

## 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.

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### PASTORAL CARE

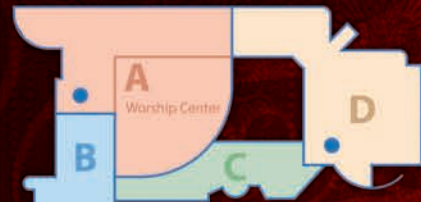
Are you experiencing grief, loneliness, illness, job loss or other life difficulties? The Pastoral Care Ministry provides free and confidential help through the Stephen Ministry. Call 713.957.6762 for assistance, or indicate your interests below:

- ( ) 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 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 |

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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



### DECISIONS NOV 29, 2009

#### BAPTIZED

Francesca Berntsen Sally Jones  
 Zach Burton Seth Pendergraf  
 Sheila Higueros Stephanie Smith  
 Bryan Jones

#### FOR BAPTISM

Jay Jennings Sheridan Murphy  
 Lisa Jennings Carolyn Trent  
 John Kelly Jr Tyler Trent  
 Katrina Lee

#### FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS

Hannah Andrews Bobby Lee  
 Stephen Andrews Mandi Newton  
 Jerrod Carpenter Richard Richardson

### BIRTHS

Will and Njeri Rutledge in the adoption of their daughter, Hailey Gabriele Rutlege

Ty and Amanda Camp in the adoption of their son, Zachary Bradon Camp

Josh and Sarah Griffin in the birth of their daughter, Evelyn Grace Griffin

### SYMPATHIES

Joy Campbell in the death of her husband, Frank Stafford Campbell  
 Daughter: Katy and her husband, Dennis DeBusk Grandchildren: Gavin and Caden DeBusk Brother and Sister-in-law: Gary and Fredna Manney

Deloris Gill in the death of her husband, Harry Gill Sr (Deacon)

Henry Johnson in the death of his wife, Dot Johnson  
 Granddaughter: Ashlee Johnson



**Sunday** 8 am-12:30 pm & 5-8 pm  
**Monday** Closed  
**Tuesday** 9 am-4 pm  
**Wednesday** 9 am-4 pm  
**Thursday** 9 am-4 pm  
**Friday & Saturday** Closed



**Corner Books gift cards now available just in time for the holiday season.**



**Sunday** 8 am-Noon  
**Monday - Thursday** 8 am-2 pm  
**Friday** 8 am-1 pm  
**Saturday** Closed



Winter/Spring 2010 MidLink begins Jan 13. Look for new course listings soon in your mailbox or online at HoustonsFirst.org/MidLink.

**HOUSTONSFIRST.ORG**  
**Open 24/7/365**  
 Ministry info, news, events & more!

**SERMONS ON CD**  
 Available before & after services in Corner Books.

### WEEKLY SUMMARY

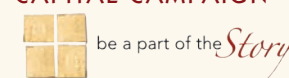
#### ATTENDANCE, NOV 29, 2009

Sunday Bible Study	No SBS
Mission Bible Study	1,135
Weekday Bible Study	809
<b>Total Bible Study</b>	<b>1,944</b>
Wednesday MidLink	No MidLink

#### GIVING, WEEK ENDING NOV 29, 2009

Tithes & Offering	\$171,921
Weekly Requirements	\$293,142
Over/(Under)	(\$121,221)
Designated Gifts	\$32,509
Over/(Under) for Nov	(\$80,293)
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD	(\$320,409)

### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



#### WEEK ENDING NOV 29, 2009

Total Pledged	\$24,457,310
Donations Received	\$140,067
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$14,109,159</b>

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Dec 6, 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



be a part of the *Story*

YEAR ANNIVERSARY



HOUSTON'S FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



pastor gregg matte

DEAR CHURCH FAMILY & GUESTS, Look around you and you'll see the results of the Be A Part Of The Story capital campaign. Whether it's the complete renovation of the Worship Center, improvements to the Chapel and Christian Life Center, the new Clubhouse for children or several other projects, your faithful contributions to the campaign have enabled us to enhance our fa-

cility for ministry in the years ahead as the story of Houston's First continues.

Our goal was to raise \$20 million, but the Houston's First family pledged \$24.4 million to support the projects to be funded by the campaign – the Worship Center renovation, HFBC capital projects, missions endeavors and debt retirement.

So what do we do with that extra \$4.4 million? Today, as we celebrate the second anniversary of the campaign and look forward to the third and final year, I'm going to answer that question and explain how God provided for us before we had even identified our need.

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.



## GATHER our hearts >

### HUB STUDENT MINISTRY

#### THRIFT STORE PROM

Wed, Dec 9 @ 6:30-8:30 pm – CLC

Middle School and High School students – come dressed in outdated prom clothes you picked up (or look like you picked them up) at a thrift store! COST \$10 (includes dinner), plus bring the most random \$10 gift card you can find for our exchange game. CONTACT susan.newman@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7631.



### SUMMIT MINISTRIES

"2010 CATCH ME IF YOU CAN"

#### NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

Thu, Dec 31 @ 9 pm-1 am – The Plaza Club (downtown)

For young single adults, the New Year's Eve event is one of the most popular traditions of the year – and it's a great way to introduce friends to Summit! The evening includes incredible views of the city, food, dessert, live band and DJ, karaoke, game room, raffle, and of course, a midnight count-down and sparkling cider toast. COST \$54 thru Dec 20, \$59 Dec 21-29, \$69 at the door. REGISTER and learn more at HoustonsFirst.org/NYE2010. CONTACT Ryan McPhetridge at ryanmcpetridge@mac.com.

### SINGLE PARENT FAMILIES

#### CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sat, Dec 12 @ 2 pm

Our Christmas party is a double-header! First, we'll attend "Celebration" and then head to the Clubhouse (Rm 303) for dinner and games with a surprise visit from the North Pole! If you need tickets to "Celebration," contact Amber Willet to purchase seats in the group's block. Otherwise, join us in the Clubhouse around 4 pm and bring a dessert to share! COST \$10 for "Celebration" tickets. FREE for the party! CONTACT amber.willet@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.5807.

purchase a "Block Block" – a block of CDs you can pass out to your own block, co-workers, classmates, or anybody who needs to receive The Gift of salvation through Jesus Christ. (Each "Block Block" contains 10 CDs and costs \$20).

### CHRISTMAS AT HOUSTON'S FIRST

#### DONATE A POINSETTIA

Donate a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone special in your life and help decorate 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.

#### CELEBRATION

Fri, Dec 11 & Sat, Dec 12

Celebrate the spirit, the songs and the story of Christmas at this spectacular musical production! Tickets are available online at TheFirstChristmas.org, in person in Corner Books, at kiosks in the Main Foyer, and by phone at 1.888.695.0888 (\$2 svc charge per ticket by phone). Childcare is available for birth through K for \$3 per child and reservations must be made when tickets are purchased.

#### CANDY CANE LANE

Sat, Dec 19 @ 10 am-1 pm

Kids will have a blast as they celebrate Christmas on Candy Cane Lane! With games and rides, food and candy, and much more, there's something for children of all ages! Admission is free!

#### CHRISTMAS EVE

Thu, Dec 24 @ 5 pm & 11 pm

Spend the night before Christmas with the Houston's First family at one of two candle light worship services with Pastor Gregg Matte delivering a special message at both gatherings.

### 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.

### 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

### LATEST NEWS & UPDATES

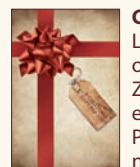


#### 2009/2010 MISSIONS CALENDAR

Pick up a free calendar courtesy of the Missions Office! Calendars are located at the Worship Center and Chapel entrances, in the Main Foyer, and throughout the building. Keep up with what God is doing around the world throughout the year ahead!

### FORUM GARAGE NOW AVAILABLE

The parking garage behind The Forum is now open for church parking on Sunday mornings. Look for the "Off-Site Parking" signage at the entrance to the garage. Park only on the 2nd or 3rd floor, take the stairs or elevator down then walk across the South Lot to the church. Courtesy Carts are available by the sidewalk leading to the Lafayette Garage.



#### CHRISTMAS CD "BLOCK BLOCKS"

Last week, Houston's First sent CDs to over 15,000 residences in the 77024 ZIP code. Featuring 3 songs from "Celebration" and a Gospel presentation by Pastor Gregg, the CD is our gift to our neighbors. Now, stop by Corner Books to

## GROW our souls >>

### CHURCHWIDE

#### HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

Wed, Dec 9 @ 11:30 am – 1010 Lamar (lower level)

Pastor Gregg Matte 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. 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.

## GIVE our lives >>>

### CHURCHWIDE

#### 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



#### SPRING 2010 MISSIONARY U

Registration is now open for the Spring 2010 Missionary U classes! Visit HoustonsFirst.org/MissionaryU for a listing of classes and to register. Choose from Perspectives On The World Christian Movement, Spanish, Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts and more. CONTACT frank.blackwood@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.5862.

### VOLUNTEER

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

#### CORNER BOOKS - Resource Center

CONTACT jenea.king@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.957.5826

#### SPECIAL EVENTS TEAM - Ministries

CONTACT candie.gonzales@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.957.7651

#### FARM & RANCH VOLUNTEER TEAM - Hunt Retreat

CONTACT bill.murrell@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.303.6374

#### FITNESS & RECREATION VOLUNTEERS - Recreation

CONTACT debbie.brown@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.957.6701

#### HFBC PRAYER MINISTRY TEAM

Prayer, Missions & Connection Center

CONTACT charlotte.hudson@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.335.6451

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