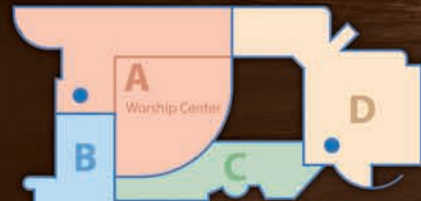


**FOOD GAINED BY FRAUD TASTES SWEET TO A MAN,
 BUT HE ENDS UP WITH A MOUTH FULL OF GRAVEL.**
PROVERBS 20:17

GENESIS

campus directory & parking map



- A**
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| 1 Bookstore | 2 Rehearsal Hall |
| 1 Chapel | 1 Rms 143 & 145 |
| 1 Connection Center | 3 Rms 330-336 |
| 1 Library | 1 Welcome Center |
| 1 Main Foyer | 1 Worship Center |
| 1 Reception Room | 2 Worship Ministry |

- B**
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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 |

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

- D**
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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 OCT 4, 2009

SALVATION IN CHRIST

Erika Aviles
Caleb Isenma

FOR BAPTISM

Maria Aviles
Dau Ayub
Travis Blair
Natasha Martin
Ruby Page

FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS

Chase Clement
Lauren Clement
Rachel Emig
Katie Hearne
Grant Isaminger
Jennifer Isaminger
Suzanne Womack

SYMPATHIES

Family and Friends in the death of Leon Savage

Wes (Deacon) and Kathi Johnson in the death of her father, Jack Burden
Granddaughter: Amy Johnson

Milton (Staff) and Rebekah Redeker in the death of his cousin, Karee Roe

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SERMONS ON CD

Available before & after services in Corner Books.

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, OCT 4, 2009

Sunday Bible Study	3,367
Mission Bible Study	975
Weekday Bible Study	4,769
Total Bible Study	9,111
Wednesday MidLink	1,341

GIVING, WEEK ENDING OCT 4, 2009

Tithes & Offering	\$318,236
Weekly Requirements	\$293,142
Over/(Under)	\$25,094
Designated Gifts	\$28,272
Over/(Under) for Oct	\$25,094
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD	(\$225,563)

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

be a part of the *Story*

WEEK ENDING OCT 4, 2009

Total Pledged	\$24,457,310
Donations Received	\$58,459
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$13,567,688

weekend worship

Oct 11, 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 SPIRIT. THE SONGS. THE STORY.



Celebration

DECEMBER 11 · 7 PM

DECEMBER 12 · 2 & 7 PM



TICKET SALE LAUNCH EVENT
 Sat, Oct 17 @ 8 am-1 pm
 Come to the Main Foyer at Houston's First to get your tickets in person or at kiosks before they go on sale online & by phone!



HOUSTON'S FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

THEFIRSTCHRISTMAS.ORG





pastor gregg matte

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

With the summer-like heat and humidity this past week, it doesn't quite feel like Christmas yet. However, here at Houston's First, Christmas has been in the air for months.

Preparations are well underway to celebrate our Savior's birth through the generosity of The Christmas Store, the music of Celebration, the fun at Candy Cane Lane and the anticipation on Christmas Eve. Plan now to make these a part of your Christmas this year.

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.

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
MISSION TEAMS ON THE FIELD
Pray for the four teams from Houston's First on the mission field this week:
• Russia (Oct 6-17) – 8 members
• Grenada, Spain (Oct 7-19) – 10 members
• Hawaii (Oct 13-21) – 22 members
• Acuna, Mexico (Oct 15-18) – 29 members

The High 5 Kids' Choir sings today in all three worship services! High 5 meets each Wed @ 6-7 pm for music and fun with Pre-K and Kindergarten in Rm 217 and 1st-5th grades in The Clubhouse (Rm 303). Bring your kids to High 5 so they can explore various ways to worship the Lord!

CHRISTMAS AT HOUSTON'S FIRST

SUN, NOV 15 THE CHRISTMAS STORE COLLECTION DAY

SAT, DEC 5 THE CHRISTMAS STORE @ 8 AM-4:30 PM

FRI, DEC 11 CELEBRATION @ 7 PM

SAT, DEC 12 CELEBRATION @ 2 & 7 PM

SAT, DEC 19 CANDY CANE LANE @ 10 AM-1 PM

THU, DEC 24 CHRISTMAS EVE @ 5 & 11 PM

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! Skip the line to get in with "Fast Pass" admission tickets on sale next Sun, Oct 18, in the Main Foyer! **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
METRO LIVE IN THE CITY
Thu, Oct 22 @ 7:30 pm – Woodlands UMC
The young single adults of Summit Ministries joins MetroLiVE in the City for a night of praise & worship. The

evening features worship by Zach Hendricks and Brandon Heath with teaching from Curtis Jones. **CONTACT** dana.moya@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7671.

UNDER THE TEXAS SKY
Sat, Oct 24 @ 6-11 pm – Liedertafel Hall, Sealy, TX
Men, shine up those boots and ladies get your dance cards ready for the 12th Annual Summit Hoedown! Live music from the SnakeBit Band, dinner, contests, and much more. **COST** \$25 thru Oct 18, \$30 thru Oct 23, \$35 at the door. **REGISTER** at HoustonFirst.org/Hoedown. **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 today at HoustonFirst.org/ParentsNightOut. **CONTACT** christen.barrios@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7681.

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.

GROW our souls >>

CHURCHWIDE
HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY
Wed, Oct 14 @ 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.

HUB STUDENT MINISTRY
PREPARING FOR THE COLLEGE TRANSITION
Sun, Oct 18 @ Noon-3 pm – Rm 363
Junior and Seniors and their parents are invited to this

free seminar led by Derek Melleby, Director of the College Transition Initiative. Lunch is \$5 per person. **RSVP** by Oct 15. **CONTACT** susan.newman@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7631.

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MEN'S MINISTRY
GM6 BREAKFAST
Sat, Oct 17 @ 8:30-11:30 am – Fellowship Ctr
GM6 is a new vehicle for the men of Houston's First to create intentional communities that propel them forward physically, mentally, and spiritually. Join with men, young and old, as we enjoy a great breakfast, hear a compelling vision and gain a strategy to live out a faith that is "Unleashed." **COST** \$5 for a hearty breakfast and materials. **REGISTER** at HoustonFirst.org/Men by Thu, Oct 15.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY
ENLARGING A MOM'S HEART
Thu, Oct 15 @ 9:30-11:30 am
Joe White, founder of Kanakuk Kamps, will speak at this gathering for mothers with kids of all ages. Light refreshments will be served and it's free to attend. Limited childcare available with reservations by calling 713.957.7611. **CONTACT** candie.gonzales@HoustonFirst.org.

GIVE our lives >>>

MISSIONS
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:

FOOD PANTRY TEAM - The Faith Center
CONTACT claudia.reyes@HoustonFirst.org; 713.554.8800

FIRSTFEST TEAM - Recreation
CONTACT becky.kiser@HoustonFirst.org; 713.957.6702

JAIL/PRISON MINISTRY TEAM
Prayer, Missions & Connection Center
CONTACT dancraig@iglide.net; 281.382.7951

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

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING TEAM - The Faith Center
CONTACT tracy.collier@HoustonFirst.org; 713.554.8825

WORSHIP MINISTRY
"CELEBRATION" VOLUNTEERS
Numerous "behind the scenes" volunteers are needed to make "Celebration" a success! Ticket sales, decorations, greeters, set fabrication, helping with animals and much more! **VISIT** TheFirstChristmas.org to sign up!

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

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.



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.