

## 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](http://HoustonsFirst.org).

( ) Add this request to the church's public prayer database.

### PASTORAL CARE

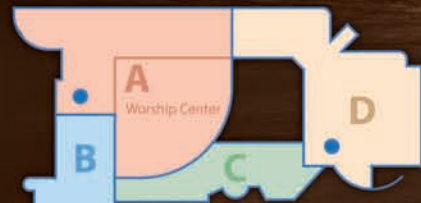
Are you experiencing grief, loneliness, illness, job loss or other life difficulties? The Pastoral Care Ministry provides free and confidential help through the Stephen Ministry. Call 713.957.6762 for assistance, or indicate your interests below:

- ( ) 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!  
Pre-K-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 18, 2009

#### BAPTIZED

Laura Aviles	Sawyer Hart
Dau Ayub	Kelly Isham
Anthony Bailey	Damen Sistrunk Jr
Amy Chen	Rob Tramuto
Harrison Hart	Luke Wilson

#### FOR BAPTISM

Ryan Baker	Thomas Miles
Richard Campbell	Bob Pruitt
Jenny Higgins	Stephanie Rodriguez
Shawnaka Holland	Sarah Weber
Crystal Holmes	

#### FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS

Katherine Allen	Joely Paschal
David Duffey	Kate Shi
Jennifer Duffey	Jaci Smith
Chris Gere	Jim Smith
Anderia Golden	Jessica Zacharias

#### BY STATEMENT

Anysia Callis	Drucilla Callis
Clarence Callis Sr	Ashley Merrill

### BIRTHS

Jason and Christine McCorvey in the birth of their son, Caleb McCorvey

### SYMPATHIES

Mary Pipes in the death of her son, Travis Pipes

Family and Friends of James McElroy

Ricky and Tina Searcy (Staff) in the death of her brother-in-law, Oscar Meeks  
Niece: Jennifer Searcy (Staff)

Charles Hensarling (Deacon) in the death of his wife, Pat

Jeffrey and Sally Gray in the death of her mother, Evelyn Moore  
Grandsons: Matthew, Michael, and Stephen David

#### SERMONS ON CD

Available before & after services in Corner Books.

#### HOUSTONSFIRST.ORG

Open 24/7/365  
Ministry info, news, events & more!

### WEEKLY SUMMARY

#### ATTENDANCE, OCT 18, 2009

Sunday Bible Study	3,413
Mission Bible Study	1,065
Weekday Bible Study	5,602
<b>Total Bible Study</b>	<b>10,080</b>
Wednesday MidLink	1,341

#### GIVING, WEEK ENDING OCT 18, 2009

Tithes & Offering	\$279,746
Weekly Requirements	\$293,142
Over/(Under)	(\$13,396)
Designated Gifts	\$13,718
Over/(Under) for Oct	\$96,500
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD	(\$155,261)

#### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

be a part of the *Story*

#### WEEK ENDING OCT 18, 2009

Total Pledged	\$24,457,310
Donations Received	\$48,838
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$13,651,744</b>

## weekend worship

Oct 25, 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

cd gift sets available at *Corner Books*



HOUSTON'S FIRST  
BAPTIST CHURCH





pastor gregg matte

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

Please extend a warm welcome to our guest speaker, Ben Stuart. Ben has served as the Executive Director for Breakaway Ministries since the summer of 2005 - a position I held before I was called to serve as Pastor here at Houston's First.

A native Houstonian, Ben's passion in life is "knowing God and making Him known." He graduated from Texas A&M in 1998 and has served as a youth pastor in Spring, as a teacher at Metro Bible Study here at Houston's First, and as a speaker at youth camps and conferences. He currently attends Dallas Theological Seminary and enjoys spending time with his wife, Donna, and their dog, Tai. I know that you will be blessed by his teaching as he concludes the "Tempted" message series today.

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.



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 "TEMPTED" CD GIFT SETS CD gift sets of the "Tempted" message series, including today's message, are available in Corner Books for \$8. Pick one up to add to your library or to share with a friend - or both!

TIME CHANGE SUNDAY Don't forget to "fall back" one hour on Saturday night, Oct 31! That means you can stay until the last minute at First Fest from 4-8 pm and still get a good night's rest before church on Sunday!

Celebration TICKETS ON SALE Tickets to "Celebration" on Dec 11 & 12 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.

First Family PORTRAITS Professional photographer and Houston's First member Jack Potts is providing photo sessions for our church family as we enter the holidays. Sessions are \$50 each and will take place on Sun, Nov 1, 8 & 15 from 9 am-1 pm and 5-8 pm and on Wed, Nov 4, 11 & 18 from 5-8 pm. You'll walk away with a CD filled with photos for you to print on your own. A portion of the proceeds benefit The Christmas Store at the Faith Center. VISIT HoustonFirst.org/FirstFamilyPortraits for details and to register for a session.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS Nearly 1,200 people are fed each month through the Food Pantry at HFBC's Faith Center. On the first Sunday of each month, food donations are collected here at Houston's First to support this vital ministry. Bring non-perishable items next Sun, Nov 1, and leave them on collection tables in the CLC Lobby, the South Tower elevator lobby, or outside the Garden Rm. CONTACT 713.554.8801.

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.

GATHER our hearts >

CHURCHWIDE FIRST FEST Sat, Oct 31 @ 4-8 pm Don't miss this all-out fun festival of games, rides, candy and much more! Skip the lines and get "Fast Pass" admission tickets in the CLC this week during normal hours, Mon-Sat. COST \$5 for Houston's First members, FREE for guests! VISIT HoustonFirst.org/FirstFest for details. CONTACT becky.kiser@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.6702.

COUNSELING CENTER OPEN HOUSE Today @ 2-4 pm Everyone is invited to an Open House in the Julianna Poor Memorial Counseling Center on the 6th floor of the South Tower. A picture of Julianna Poor will be dedicated at 2 pm. Light refreshments will be served. CONTACT greg.curnutte@HoustonFirst.org, 713.335.6465.

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. Hear believers from another culture worship our God through music! CONTACT rochelle.ferrada@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.5861.

GROW our souls >>

CHURCHWIDE HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY Wed, Oct 28 @ 11:30 am - 1010 Lamar (lower level) Executive Pastor David Self will speak at this week's down-

town 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 HAVING A HEART CONNECTION WITH YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER Sun, Nov 15 Richard Ross, co-creator of True Love Waits and co-author of Parenting with Kingdom Purpose, leads this free Milestone seminar for parents of students as young as 4th grade. He has appeared on the Today Show, ABC Evening News, CNN, 48 Hours and 20/20. Parents will meet at 10:45 am in Rm 362, then parents and students will gather from noon to 2 pm in Rm 363. COST \$5 for optional lunch. RSVP by Nov 11. CONTACT susan.newman@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7631.

Milestones ESSENCE 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 • 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

GIVE our lives >>>

ADOPTION & ORPHAN CARE MINISTRY ORPHAN SUNDAY Sun, Nov 8 @ 4-6 pm - Chapel Join 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.

PASTORAL CARE STEPHEN MINISTRY INFO MEETING Sun, Nov 8 @ 12:15 pm - Reception Rm Stephen Ministers are church members trained to minister to people experiencing a crisis, facing a challenge, or simply going through a tough time. If you're interested in becoming a Stephen Minister or having one contact you or a loved one, come learn about the ministry at this informational meeting. Light refreshments provided. CONTACT kelly.laughlin@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.6762.

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

NORTH CENTRAL FOLLOW-UP TEAM - Missions CONTACT Keith Brice at briceclan@gmail.com; 281.460.5373

HEARTLAND VOLUNTEERS - Preschool & Kindergarten CONTACT erin.ruddle@HoustonFirst.org; 281.717.4280

BAND OF BROTHERS SPECIAL OPS - Men's Ministry CONTACT eric.reed@HoustonFirst.org; 713.957.7680

K.I.L.N. - KEEP IT LIKE NEW - Facilities CONTACT ricky.robinson@HoustonFirst.org; 713.957.5830

HFBC PRAYER MINISTRY TEAM Prayer, Missions & Connection Center CONTACT becky.parker@HoustonFirst.org; 713.957.5866

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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HOW CAN WE HELP? (turn over)



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.