

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 8, 2009

SALVATION IN CHRIST

Elena Escobar Scott Fullerton
Nathanael Falasha

BAPTIZED

Taylor Bartholomew Jessica Jackson
Paula Blume Lyndle Jackson
Abigail Davis Steven Von der Linden
Ralph Fite

FOR BAPTISM

Francesca Berntsen Zachariah Munton
Sanjoy Dash Dalton Schafer

FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS

Jan Batson Clare Holmes
Carol M Billings Randolph Knop
Steven Cmeyla Cody O'Brien
Connie Cole Brandee Smith
Will Cole Emily Stamper
Darren Cooper Julie Traylor
Ryan Cooper Rick Traylor
Richard Douglas John Vann
Amanda Fremion David Weston
Egla Fullerton Sandra Weston
Hadley Hoff

BY STATEMENT

Andrew Arnold Carisa Bolanos

BIRTHS

Josh and Courtney Strong in the birth of their son, Hunter Strong
Justin and Luann Riley in the birth of their sons, Bekett and Eli Riley
Kevin and Kari McNally in the birth of their son, Paxton Robert McNally

SYMPATHIES

Theresa Lowrey in the death of her husband, James Lowrey

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

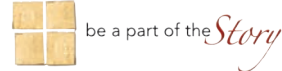
ATTENDANCE, NOV 8, 2009

Sunday Bible Study	3,451
Mission Bible Study	1,218
Weekday Bible Study	5,676
Total Bible Study	10,345
Wednesday MidLink	1,397

GIVING, WEEK ENDING NOV 8, 2009

Tithes & Offering	\$308,306
Weekly Requirements	\$293,142
Over/(Under)	\$15,164
Designated Gifts	\$28,327
Over/(Under) for Nov	\$34,224
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD	(\$205,771)

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



WEEK ENDING NOV 8, 2009

Total Pledged	\$24,457,310
Donations Received	\$48,775
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$13,859,981

weekend worship

Nov 15, 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

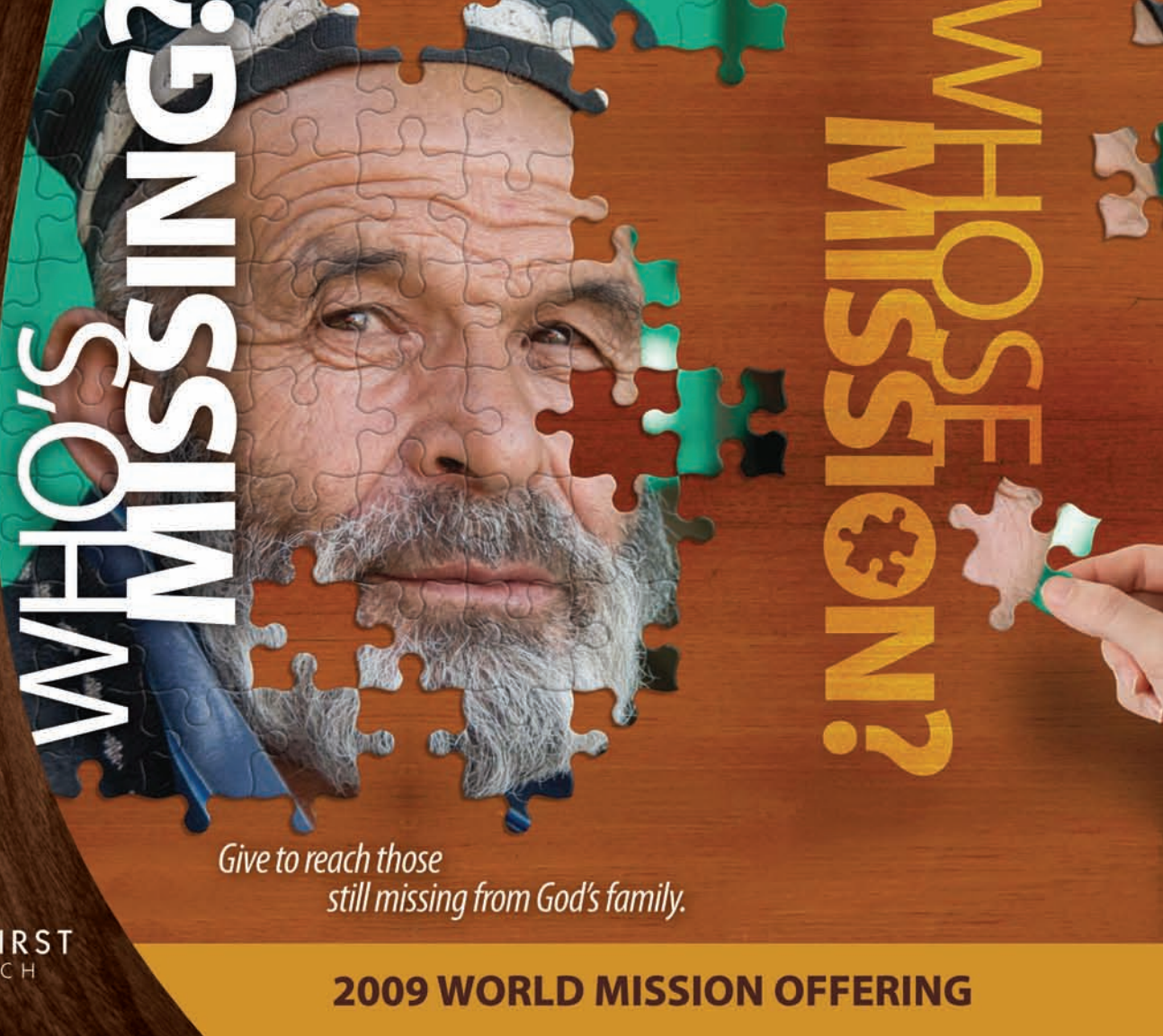
9:30 am
11 am
6:30 pm



HOUSTON'S FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Give to reach those still missing from God's family.

2009 WORLD MISSION OFFERING



meet the pastor



pastor gregg matte

DEAR CHURCH FAMILY & GUESTS,

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

Imagine being in a strange land where few people had ever heard the name of "Jesus" before. Or, what if you had a calling to serve others here at home but lacked the resources your ministry needed? Whether across the street or across the globe,

these are examples of people supported by the World Mission Offering (WMO).

Each year, the WMO is collected to support thousands of Southern Baptist missionaries on the field. The funds given by our church family are dispersed among the International Mission Board (85%), the North American Mission Board (10%) and the Southern Baptists of Texas State Missions (5%).

As I've said before, when it comes to missions, believers have three options: pray, give or go. Ask God how He would have you support the WMO this year. Know that every dollar you give will go directly to support missionaries as they share the love and truth of Jesus Christ.

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*

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 • [HoustonsFirst.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 [HoustonsFirst.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** [HoustonsFirst.org/FirstFamilyPortraits](#) for details and to register for a session.

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@HoustonsFirst.org](#).

LATEST NEWS & UPDATES

"BUILD A WHAT?" CD GIFT SETS

Packaged CD gift sets of the entire "Build A What?" message series are available today in Corner Books for \$7. Pick one up for yourself or to share with a friend!

DONATE A POINSETTIA

Donating a poinsettia in honor or memory of a family member, a friend, a Bible study teacher, or anyone special in your life. These Christmas plants will adorn the Main Foyer throughout December. A list of people being honored or remembered will be published so others can see your expression of love and gratitude. To donate a poinsettia for \$10, visit [HoustonsFirst.org/PoinsettiaDonations](#) or call the Worship Office at 713.957.5881.

GATHER our hearts >

FITNESS & RECREATION

YOUTH BASKETBALL

Register thru Dec 2

This kingdom-minded league is for children in K-12 in partnership with Tallwood Baptist and Chapelwood UMC. Games and practices for grades K-5 and grades 6-8 are on Saturdays, and grades 9-12 meet on Friday nights. The 7-game season runs Jan-Feb. **COST** \$105 per child. **REGISTER** at [HoustonsFirst.org/YouthBasketball](#). **CONTACT** Fitness & Recreation Ministry, 713.957.6710.

FUSION MINISTRIES

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Fri, Dec 4 @ 6-10 pm

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! We'll take kids from birth through 5th grade – no matter how old the parents are! **COST** 1 child \$10, 2 children \$15, 3 children \$20, 4+ children \$25. **REGISTER** by Nov 29 at [HoustonsFirst.org/ParentsNightOut](#). **CONTACT** [christen.barrios@HoustonsFirst.org](#), 713.957.7681.

GROW our souls >>

CHURCHWIDE

HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

Wed, Nov 18 @ 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@HoustonsFirst.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** [HoustonsFirst.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

Today

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. **CONTACT** [susan.newman@HoustonsFirst.org](#), 713.957.7631.

MILESTONES

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

Visit [HoustonsFirst.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 >>>

CHURCHWIDE

THE CHRISTMAS STORE COLLECTION DAY Today

Families from our mission churches and Houston Project sites will "shop" for gifts at The Christmas Store at the Faith Center on Dec 5. If you brought a new, unwrapped gift to donate, drop it off in the Main Foyer today, or bring it to the Missions Office during the week. **VISIT** [HoustonsFirst.org/TheChristmasStore](#) for gift ideas and to volunteer. **CONTACT** [tracy.collier@HoustonsFirst.org](#).

WORLD MISSION OFFERING

Nov 2009-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%). Look for WMO envelopes in Worship Center and Chapel seatbacks. **CONTACT** [frank.blackwood@HoustonsFirst.org](#), 713.957.5862.

MISSIONS

2009 MISSION TRIPS

Visit [HoustonsFirst.org/Missions](#) to sign up for trips:

- Acuna, Mexico: Dec 3-6 (Dennis Luce, [djluce1@msn.com](#), 832.368.0630)

PASTORAL CARE

"SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS"

Thu, Nov 19 @ 7-9 pm – Fellowship Ctr

For those experiencing a loss, Nov and Dec can be painful. Death, separation, divorce, illness, trauma, job loss or moving can make the holidays difficult. Grief Share hosts this free program with practical suggestions for the months ahead. Open to all ages. **RSVP** by Nov 17. **CONTACT** [linda.askin@HoustonsFirst.org](#), 713.957.6761.

VOLUNTEER

Visit [HoustonsFirst.org/Volunteer](#) for details about the following opportunities and other ways you can serve.

THE CHRISTMAS STORE TEAM - The Faith Center

CONTACT [tracy.collier@HoustonsFirst.org](#); 713.554.8825

FARM & RANCH VOLUNTEER TEAM - Hunt Retreat

CONTACT [bill.murrell@HoustonsFirst.org](#); 713.303.6374

KINGDOM BIBLE GROWTH TEAM - Children's Ministry

CONTACT [rae.edwards@HoustonsFirst.org](#); 713.957.7622

JAIL/PRISON MINISTRY TEAM

Prayer, Missions & Connection Ctr

CONTACT Dan Craig; [dancraig@iglide.net](#); 281.382.7951

HEART 2 HEART - Preschool & Kindergarten

CONTACT [sherry.oradat@HoustonsFirst.org](#); 713.957.7613

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)



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 [HoustonsFirst.org/Prayer](#).