

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



(CONT'D) 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

CAMPUS COACH - Student Ministry
CONTACT doug.bischoff@
HoustonsFirst.org; 713.957.7630

FARM & RANCH VOLUNTEER TEAM
Hunt Retreat
CONTACT bill.murrell@
HoustonsFirst.org; 713.303.6374

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

CREATIVE CALENDAR ENHANCERS
Calendar
CONTACT carol.kelly@
HoustonsFirst.org; 713.335.6430

BIRTHS

Jim and Elizabeth Larkin in the birth of their daughter, Lilian Marie Larkin

Tommy and Jodie Connally in the birth of their son, William Clem Connally
Brother: Luke Connally

Clay and Kat Folloder in the birth of their daughter, Jemma Folloder

Tyler and Lauren Self in the birth of their daughter, Abigail Grace Self
Sister: Ava Elizabeth Self
Grandparents: David (Staff) and Bonnie Self

Neal and Kim Symms in the birth of their daughter, Samantha Jane Symms

SYMPATHIES

Stacy and Teena Haines in the death of his mother
Grandchildren: Kara, Mollie and Dylan Haines

Wanda Shadle in the death of her cousin, Carol Fite Stout

Lynn Mayers in the death of her husband, Tom Mayers
Daughter: DiAnna Hudson
Granddaughter: Jessica Starks
Great-granddaughter: Mattilyn Starks

Bill (Deacon) and Peggy Bain in the death of her father, Gene Brooks

DECISIONS SEP 27, 2009

BAPTIZED

Nathan Andrews	Robert Dillender
Pagiel Badillo	Evan Gray
Jakin Cordova	Ashley Huneycutt
Jared Cordova	Emma Venghaus

FOR BAPTISM

Autumn Guidry	William Rios
Shawn Loyd	Luke Wilson
Julie Pettit	Christy Woods
Chris Puckett	

FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS

Denise Adams	Esther Ok
Bethany Bradley	Emily Pylant
Charley Ham	Callian Sheppard
Kary Leight	Barbara Stainback
David Maner	Jenni Trent

BY STATEMENT

Michael Isenman	Amydawn Wright
Ryan Westbrook	

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, SEP 27, 2009

Sunday Bible Study	3,497
Mission Bible Study	1,000
Weekday Bible Study	6,093
Total Bible Study	10,590
Wednesday MidLink	1,427

GIVING, WEEK ENDING SEP 27, 2009

Tithes & Offering	\$269,431
Weekly Requirements	\$293,142
Over/(Under)	(\$23,711)
Designated Gifts	\$47,112
Over/(Under) for Sep	(\$76,522)
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD	(\$250,482)

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

be a part of the *Story*

WEEK ENDING SEP 27, 2009

Total Pledged	\$24,457,310
Donations Received	\$67,167
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$13,509,229

weekend worship

Oct 4, 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

TEMPLED

A MESSAGE SERIES IN OCTOBER BY GREGG MATTE & BEN STUART



HOUSTON'S FIRST
BAPTIST CHURCH

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meet the pastor



pastor gregg matte

DEAR CHURCH FAMILY & GUESTS,

Welcome to Houston's First! We're glad you're worshipping here today.

In each service today, we'll pause to celebrate two beautiful moments in the Christian faith. First, we'll observe the Lord's Supper as we remember Christ's sacrifice for each of us on the cross. We invite those who have already accepted

Christ's free gift of salvation to partake of the elements.

Second, we'll commission dozens of men and women as they prepare to "give their lives" on the mission field and spread the Good News of Jesus Christ around the world. Whether they are career missionaries or serving on a short-term trip, pray that the Lord would go before them and prepare hearts to receive the message of salvation.

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 (Mon-Fri 8-4:30 pm) or email firstname.lastname@HoustonFirst.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 • 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).

CHRISTMAS AT HOUSTON'S FIRST

SAT, OCT 17	RESERVED SEAT TICKETS GO ON SALE FOR CELEBRATION
SUN, NOV 15	THE CHRISTMAS STORE COLLECTION DAY
SAT, DEC 5	THE CHRISTMAS STORE
FRI, DEC 11	CELEBRATION @ 7 PM
SAT, DEC 12	CELEBRATION @ 2 & 7 PM
SAT, DEC 19	CANDY CANE LANE
THU, DEC 24	CHRISTMAS EVE

GATHER our hearts >

CHURCHWIDE

FIRSTFEST

Sat, Oct 31 @ 4-8 pm

Save the date for this all-out festival of games, rides, candy and much more! Last year, over 2,200 people attended - and over 1,000 were guests! Who will you invite this year? **COST** \$5 for Houston's First members, **FREE** for guests! **VISIT** HoustonFirst.org/FirstFest for details. **CONTACT** becky.kiser@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.6702.

SUMMIT MINISTRIES

SKI TRIP UNVEILING PARTY

Today @ 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 tonight! **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 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.

FUSION MINISTRIES

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Fri, Oct 16 @ 6-10 pm - Houston's First

Let the Preschool and Recreation Ministries take care of the kids while you enjoy a romantic date night, go out with friends, enjoy an activity with your Bible study class-or just do something fun without the kids! **COST** 1 child \$10, 2 children \$15, 3 children \$20, 4+ children \$25. **REGISTER** by Oct 11 at HoustonFirst.org/ParentsNightOut. **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, Oct 7 @ 11:30 am - 1010 Lamar (lower level)

Pastor Gregg Matte 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

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

- Monday GPS - 1st Mon @ 10 am-2 pm - Fellowship Ctr
- 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.

FUSION MINISTRIES

MARRIAGE CONNECTIONS

Sat, Oct 24 @ 2-6 pm - Fellowship Ctr

Couples married less than 15 years will come away with a game plan for connecting deeper with one another in this thing called "marriage." The topic 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.

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 to Quest for Authentic Manhood and Winning at Work and Home (completion of those studies not required). Each man will be challenged and equipped to join God on an adventure that He uniquely created him to live. **COST** \$15 plus a \$35 assessment. **REGISTER** at HoustonFirst.org/Men. **CONTACT** christen.barrios@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7681.

GIVE our lives >>>

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.

PASTORAL CARE

MONDAY GPS & COMMON GROUND

Mon, Oct 5 @ 10 am-1:30 pm - Fellowship Ctr

Monday GPS (Gathering Place Social) is for adults diagnosed with early to moderate stages of memory loss due to dementia, stroke or injury. This monthly fellowship includes social interaction, exercise and refreshments. It's free and open to the community. Common Ground, a caregiver assistance program, meets from 10:15 am-noon in Rm 249. **CONTACT** linda.askin@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.6761.

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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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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.