

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 – Workshop 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 NOV 1, 2009

SALVATION IN CHRIST

Su Guatero

BAPTIZED

Marco Aparicio Kristen Champagne

FOR BAPTISM

Roane Bradley Rochelle Snyder Benjamin Flores Allison Thomas Rocio Serpas Ella Traylor Rebecca Smiley

FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS

Alejandro Bazaldua Cynthia Roseberry Lynn Burrow Wayne Roseberry Marg Burrow Jerry Schmidt Cindy Johns Katie Souza Carl McKenzie Sam Torn Margaret Moravec Susan Torn Sarah Pollack

BY STATEMENT

Sophelia Kelly Cydnell Love

BIRTHS

Brett and Lindsey Witte in the birth of their son, Jake Byron Witte Brother: Cade Witte

Chad and Karen Roller in the birth of their son, Barrett William Roller Sister: Kate Roller

SYMPATHIES

Bob and Alisa Redweik in the death of his father, Robert Redweik Sr Grandchildren: Hayley, Madison, Kirsten, and Lanier Redweik

David and Cindy Wu in the death of his father, Frank Wu

Andy and Kelly Jackson in the death of her father Grandchildren: Mackenzie and Maddox Jackson



SERMONS ON CD

Available before & after services in Corner Books.



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WEEKLY SUMMARY

ATTENDANCE, NOV 1, 2009

Sunday Bible Study	3,636
Mission Bible Study	1,082
Weekday Bible Study	5,592
Total Bible Study	10,310
Wednesday MidLink	1,308

GIVING, WEEK ENDING NOV 1, 2009

Tithes & Offering	\$312,202
Weekly Requirements	\$293,142
Over/(Under)	\$19,060
Designated Gifts	\$51,626
Over/(Under) for Nov	\$19,060
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD	(\$220,919)

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



WEEK ENDING NOV 1, 2009

Total Pledged	\$24,457,310
Donations Received	\$96,299
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$13,811,205

weekend worship

Nov 8, 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

the Christmas store

Sat, Dec 5, 10 am - 4:30 pm

Location

Faith Center at Long Point Baptist
8009 Long Point
Houston, TX 77055

Gift collection day is Sun, Nov 15 in Main Foyer at Houston's First



meet the pastor



pastor gregg matte

DEAR CHURCH FAMILY & GUESTS,

Welcome to Houston's First! We're glad you're worshipping here today – and we're grateful for the freedom to do so. Today is the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. Churches around the globe will be praying for the thousands of Christians who are not free to gather as we are today. In fact, many of them are not even free to proclaim their

faith in Jesus Christ without fear of punishment, imprisonment or death.

As our hearts go out to these persecuted brothers and sisters, we are reminded of the freedoms we cherish as Americans and the men and women who have served to protect them. Wednesday is Veterans' Day, and today we pause to express our appreciation for the veterans within our church family. Thank you for your service and for the sacrifices you've made to defend our nation.

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).

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

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 Jack Potts is providing photo sessions as we enter the holidays. Sessions are \$50 each and will take place in the CLC Racquetball Courts each Sun (9 am-1 pm & 5-8 pm) and Wed (5-8 pm) thru Nov 18. You'll walk away with a CD of photos to print on your own. A portion of the proceeds benefit The Christmas Store. **VISIT** HoustonFirst.org/FirstFamilyPortraits for details and to register for a session.

LATEST NEWS & UPDATES

NEW & PROSPECTIVE MEMBER ORIENTATION

Whether you've recently joined or just visited Houston's First, come learn what it means to be a part of a relevant biblical community today! Choose lunch at noon in the Fellowship Center or light snacks at 5 pm in the Connection Center. **CONTACT** malcolm.marshall@HoustonFirst.org, 713.335.6453.

GATHER our hearts >

ADOPTION & ORPHAN CARE MINISTRY ORPHAN SUNDAY

Today @ 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.

FIRST BAPTIST ACADEMY

VETERANS' DAY CEREMONY

Wed, Nov 11 @ 8 am

The FBA Middle School invites all veterans to a special ceremony as students honor those who have served our country. Veterans and their guests are invited to breakfast at 8 am in the Reception Rm followed by the ceremony at 8:40 am in the Chapel. **CONTACT** FBA Middle School Office, 713.290.2519.

GROW our souls >>

CHURCHWIDE

HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

Wed, Nov 11 @ 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.

ISRAEL JOURNEY 2010

Apr 5-15, 2010

Take a journey with Worship Ministry leaders in the place where our worship began! Join Stephen Smith, Roger Cullins and John Bolin along with tour guides Jim & Wanda Jean Hickey on this "journey of a lifetime." **COST** \$3,425 per person (\$100 discount if signed up by Dec 1). Space is limited. **VISIT** HoustonFirst.org/IsraelJourney2010 for detailed itinerary. **CONTACT** Jim & Wanda Jean Hickey, jhickey3@comcast.net, 281.496.1525 or 713.817.8157.

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. Parents will meet at 10:45 am in Rm 362, then everyone 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.

MEN'S MINISTRY

GM6 TRAINING BREAKFAST

Sat, Nov 14 @ 8:30-10:30 am – Rm 301/302

GM6 is a vehicle for the men of Houston's First to create intentional communities that propel them forward physically, mentally, and spiritually. Join with men of all ages as we enjoy a great breakfast and are trained to lead our own GM6 groups. **COST** \$5. **REGISTER** at HoustonFirst.org/Men by Thu, Nov 12. **CONTACT** christen.barrios@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7681.

PASTORAL CARE

CANHOPE

Mon, Nov 9 @ 6:45 pm – Reception Rm

Uldine Bisagno, former HFBC First Lady, is the special guest

at the next CanHope gathering. CanHope ministers to families touched by cancer. Everyone is invited to attend. An entree is provided; please bring a salad, vegetable or dessert. **CONTACT** linda.askin@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.6761.

GIVE our lives >>>

CHURCHWIDE

THE CHRISTMAS STORE COLLECTION DAY

Sun, Nov 15

Families from our mission churches and Houston Project sites will "shop" for gifts at The Christmas Store at the Faith Center on Dec 5. To make that happen, HFBC members are asked to bring new, unwrapped gifts to the Main Foyer on Collection Day next Sun. **VISIT** HoustonFirst.org/TheChristmasStore for gift ideas and to volunteer. **CONTACT** tracy.collier@HoustonFirst.org.

WORLD MISSION OFFERING

Nov 09-Jan 2010

This annual offering supports 5,000 missionaries around the world serving with the Southern Baptist Convention. These funds given above our tithes are dispersed to the IMB (85%), NAMB (10%), and Southern Baptists of Texas State Missions (5%). Houston's First consistently ranks in the top 10 of SBC churches for missional giving. Look for WMO envelopes in Worship Center and Chapel seatbacks. **CONTACT** frank.blackwood@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.5862.

FITNESS & RECREATION

BLOOD DRIVE

Today @ 8:30 am-1 pm – CLC Gym

Give the gift of life at the blood drive sponsored by Fitness & Recreation and the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center. **CONTACT** debbie.brown@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.6701.

MISSIONS

2009 MISSION TRIPS

Visit HoustonFirst.org/Missions to sign up for trips:

- Acuña, Mexico: Dec 3-6 (Dennis Luce, djluce1@msn.com, 832.368.0630)

PASTORAL CARE

STEPHEN MINISTRY INFO MEETING

Today @ 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 one or having one contact you or a loved one, learn more today. Light refreshments provided. **CONTACT** kelly.laughlin@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.6762.

"SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS" SEMINAR

Thu, Nov 19 @ 7-9 pm – Fellowship Ctr

Death, separation, divorce, illness, trauma, job loss or moving can make the holidays difficult. Admission is free and open to all ages. **RSVP** by Nov 17. **CONTACT** linda.askin@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.6761.

VOLUNTEER

Visit HoustonFirst.org/Volunteer for details about the following opportunities and other ways you can serve.

THE CHRISTMAS STORE TEAM - The Faith Center

CONTACT tracy.collier@HoustonFirst.org; 713.554.8825

CLEAN TEAM - Preschool & Kindergarten

CONTACT melinda.scurlock@HoustonFirst.org; 713.957.7610

BAPTISM TEAM - Prayer, Missions & Connection Ctr

CONTACT malcolm.marshall@HoustonFirst.org; 713.335.6453

EVENT TEAM - Married Young Adults

CONTACT eric.reed@HoustonFirst.org; 713.957.7680

NORTH CENTRAL FOLLOW-UP TEAM - Missions

CONTACT Keith Brice; briceclan@gmail.com; 281.460.5373

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.