

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

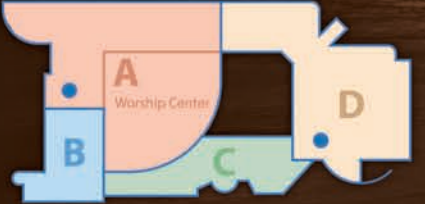
Are you experiencing grief, loneliness, illness, job loss or other life difficulties? The Pastoral Care Ministry provides free and confidential help through the Stephen Ministry. Call 713.957.6762 for assistance, or indicate your interests below:

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

- B**
 - 3 The Clubhouse
 - 6 Counseling Center
 - 1 FBA Primary School
 - 1 Pastoral Care
 - 2 Preschool Ministry
- 1 Rms 100-123
 - 2 Rms 200-221
 - 3 Rms 301-329
 - 4 Children's Ministry
 - 5 Children's Ministry

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

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

● 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 11, 2009

BAPTIZED
Wade Burchett Jeffrey Smith
Andre Pfanz Kallie Steelman
Suzanne Pham Cody Sutton
William Rios Lindsey Walker
Zachary Sherrill

FOR BAPTISM
Taylor Bartholomew Dylan Zengota
Steven Von der Linden JoAnna Zengota

FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS
Karen Davis Linda Mendez
Jonathan Huegel Donna Roberts
Judson Juden Ken Roberts
Stephen Kim Simeon Snow

BY STATEMENT
Bridgette Bates Gwen Zengota

SYMPATHIES

Andrew Terry in the death of his father, Douglas Clark Terry Mother: Nyle Terry

Elliott and Susan Newman (Staff) in the death of her father, Harol H Peoples
Grandchildren: Daniel and his wife, Amy Savage; Angie Savage; Helen Newman; Luke Newman
Great-grandchild: Wyatt Savage

Doug Sanders in the death of his sister, Stella Brewer

Family and Friends of Clifford Adrian Doll

Joe (Deacon) and Beverly Huggins in the death of his brother, John Huggins

Shawn and Laura Coleman in the death of his mother, Betsy Michel

Granddaughter: Reagan Coleman

Mayra Mussa in the death of her son, Alexander Milam
Siblings: Allison, Cory and Carter Milam
Grandmother: Irma Jimenez

Veva Savage in the death of her husband, Leon Savage

Children: Lynett and husband, Norman Janes; Brent and wife, Leanne Savage; Blair and wife, Pamela Savage

Larry and Pat Wigley in the death of her brother

Niece: Jamie Wigley

WEEKLY SUMMARY

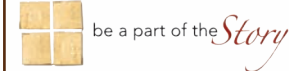
ATTENDANCE, OCT 11, 2009

Sunday Bible Study	3,381
Mission Bible Study	1,006
Weekday Bible Study	5,824
Total Bible Study	10,211
Wednesday MidLink	1,362

GIVING, WEEK ENDING OCT 11, 2009

Tithes & Offering	\$377,944
Weekly Requirements	\$293,142
Over/(Under)	\$84,802
Designated Gifts	\$23,953
Over/(Under) for Oct	\$109,896
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD	(\$141,835)

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



WEEK ENDING OCT 11, 2009

Total Pledged	\$24,457,310
Donations Received	\$35,218
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$13,602,906

weekend worship

Oct 18, 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



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.

October 31 is coming up soon. Pumpkin patches have popped up around town and candy corn is in all the stores. Every kid has probably chosen a costume by now – and most likely changed his or her mind a few times, too. The big question many families may still face is, “What are we going to do?” Go door-to-door? Go to the mall? Stay home?

Houston's First invites you to spend October 31 with us at FirstFest – our annual festival with games, rides, food, music, contests, and much more. Last year, over 2,200 people came – and over 1,000 of them were guests of our church! See today's insert for details and for cards you can use to invite others to come, too. In the meantime, practice your pitching and be prepared to take a shot at me at the dunking booth!

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 three teams from Houston's First on the mission field this week:

- Grenada, Spain (Oct 7-19) – 10 members
- Hawaii (Oct 13-21) – 22 members
- Acuna, Mexico (Oct 15-18) – 29 members

PROSPECTIVE FAMILY OPEN HOUSE

Thu, Nov 5 @ 6:30 pm
Oasis Rm

Parents and children can learn what FBA offers for early childhood through 8th grade as you tour the facility and meet the teachers, too! **CONTACT** allison.smith@FBAHouston.org, 713.290.2522.

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).

Celebration

TICKETS ON SALE
Tickets to “Celebration” on Dec 11 & 12 went on sale yesterday, Oct 17! Tickets are \$10 or \$12 based on location. All seats are reserved, so purchase your tickets soon to get the seats you want!

Choose one of 4 ways:

- Online at TheFirstChristmas.org
- In Person in *Corner Books*
- At Kiosks in the Main Foyer
- By Phone at 1.888.695.0888 (\$2 service charge per ticket)

Childcare is available for birth through Kindergarten for \$3 per child. Space is limited & reservations must be made when tickets are purchased.

GATHER our hearts >

CHURCHWIDE



Sat, Oct 31 @ 4-8 pm

Skip the lines with “Fast Pass” admission tickets on sale today in the Main Foyer. Use the cards in your worship guide to invite others, too. Don't miss this all-out fun festival of games, rides, candy and much more! **COST** \$5 for Houston's First members, **FREE** for guests! **VISIT** HoustonFirst.org/FirstFest for details. **CONTACT** becky.kiser@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.6702.

MISSIONS

AFRIZO IN CONCERT

Fri, Oct 30 @ 7:30 pm – Chapel

Enjoy the sounds of gospel-style music from Africa at



this free concert featuring Afrizo – a musical group from Daystar University in Kenya. **CONTACT** rochelle.ferrada@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.5861.

SUMMIT MINISTRIES

METRO LIVE IN THE CITY

Thu, Oct 22 @ 7:30 pm – Woodlands UMC

The young single adults of Summit Ministries joins Metro-LIVE 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.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

KITCHEN KONNECTIONS

Thu, Oct 29 @ 6:30-9 pm

As the holidays approach, learn how to be “Simply Traditional” at this gathering in the home of Vicky Wright. Space is limited to just 25 ladies so register soon! **COST** \$10. **REGISTER** at HoustonFirst.org/Women. **CONTACT** jessica.villalpando@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7642.

GROW our souls >>

CHURCHWIDE

HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

Wed, Oct 21 @ 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:

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

PREPARING FOR THE COLLEGE TRANSITION

Today @ 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. Walk-ins welcome! **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 today, Oct 18 (space is limited). **CONTACT** christen.barrios@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7681.

GIVE our lives >>>

ADOPTION & ORPHAN CARE MINISTRY

ORPHAN SUNDAY

Sun, Nov 8 @ 4-6 pm – Chapel

Join voices with Steven Curtis Chapman and others via a live concert webcast from Nashville. A mix of musical performance and the sharing of the heart of God, the event is designed to “give a megaphone to the cries of the millions of orphans around the world.” Appropriate for all audiences. **CONTACT** Steve Klein, stevek@entouch.net, 281.246.9904

VOLUNTEER

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

OFFICE AIDE - Young Single Adults

CONTACT dana.moya@HoustonFirst.org; 713.957.7671

SPECIAL EVENTS TEAM - Ministries

CONTACT candie.gonzales@HoustonFirst.org; 713.957.7651

STEPHEN MINISTRY - Pastoral Care

CONTACT kelly.laughlin@HoustonFirst.org; 713.957.6762

FITNESS & RECREATION VOLUNTEERS - Recreation

CONTACT jerrell.altic@HoustonFirst.org; 713.335.6450

PRODUCTION TEAM - Music/Worship

CONTACT brad.duryea@HoustonFirst.org; 713.957.6740

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!

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

HOW CAN WE HELP? (turn over)

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.