

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 Rms 143 & 145 |
| 2 Education Ministry | 3 Rms 330-336 |
| 1 Library | 1 Welcome Center |
| 1 Main Foyer | 1 Worship Center |
| 1 Reception Room | 2 Worship Ministry |

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| 3 The Clubhouse | 1 Rms 100-123 |
| 6 Counseling Center | 2 Rms 200-221 |
| 1 FBA Primary School | 3 Rms 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 Rm |
| 1 FBA Library | |

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

● 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 SEP 6, 2009

BAPTIZED

Leborne Carty Jr Brynn West
 Samantha Rembowski

FOR BAPTISM

Corrie Chumpitazi Robert Dillender
 Lesly Cristino Shuo Han

FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS

Alisa Boyd Bob Vamvas
 Bruno Chumpitazi Donna Vamvas
 Scott Ellis

BY STATEMENT

Dyana Lopez Kailah Vaughns
 Zhane Milhouse Malisha Vaughns

BIRTHS

Robert and Ashley Bell in the birth of their son, Jackson Bell
 Sister: Savannah Bell

Craig (Deacon) and Shannon Bloodworth in the birth of their daughter, Olivia Hope Bloodworth
 Siblings: Emma and Jackson Bloodworth

SYMPATHIES

Family and Friends of Katherine Wright
 Warren Graybill in the death of his sister, Sibyl Slocomb
 Neice: Carolyn Holmstrom
 Donna Pecsénye in the death of her husband, Michael Pecsénye (Deacon)
 Lenora Wilkerson in the death of her mother, Bessie Green

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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, SEP 6, 2009

Sunday Bible Study	2,918
Mission Bible Study	1,126
Weekday Bible Study	1,487
Total Bible Study	5,531
Wednesday MidLink	1,177

GIVING, WEEK ENDING SEP 6, 2009

Tithes & Offering	\$316,198
Weekly Requirements	\$293,142
Over/(Under)	\$23,056
Designated Gifts	\$16,175
Over/(Under) for Sep	\$23,056
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD	(\$150,633)

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

be a part of the *Story*

WEEK ENDING SEP 6, 2009

Total Pledged	\$24,457,310
Donations Received	\$734,464.15
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$13,359,834

weekend worship

sep 13, 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

THE STORY BEGINS

a message series by Gregg Matte

HOUSTON'S FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH





pastor gregg matte

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

Since beginning our study of Genesis three weeks ago, we've been behind the curtain as God was "setting the stage" for the epic story He was about to tell. We studied creation for the heart and for the head, and looked at the creation

of man, as well.

Today, "the story begins" as we continue our journey. In the last message series, we saw God first creating then filling His creation. Over the next three weeks, we'll see the story of humanity unfold as He places Adam – and then Eve – in the Garden of Eden. The truths found in these first two chapters of the Bible are essential to understanding who we are as His created beings.

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.



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

LATEST NEWS & UPDATES
NEW & PROSPECTIVE MEMBER ORIENTATION
Whether you've recently joined or just visited Houston's First, come learn what it means to be a part of a relevant biblical community today, Sun, Sep 13! Choose lunch at noon in the Fellowship Ctr or light snacks at 5 pm in the Connection Ctr. **CONTACT** malcolm.marshall@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.335.6453.

GATHER our hearts >

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING
THE CLUBHOUSE OPEN HOUSE
Sun, Sep 20 – The Clubhouse (Rm 303)
Immediately after the 11 am worship service next week, all new 4-year-olds and Kindergartners or any first time participants in Heartland or Kids' Worship and their families are invited to join the Children's Programming staff for lunch, a short presentation of what we do and a tour of The Clubhouse and Heartland! **CONTACT** cassi.odom@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7626.

HUB STUDENT MINISTRY PARENT PARTY
Today @ 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 today? We'll have another Parent Party next Sun, Sep 20 @ 11 am. **CONTACT** susan.newman@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7631.

SUMMIT MINISTRIES
SUMM-IT UP
Today @ 12:30 pm & 7:45 pm – Oasis Garden & CLC (Gym)
Young single adults won't want to miss today's unveiling of 2009/10 events as Summit Ministries looks at the year ahead! Take advantage of discount event prices while you're there, and enjoy an open gym for roller skating, wally ball, basketball and more. No registration required! **COST** \$6 for lunch or dinner (free for first time guests).

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, inspiration, and connection at Camp Cho-Yeh with sessions led by Pastor Gregg, Steve Knox and Eric Reed. Early bird registration ends Mon, Sep 14. Sign up now and save! **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 16 @ 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
essentials for spiritual formation

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES
Visit HoustonsFirst.org/Milestones for a full list of offerings:
Covenant Marriage
• Prep for Marriage Workshop – Sep 18-19, pre-registration required, marriageprep@HoustonsFirst.org
Faith Overcoming Loss
• DivorceCare – Wed, Sep 16 @ 7-8:30 pm – Rm 265
• GriefShare – Thu, Sep 17 @ 7-9 pm – Rm 143

SUMMIT MINISTRIES
MID-WEEK SMALL GROUPS
Beginning soon – days/times vary
Young single adults can join mid-week small groups – a safe place to talk and work out your walk with Jesus. With 3 types of groups, one is just right for you: Koinonia – building a Christ-centered community, Doulos – developing a lifestyle of discipleship, Logos – growing and maturing our daily walk. Groups are forming now! **VISIT** SummitYoungSingles.org for details or inquire in Sunday Bible Study. **CONTACT** dana.moya@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7671.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY
"HERE AND NOW...THERE AND THEN" WITH BETH MOORE
Every Tue thru 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 >>>

ADOPTION & ORPHAN CARE MINISTRY
BUILDING CONNECTIONS THAT LAST A LIFETIME
Sun, Sep 20 @ 5-6:20 pm – Reception Rm
At this class for adoptive families, Mary Ring, Professional Licensed Family Counselor, will speak on building connections and attachments as the foundation for lifelong relationships for adoptive families, extended families and friends. **CONTACT** Steve & Mary Klein, kleinfam6@entouch.net, 281.246.9904.

CONNECTION CENTER
VOLUNTEER TRAINING FOR CONN CTR / BAPTISM TEAM
Sun, Sep 20 – Fellowship Ctr
All Connection Center / Baptism Team volunteers and anyone wishing to serve in these areas are asked to attend this luncheon for a time of food, fellowship & foundation laying for the future. We'll meet immediately after the 11 am service in the Fellowship Ctr. **RSVP** by Thu, Sep 18 to jerrell.altic@HoustonsFirst.org or 713.335.6450.

COUNSELING CENTER
FIRST H.O.P.E. JOB MINISTRY
Thu, Sep 17 @ 10 am-Noon – Rm 602
The topic at this month's third Thursday meeting is "How to Use the Internet to Find a Job." No registration required and it's free to attend. **CONTACT** fay.suitor@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.335.6471.

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

INT'L STUDENT FRIENDSHIP MINISTRY ORIENTATIONS
Wed, Sep 16 @ 7-8:30 pm – Connection Ctr
Sat, Sep 19 @ 9-10:30 am – Connection Ctr
Mon, Sep 21 @ 7-8:30 pm – Connection Ctr
Families or singles – attend one of these orientations and be paired with an international student studying at UH! The friendship can be for a semester or may last a lifetime. As a result of their relationship with American Christians, students returning to their native lands may open the door for the Gospel to be shared. (Students do not live with the hosts.) **CONTACT** Marie Downing, downings@flash.net

PASTORAL CARE
CANHOPE
Mon, Sep 14 @ 6:45 pm – Reception Rm
CanHope, ministering to families touched by cancer, welcomes Executive Pastor David Self as our guest speaker. An entrée is provided; please bring a salad, vegetable or dessert. Everyone is invited! **CONTACT** Pastoral Care at 713.957.6761 or 713.957.6762.

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
WHAT AN EVENT! - Special Events
CONTACT jacque.killingsworth@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.957.5843

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE TEAM
The Faith Center
CONTACT Simone Brown; sbrown1987@sbcglobal.net; 713.812.0080

CAMPUS COACHES - The Hub Student Ministry
CONTACT doug.bischoff@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.957.7630
AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING TEAM - The Faith Center
CONTACT tracy.collier@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.554.8825

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



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.

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.