

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



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| A | 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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| B | 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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| C | 1 First Baptist Academy | 1 Oasis Rm |
| | 1 FBA Library | |

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| D | 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 13, 2009

SALVATION IN CHRIST

Xiaoju Wilson
FOR BAPTISM
Melissa Biringer
Sarah Craig
Jason Everage
Melissa Trejo
Walter Wilson

FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS

Paula Blume
Louis Booth
Sara Brothers
Christopher Cardenas
Ryan Craig
Lisa Davidson
Steven Davidson
Andrea Deaton
Amy Forsyth
Shayne Forsyth
Jon Harper
Wendy Lim
Neal McKinney
Trae Miller
Elizabeth Pegelow
Roanne Ramnarine
John Reagan
Boone Stutz
Paula Tonz
Elizabeth White
Amanda Williams
Nathan Wolford

BY STATEMENT

Connie Duque
Amy Philavanh

BIRTHS

Zac (Staff) and Nicole Hufty in the birth of their daughter, Emmalyn Grace Hufty
John and Deann Davidhizar in the birth of their son, Keaton John Davidhizar
John and Laura Hearn in the birth of their daughter, Sarah Anne Hearn
Brother: Trey Hearn

SYMPATHIES

Tami Sandlin in the death of her husband, Michael Sandlin
Children: Zach and Danielle Sandlin

SYMPATHIES (CONT'D.)

Richard (Deacon) and Margaret Kinney in the death of her sister, Nell Briggs

Raymond and Marla Jackson in the death of his mother, Julia Jackson

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SERMONS ON CD

Available before & after services in Corner Books.

WEEKLY SUMMARY

ATTENDANCE, SEP 13, 2009

| | |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| Sunday Bible Study | 3,764 |
| Mission Bible Study | 1,171 |
| Weekday Bible Study | 5,676 |
| Total Bible Study | 10,611 |
| Wednesday MidLink | 1,385 |

GIVING, WEEK ENDING SEP 13, 2009

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| Tithes & Offering | \$230,591 |
| Weekly Requirements | \$293,142 |
| Over/(Under) | (\$62,551) |
| Designated Gifts | \$30,333 |
| Over/(Under) for Sep | (\$39,495) |
| Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD | (\$213,245) |

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

be a part of the *Story*

WEEK ENDING SEP 13, 2009

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| Total Pledged | \$24,457,310 |
| Donations Received | \$37,635.50 |
| TOTAL RECEIVED | \$13,397,470 |

weekend worship

sep 20, 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



Introducing
WorshipTeams.org
Explore this dynamic ministry at Houston's First!



HOUSTON'S FIRST
BAPTIST CHURCH





pastor gregg matte

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

We talked about the rhythm of work and rest last week in the first message in our "The Story Begins" series. In doing so, we looked at three tanks we must monitor in order to maintain balance in our lives: our spiritual, emotional and physical tanks.

Houston's First offers various ministries to help you with each one. Here are just a few examples of available resources:

- Spiritual: Sunday and weekday Bible studies, Prayer Ministry, Milestones courses, small groups
- Emotional: Counseling Center, Pastoral Care, Celebrate Recovery
- Physical: Fitness & Recreation Ministry, Christian Life Center, First Place 4 Health

Learn more about these and other ministries at HoustonFirst.org, or contact the church at 713.681.8000 for assistance.

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

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.



NEED TO CONTACT US?
To contact HFBC staff, call the church at 713.681.8000 (Mon-Fri 8-4:30 pm) or email firstname.lastname@HoustonFirst.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 HoustonFirst.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
INTRODUCING WORSHIPTEAMS.ORG
This new website is a valuable resource for volunteers in the Worship Ministry – choir, bands, orchestra, singers, artists, and production people. It's also a way for others to explore this dynamic ministry at Houston's First. So, visit WorshipTeams.org. We want more people on board our teams who just can't get enough of art, worship, and Jesus!

FIRST BAPTIST ACADEMY
The FBA Primary School has current openings for infants through PreK 5. Place your child in a nurturing environment where he or she can learn and grow physically, intellectually, emotionally, socially and spiritually!
CONTACT elizabeth.arnold@hfba.org, 713.957.6725.

GATHER our hearts >

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING
THE CLUBHOUSE OPEN HOUSE
Today – The Clubhouse (Rm 303)
Immediately after the 11 am worship service, 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@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7626.

HUB STUDENT MINISTRY
PARENT PARTY
Today @ 11 am – Rm 363
The 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! **CONTACT** susan.newman@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7631.

SUMMIT MINISTRIES
SKI TRIP UNVEILING PARTY
Sun, Oct 4 @ 8 pm – Fellowship Ctr
Young single adults will find out the location, price, and scoop about this season's exciting Summit ski trip! Discounts available for those who sign up that night! **CONTACT** dana.moya@HoustonFirst.org, 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, inspiration, and connection at Camp Cho-Yeh with sessions led by Pastor Gregg, Steve Knox and Eric Reed. **VISIT** HoustonFirst.org/Men for details and to register. **CONTACT** christen.barrios@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7681.

GROW our souls >>

CHURCHWIDE
SBS QUARTERLY WORKERS' DINNER
Sun, Sep 27 @ 11 am-2 pm – Fellowship Ctr
All Sunday Bible Study leaders and workers from all age divisions are asked to attend this luncheon with messages from Pastor Gregg and Minister of Education Ben Pritchett. Free lunch provided. Free childcare available if registered by Mon, Sep 21. **REGISTER** at HoustonFirst.org/Events. **CONTACT** jeanene.andrus@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7601.

HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY
Wed, Sep 23 @ 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@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.6781.

milestones
essentials for spiritual formation

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES
Visit HoustonFirst.org/Milestones for a full list of offerings:
Adulthood
• Celebrate Recovery – Every Thu @ 6-9 pm – Rm 602
Faith Overcoming Loss
• DivorceCare – Every Wed @ 7-8:30 pm – Rm 265

SUMMIT MINISTRIES
MID-WEEK SMALL GROUPS
Beginning now – 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 – de-

veloping 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@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7671.

GIVE our lives >>>

CHURCHWIDE
VOTER REGISTRAR DEPUTIZATION
Today @ Noon – Rm 145
Want to volunteer at voter registration tables or host such an event at your office? Attend this short training to become a Deputy Voter Registrar so you can perform this vital civic duty. Taught by rep from Harris County Tax Assessor's Office. It's free and light refreshments will be served. **CONTACT** Tammy.Canon@swbell.net.

ADOPTION & ORPHAN CARE MINISTRY
BUILDING CONNECTIONS THAT LAST A LIFETIME
Today @ 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
Today – 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@HoustonFirst.org or 713.335.6450.

MISSIONS
2009 MISSION TRIPS
Visit HoustonFirst.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 ORIENTATION
Mon, Sep 21 @ 7-8:30 pm – Connection Ctr
Families or singles – attend this orientation 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@flash.net.

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

- FIRSTFEST TEAM - Recreation**
CONTACT becky.kiser@HoustonFirst.org; 713.957.6702
- ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE TEAM**
The Faith Center
CONTACT sbrown1987@sbcglobal.net; 713.812.0080
- BULLETIN BUDDIES - Adult Enrichment**
CONTACT ben.pritchett@HoustonFirst.org; 713.957.7600
- FOOD PANTRY TEAM - The Faith Center**
CONTACT claudia.reyes@HoustonFirst.org; 713.554.8800
- THE DOTTED LINE REGISTRATION TEAM**
Women's Ministry
CONTACT carolyn.oneal@HoustonFirst.org; 713.957.7640

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 HoustonFirst.org/Prayer.