

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

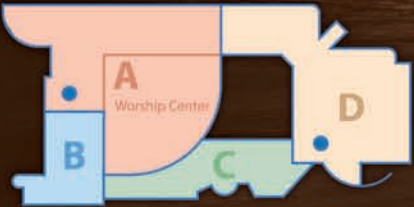
Are you experiencing grief, loneliness, illness, job loss or other life difficulties? The Pastoral Care Ministry provides free and confidential help through the Stephen Ministry. Call 713.957.6762 for assistance, or indicate your interests below:

- ( ) 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**
  - 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

**Begins Wed, Jan 13**  
MidLink kicks off the Winter & Spring semester on Jan 13 with something for everyone – Milestones and Missionary U classes, activities for PreK through 12th grade, music rehearsals, MidLink Café and more! **VISIT** [HoustonsFirst.org/MidLink](http://HoustonsFirst.org/MidLink) for a complete listing. **CONTACT** [candie.gonzales@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:candie.gonzales@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.957.7651.



**HAPPY NEW YOU!**  
Keep that new year's resolution with a visit to the Fitness & Recreation Center. Be one of the first to try out the newly renovated Weight Room with state-of-the-art Matrix™ equipment.

- Monday - Thursday**
  - 5:30 am-10 pm
- Friday**
  - 5:30 am-7 pm
- Saturday**
  - 8 am-5 pm
- Sunday**
  - Closed

**CONTACT** [debbie.brown@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:debbie.brown@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.957.6701.

CornerBooks

- 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



the Café  
at Houston's First

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

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

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



**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!

**DECISIONS**  
Look for an updated list of decisions including Dec 20, Dec 27 and Jan 3 in the Jan 10 Weekend Worship Guide.

**WEEKLY SUMMARY**  
**ATTENDANCE, DEC 27, 2009**  
Info not available at time of printing  
**GIVING, WEEK ENDING DEC 27, 2009**  
Info not available at time of printing

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**  
be a part of the Story  
**AS OF DEC 13, 2009**  
Total Pledged \$24,457,310  
**TOTAL RECEIVED \$14,470,742**

weekend worship

Jan 3, 2010

**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



**MIDNIGHT MADNESS**  
**Momentum**  
**SBS LEADERSHIP TRAINING**  
**JAN 8 @ 5:30-11:30 PM**  
**DINNER @ 5:30 PM - SESSIONS @ 6:45 PM**

MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT  
[HOUSTONSFIRST.ORG/MIDNIGHTMADNESS](http://HOUSTONSFIRST.ORG/MIDNIGHTMADNESS)





meet the pastor



pastor gregg matte

DEAR CHURCH FAMILY & GUESTS,

Happy New Year and welcome to Houston's First Baptist Church! Whether you're a long-time member or are returning to church as a new year's resolution, we're glad you're worshipping here today.

Today, please welcome Walker Moore as our guest speaker in each of our worship services. Walker may be

a familiar name to parents thanks to his column and books about parenting. You can learn more about Walker under "Today's Guest Speaker."

As this new year gets underway, 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*

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](http://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

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](mailto:firstname.lastname@HoustonFirst.org).

TODAY'S GUEST SPEAKER

WALKER MOORE

Walker Moore, founder and president of Awe Star Ministries, is an internationally known youth culture expert, Bible teacher, author, and conference speaker who has worked with families for more than three decades. His organization networks with thousands of churches worldwide to provide students with global missions opportunities. Walker's humor and home-spun wisdom touch hundreds of thousands of readers each week through his popular "Rite of Passage Parenting" column, featured in the Baptist Messenger for more than ten years. He is the author of several books, including his recent releases *Rite of Passage Parenting: Four Essential Experiences to Equip Your Kids for Life* and the Mom's Choice Award-winning *Rite of Passage Parenting Workbook* (both Nelson Books, 2007). He and his wife, Cathy, have two adult sons.

LATEST NEWS & UPDATES

2010 CHURCHWIDE DEVOTIONAL

Pastor Gregg has chosen the beloved *My Utmost for His Highest* by Oswald Chambers as the 2010 church-wide devotional. Stop by Corner Books for an updated version written in today's language including helpful Scripture and topical indexes. Each copy is \$15. The leather cover may be imitation, but the Truth inside is genuine!

OFF-SITE PARKING

Make a New Year's resolution to park off-site! By doing so, you'll make room for guests and those with physical limitations to park on-site. Choose from two garages

south of the South Parking Lot and walk to the church, or two garages on the other side of N. Post Oak and ride a convenient shuttle service to the church.

GATHER our hearts >

SUMMIT MINISTRIES

SUMMIT SNOW JAM

Mar 12-21 and Apr 7-11

In 2010, the young singles of Summit Ministries are taking skiing to new heights! Hit the slopes in the French Alps in Bourg D'Oisans, France (Mar 12-21) or the good ol' Rocky Mountains in Winter Park, CO (Apr 7-11). The French trip includes evening with European missionaries and opportunities to do mission work, too. Prices go up very soon so sign up now! **VISIT** [HoustonFirst.org/SnowJam](http://HoustonFirst.org/SnowJam) to learn more and register. **CONTACT** [holly.crain@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:holly.crain@HoustonFirst.org), 713.957.7671.

ADULT ENRICHMENT

SENIOR ADULT BANQUET

Sat, Jan 30 @ 4 pm – Oasis Room

Adults age 60 and above are invited to "remember our past and focus on our future" at this banquet as we prepare for the Senior Adult Revival on Feb 8-10. **COST** \$10 per person. **REGISTER** by Tue, Jan 26, at [HoustonFirst.org](http://HoustonFirst.org) or through the Adult Enrichment office. **CONTACT** [tracie.bowman@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:tracie.bowman@HoustonFirst.org), 713.957.7661.

GROW our souls >>

CHURCHWIDE

HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

Wed, Jan 6 @ 11:30 am – 1010 Lamar (lower level)

Malcolm Marshall, Associate Minister of Connection & Community, 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](mailto:diane.bagby@HoustonFirst.org), 713.957.6781.

MIDNIGHT MADNESS

Fri, Jan 8 @ 5:30-11:30 pm

Whether you currently serve in a Sunday Bible Study (SBS) or are interested in exploring more about serving, this leadership-equipping event is for you! Dinner begins at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Center and sessions start at 6:45 pm in the Worship Center. The event is free and pre-registration is required. **REGISTER** at [HoustonFirst.org/MidnightMadness](http://HoustonFirst.org/MidnightMadness) by tomorrow, Jan 4. **CONTACT** [jessica.villalpando@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:jessica.villalpando@HoustonFirst.org), 713.957.7642.

MARRIAGE MATTERS NOW WEEKEND

Jan 29-30 – Fellowship Ctr

Take time out from the busyness of life and focus on what really matters – your marriage. You will be encouraged and refreshed by the experience and teaching of Steve & Debbie Wilson, founders of Marriage Matters Now, Inc. And, you will laugh at comedians Barnes & Miner – a very funny married couple! The conference takes place the evening of Fri, Jan 29, and the morning of Sat, Jan 30, and includes dinner, entertainment and 3 sessions with Steve & Debbie. **COST** \$65 per couple + childcare (\$10 per child). **TIMES** Fri @ 6:30-9:30 pm, Sat @ 8:30 am-12:30 pm. **VISIT** [HoustonFirst.org/Events](http://HoustonFirst.org/Events) to register. **CONTACT** [christen.barrios@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:christen.barrios@HoustonFirst.org), 713.957.7681.

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@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:frank.blackwood@HoustonFirst.org), 713.957.5862.

HUB STUDENT MINISTRY

STUDENT MISSIONS CONFERENCE

Jan 15-16 @ 7 pm-7 pm

This 24-hour experience includes a Missions Rally and an interactive experience as students use all their senses to hear, feel, smell, touch and taste missions from around the world. The theme is "HUNGRY?" and we'll discover the need for people of the world to have their hunger satisfied both physically and spiritually. The weekend features a retreat-format with Middle School students spending Friday night at the church and High School students in local homes. **COST** \$50 and 5 canned goods. **REGISTER** and learn more at [HoustonFirst.org/HUBMissions](http://HoustonFirst.org/HUBMissions). **CONTACT** [susan.newman@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:susan.newman@HoustonFirst.org), 713.957.7631.

MISSIONS

"GIVING LIFE AWAY" EXPO

Sun, Jan 17 @ 8:30 am-1:30 pm & 4-8:30 pm – Main Foyer

The Expo is a means to promote, educate and motivate the church body to participate in missions either locally or internationally. With more than 100 volunteers and more than 30 booths, you can learn about our 40+ mission trips, internal mission ministries such as Faith Center, and our Strategic Partners such as Living Water International and Aid Sudan. Plan to stop by the Main Foyer on Sun, Jan 17! **CONTACT** [rochelle.ferrada@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:rochelle.ferrada@HoustonFirst.org), 713.957.5861.

PERSPECTIVES ON THE WORLD CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT

Every Wed, Jan 20-May 5 @ 6:30-9:30 pm – Connection Ctr

This dynamic course offers the opportunity to discover what God is doing around the world and consider your part in His purpose. With experts leading each session, you will gain an in-depth understanding of current missions topics. Give Him a chance to grip your heart with the things so close to His. **COST** \$230 per person. **REGISTER** at [HoustonFirst.org/MissionaryU](http://HoustonFirst.org/MissionaryU). **CONTACT** [rochelle.ferrada@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:rochelle.ferrada@HoustonFirst.org), 713.957.5861.

PASTORAL CARE

STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING

Applications Due Sun, Jan 17

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, applications are due by Sun, Jan 17, to attend training in the Spring. Contact the Pastoral Care Office for an application. **CONTACT** [kelly.laughlin@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:kelly.laughlin@HoustonFirst.org), 713.957.6762.

VOLUNTEER

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

ADULT YOUTH LEADERS - The Hub Student Ministry

**CONTACT** [doug.bischoff@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:doug.bischoff@HoustonFirst.org); 713.957.7630

HFBC PRAYER MINISTRY TEAM

Prayer, Missions & Connection Center

**CONTACT** [charlotte.hudson@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:charlotte.hudson@HoustonFirst.org); 713.335.6451

HOMEBOUND CARE TEAM - Pastoral Care

**CONTACT** [kelly.laughlin@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:kelly.laughlin@HoustonFirst.org); 713.957.7672

SPECIAL EVENTS TEAM - Ministries

**CONTACT** [candie.gonzales@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:candie.gonzales@HoustonFirst.org); 713.957.7651

HONEY DO TEAM

Adult Enrichment/Spiritual Maturity

**CONTACT** [larry.lilley@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:larry.lilley@HoustonFirst.org); 713.957.7660

VIDEO PRODUCTION, FLASH ANIMATION, DESIGN, WEBSITE MAINTENANCE, BANNER/POSTER TRIMMING, & PHOTOGRAPHY - Creative Services

**CONTACT** [matt.arnold@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:matt.arnold@HoustonFirst.org), 713.335.6420

GET CONNECTED

Complete 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:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS

**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](http://HoustonFirst.org/Prayer).

HOW CAN WE HELP? (turn over)