@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7631.

PARENT PARTY

Sun, Sep 13 @ 5 pm – Rm 363
Our annual Parent Party is for parents only – no students allowed! Join the fun as we have games, food and lots of info – including free resources. In fact, the entire party is FREE! Can't make it on Sep 13? We'll have another Parent Party on Sep 20 @ 11 am. **CONTACT** susan.newman@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7631.

SUMMIT MINISTRIES

THE AMAZING RACE

Sat, Sep 19 @ 10 am – Oasis Rm
Young single adults are going on a journey through Houston! Whether you're a native Houstonian or a recent transplant, you're guaranteed to see something you've never seen before as you work in teams to collect points along the way. **COST** \$15 in advance, \$20 day of event. **REGISTER** at HoustonsFirst.org/AmazingRace. **CONTACT** ryanmcphetridge@mac.com, 713.957.7671.

MEN'S MINISTRY

UNLEASHED – MEN'S RETREAT '09

Oct 2-3 – Camp Cho-Yeh
Wherever you are in your journey, the God of the Universe is excited to help you take the next step. Join other men for an action-packed time of adventure, in-

spiration, and connection at Camp Cho-Yeh with sessions led by Pastor Gregg, Steve Knox and Eric Reed. **VISIT** HoustonsFirst.org/Men for details and to register. **CONTACT** christen.barrios@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7681.

GROW our souls >>

CHURCHWIDE

HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

Wed, Sep 9 @ 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.

CONNECTION & COMMUNITY

GROWING IN CHRIST

Every Sun, Sep 13-27 @ 9:30 am – Connection Ctr
This journey for new and growing Christians walks through a series of lessons on Christian living. The class repeats itself starting the first Sunday of every month (begins Sep 13 due to Labor Day weekend) and registration is not required! Jerrell Altic, Minister of Connection & Community, and Malcolm Marshall, Associate Minister of Connection & Community, lead the class. **CONTACT** malcolm.marshall@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.335.6453.



UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

Visit HoustonsFirst.org/Milestones for a full list of offerings:

Adulthood

• Complete Resolve (Co-Ed) – every Wed, Sep 9-Oct 21 @ 6:30-7:45 pm, University Rm

Biblical Womanhood

• M&M Bible Study – every Tue, Sep 8-Nov 17 @ 9:30 am-noon, Rm 143

Covenant Marriage

• Divorce Proofing Your Marriage – every Wed, Sep 9-Nov 4 @ 6:30-8:30 pm – Rm 326, \$40 per couple
• Prep for Marriage Workshop – Sep 18-19, pre-registration required, marriageprep@HoustonsFirst.org

Giving Your Life Away

• Women On Missions – every Tue, Sep 8-Nov 17 @ 11:30 am-1 pm – Fellowship Ctr A
• Intl. Student Friendship Ministry Orientation – Wed, Sep 16 @ 7-8:30 pm – Connection Ctr

Faith Overcoming Loss

• Phase II – Thu, Sep 10 @ 6:30-7:30 pm – Reception Rm
• CanHope – Mon, Sep 14 @ 6:30-9 pm – Reception Rm

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

"HERE AND NOW...THERE AND THEN" WITH BETH MOORE

Every Tue, Sep 8-Nov 17 @ 6:30-8:30 pm – Worship Center

Women of all ages are invited to journey through God's Word as Beth Moore presents a lecture series on the book of Revelation. No registration required. Café open at 4:45 pm. Worship Center doors open at 6 pm. Sorry, childcare is not available. **CONTACT** jessica.villalpando@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7642.



GIVE our lives >>>

FITNESS & RECREATION

BLOOD DRIVE

Today @ 8:30 am-1 pm – CLC Gym
Give the gift of life at the blood drive today sponsored by

Fitness & Recreation and the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center.

MISSIONS

2009 MISSION TRIPS

Visit HoustonsFirst.org/Missions to sign up for these upcoming trips:

- Philippines (Evangelism): Sep 23-Oct 5
- Acuna, Mexico (Deacons – Construction): Oct 15-18
- Nasir, Sudan: Oct 21-Nov 5

VOLUNTEER

Visit HoustonsFirst.org/Volunteer for details about the following opportunities and nearly 100 ways you can serve His Kingdom:

FIRSTFEST TEAM Recreation

CONTACT becky.kiser@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.957.6702

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE TEAM The Faith Center

CONTACT Simone Brown; sbrown1987@sbcglobal.net; 713.812.0080

HOMEBOUND CARE TEAM

Pastoral Care

CONTACT kelly.laughlin@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.957.7672

PRODUCTION TEAM

Music/Worship

CONTACT brad.duryea@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.957.6740

BAPTISM TEAM

Prayer, Missions & Connection Center

CONTACT malcolm.marshall@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.335.6453

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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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.