

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 20, 2009

BAPTIZED

Nicky Anthony	Brandon Musselman
Elizabeth Conn	Sang Rhee
Lesly Cristino	Lezleigh Seerey
Shuo Han	Matthew Vivion
Randy Keeney Jr	Debbie Wheat

FOR BAPTISM

Laura Aviles	Amy Chen
Anthony Bailey	Ashley Craig

FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS

Jason Brent	Matt Davis
Mary Brent	Brent Hammond
Gregg Brown	Lori Metevia
Marie Brown	Clinton Midgett
Sherrie Brown	Rachel Midgett
Zach Brown	

BIRTHS

Tae and Ashley Park in the birth of their daughter, Jemma Grace Park

SYMPATHIES

Nancy Koslan in the death of her mother, Mabel Unger

Bill and Peggy Bain in the death of her father, Gene Brookes

Asenat Hernandez in the death of her daughter, Abigail Amaya Reyna
Grandparents: Lance (Staff) and Senny Smith (Staff)

Tom (Deacon) and Alice Spencer in the death of her brother, John Denton

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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 20, 2009

Sunday Bible Study	3,664
Mission Bible Study	1,156
Weekday Bible Study	5,640
Total Bible Study	10,460
Wednesday MidLink	1,443

GIVING, WEEK ENDING SEP 20, 2009

Tithes & Offering	\$279,826
Weekly Requirements	\$293,142
Over/(Under)	(\$13,316)
Designated Gifts	\$14,487
Over/(Under) for Sep	(\$52,811)
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD	(\$226,641)

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

be a part of the *Story*

WEEK ENDING SEP 20, 2009

Total Pledged	\$24,457,310
Donations Received	\$44,592
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$13,442,062

weekend worship

Sep 27, 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

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HOUSTON'S FIRST
BAPTIST CHURCH

meet the pastor



pastor gregg matte

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

Understanding creation is fundamental to seeing ourselves as God sees us – as His unique and special creation made in His image. We're not evolved animals. We're created reflections of the Creator of the universe.

In the first 2 message series from our study of Genesis – “Setting The Stage” and “The Story Begins” – we’ve looked at the truth behind creation. I encourage you to share these messages with friends and family members who may not fully recognize who they are – God’s creation.

Point them to HoustonFirst.org to listen or watch online. Pick up CDs in Corner Books. No matter how you share it, give them the gift of Truth and pray that their hearts would be open to seeing themselves as God sees them.

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.

a relevant biblical community • HoustonFirst.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).

on collection tables in the CLC Lobby, the South Tower elevator lobby, or outside the Garden Rm. **CONTACT** 713.554.8801.

GATHER our hearts >

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.

PUNT, PASS & KICK TAILGATE PARTY
Fri, Oct 9 @ 6 pm – First United Methodist (Westchase)
Flag football begins Sat, Oct 10, so young single adults will kick-off the season with Punt, Pass & Kick and a tailgate party for everybody – whether you'll be on the gridiron or not! **COST** \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door, \$5 just for the party. **REGISTER** at SummitYoungSingles.org. **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.

ADULT ENRICHMENT

CELEBRATION LUNCH
Thu, Oct 8 @ 11:30 am – Fellowship Ctr
Special guest Wes Adams provides the music at the next

Celebration Lunch for senior adults. Please bring a salad or vegetable and we'll provide everything else! **RSVP** by Mon, Oct 5, to tracie.bowman@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7661.

GROW our souls >>

CHURCHWIDE

HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY
Wed, Sep 30 @ 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.



UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES
Visit HoustonFirst.org/Milestones for a full list of offerings:
Adolescence
• Parenting Through Technology – Wed, Oct 7 @ 6 pm – Rm 364
Adulthood
• Celebrate Recovery – Every Thu @ 6-9 pm – Rm 602
Faith Overcoming Loss
• DivorceCare – Every Wed @ 7-8:30 pm – Rm 265
• Grief Share – 1st & 3rd Thu @ 7-9 pm – Rm 143
• First HOPE Job Ministry – 1st Sat @ 9 am-Noon – Rm 602

HUB STUDENT MINISTRY

PARENTING THROUGH TECHNOLOGY
Wed, Oct 7 @ 6 pm – Rm 364
Students are immersed in MySpace, Facebook, Twitter, IM, cell phones and texting. Led by Zac Hufty, this session equips parents with tools to understand new technologies and monitor their child's digital activities in the pursuit of godliness and safety. Free to attend. **CONTACT** susan.newman@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7631.

MEN'S MINISTRY

THE GREAT ADVENTURE
Every Sun, Oct 11-Mar 28 @ 5-6:30 pm – Rm 364
The Great Adventure is the follow-up study to the Quest for Authentic Manhood and Winning at Work and Home (completion of those studies is not required). During the 20 sessions, each man will be challenged and equipped to join God on an adventure that He uniquely created them to live. Facilitated by Milton Redeker. **COST** \$15 plus a \$35 assessment. **REGISTER** at HoustonFirst.org/Men. **CONTACT** christen.barrios@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7681.

MARRIED YOUNG ADULTS

MARRIAGE CONNECTIONS
Sat, Oct 24 @ 2-6 pm – Fellowship Ctr
Couples married less than 15 years are invited to Marriage Connections—a periodic, highly practical, interactive opportunity to keep your marriage moving in the right direction. You'll come away with a game plan for connecting deeper with one another in this thing called “marriage.” The topic this session is “Connecting Through Conflict” facilitated by Ron & Rosemary P'Pool. **VISIT** HoustonFirst.org/MarriageConnections for details and to register by Oct 18 (space is limited). **CONTACT** christen.barrios@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7681.

GIVE our lives >>>

COUNSELING CENTER

FIRST HOPE JOB MINISTRY
Sat, Oct 3 @ 9 am-Noon – Rm 602
Guest speaker Mike LeJeune will speak on “What's The Next Step After You Lose Your Job?” at this month's 1st Saturday meeting. Mike is a 28-year veteran of the recruiting and staffing industry and is passionate about people and excellence. **CONTACT** fay.suitor@HoustonFirst.org, 713.335.6471.

MISSIONS

2009 MISSION TRIPS
Visit HoustonFirst.org/Missions to sign up for these upcoming trips:
• Acuna, Mexico (Deacons – Construction): Oct 15–18
• Nasir, Sudan: Oct 21-Nov 5

ADOPT A MISSIONARY

Did you know that Houston's First has over 50 missionaries serving around the world? We are encouraging our Sunday Bible studies to adopt a missionary and support them through prayer, ministry needs and other ways. **CONTACT** becky.parker@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.5866.

VOLUNTEER

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

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE TEAM
The Faith Center
CONTACT sbrown1987@sbcglobal.net; 713.812.0080
FIRSTFEST TEAM - Recreation
CONTACT becky.kiser@HoustonFirst.org; 713.957.6702
HEART 2 HEART - Preschool & Kindergarten
CONTACT sherry.oradat@HoustonFirst.org; 713.957.7613
HOMEBOUND CARE TEAM - Pastoral Care
CONTACT kelly.laughlin@HoustonFirst.org; 713.957.6762
FITNESS & RECREATION VOLUNTEERS - Recreation
CONTACT jerrell.altic@HoustonFirst.org; 713.335.6450

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 HoustonFirst.org/Prayer.