

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



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| A | 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 |
| B | 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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| C | 1 First Baptist Academy | 1 Oasis Rm |
| | 1 FBA Library | |

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| D | 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!
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

DEC 20, 2009

SALVATION IN CHRIST

Ruth Garcia

BAPTIZED

| | |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| Richard Campbell | Jenny Higgins |
| Stephen Collinworth | Crystal Holmes |
| Heaven Eldridge | Bryan Kamp |
| Jason Everage | Sheridan Murphy |
| Kelly Fisher | Rochelle Snyder |
| Brent Hammond | Kelly Tate |

FOR BAPTISM

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|-------------------|----------------|
| Heather Baker | Jennifer Money |
| Christopher Money | |

FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS

| | |
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| Katharine Brown | Justin Rachner |
| Katey Hight | Dena Rea |
| Dylan Klompenhoner | Chris Williams |
| Meagan Knowles | Demetris Williams |
| Patrick Leong | Drew Zeiler |
| Ashley Rachner | |

DEC 27, 2009

BAPTIZED

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| Trevar Barnes | Grant Hixson |
| Robert Butler | Rebecca Hixson |
| Sanjoy Dash | Matthew Rolliard |

FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS

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| Kim Matthews | Heidi McGuffie |
| Bryan McGuffie | Jordan McGuffie |

JAN 3, 2010

BAPTIZED

Zachariah Young

FOR BAPTISM

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| Mary Huynh | Elizabeth Steinger |
| Andy Ingle | Matthew Steinger |

FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS

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| Naseem Aboudaher | My-Le Huynh |
| Nicole Aboudaher | Marshall Iler |
| Eva Brown | Meredith Iler |
| RG Brown | Jameeca Jones |
| Mary Ellen Buchanan | Hanna Kaminski |
| Nathan Buchanan | Lasen Nevills |
| Justin Ford | Kathleen Taylor |
| Matthew Ford | Heather Thurman |
| Sophia Hak | Melanie Thurman |
| Khai Huynh | Steve Thurman |

BY STATEMENT

Josh Landrum

WEEKLY SUMMARY

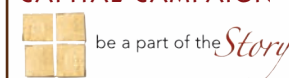
ATTENDANCE, JAN 3, 2010

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| Sunday Bible Study | 3,068 |
| Mission Bible Study | 970 |
| Weekday Bible Study | 192 |
| Total Bible Study | 4,230 |
| Wednesday Night | 7 |

GIVING, WEEK ENDING JAN 3, 2010

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| Tithes & Offering | \$264,219 |
| Weekly Requirements | \$293,142 |
| Over/(Under) | (\$28,923) |
| Designated Gifts | \$8,047 |
| Over/(Under) for Jan | (\$28,923) |
| Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD | \$57,597 |

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



WEEK ENDING JAN 3, 2010

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| Total Pledged | \$25,416,118 |
| Donations Received | \$1,152,740 |
| TOTAL RECEIVED | \$16,141,311 |

weekend worship

Jan 10, 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

WALKING BY FAITH ABRAHAM

CALLING.

FAITH.

SACRIFICE.



HOUSTON'S FIRST
BAPTIST CHURCH

a message series BY GREGG MATTE
JANUARY 10-31, 2010





pastor gregg matte

DEAR CHURCH FAMILY & GUESTS,
Welcome! I'm glad you're worshipping here today at Houston's First.

Last August, we began a study of the book of Genesis. Today, we continue our look at this first book of the Bible with a new series on Abraham – a man whose life illustrated calling, sacrifice and faith. Following this series, we'll look at the lives of Isaac, Jacob and Joseph. I pray that God will reveal His Truth to each of us as we get to know these biblical patriarchs.

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,

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

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 >

SUMMIT MINISTRIES

SUMM-IT UP

Today @ Noon & 7:45 pm – Fellowship Ctr
Young single adults will gather for a meal and a preview of what's ahead this winter and spring for Summit Ministries! Enjoy fellowship, delicious Italian fare, and volleyball/wal-lyball in the CLC – all for just \$6. Changing rooms will be available. No reservations required – just show up! **CONTACT** holly.crain@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7671.

ADULT ENRICHMENT

SENIOR ADULT BANQUET

Sat, Jan 30 @ 4 pm – Oasis Rm
Adults age 60 and above are invited to "remember our past and focus on your 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/SeniorAdultRevival or through the Adult Enrichment office. **CONTACT** tracie.bowman@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7661.

WORSHIP MINISTRY

"THE GREAT EXCHANGE" COLLECTION

Sun, Jan 31
This year's Holy Week art exhibit will consist of work created from discarded, unwanted items. Called "The Great Exchange," the exhibit will illustrate how God takes us as we are and transforms us into a new creation. The IMAGO arts ministry invites church members to be a part of the exhibit by donating their non-perishable trash on Sun, Jan 31, at collection points in the Main Foyer and CLC Lobby. **VISIT** HoustonFirst.org/TheGreatExchange for a list of suggested items. **CONTACT** steve.knox@HoustonFirst.org, 713.304.9302.

GROW our souls >>

CHURCHWIDE

MILESTONES

Begins this week
The Winter & Spring 2010 semester of Milestones kicks off this week, offering courses and events related to different seasons of life. **VISIT** HoustonFirst.org/Milestones for a full listing of courses and events.



HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

Wed, Jan 13 @ 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.

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. Teachers are Steve & Debbie Wilson, founders of Marriage Matters Now, Inc. The conference 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 to register. **CONTACT** christen.barrios@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7681.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

SPRING 2010 BIBLE STUDIES

Begins this week
Women of all ages are encouraged to "grow their souls" through a Bible study this spring! Classes are available during the day and in the evening, at Houston's First and in private homes. **VISIT** HoustonFirst.org/Women for a full listing of opportunities. **CONTACT** jessica.villalpando@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7642.

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, 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 weekend features a retreat-format with MS students spending the night at the church and HS students in local homes. **COST** \$50 and 5 canned goods. **REGISTER** and learn more at HoustonFirst.org/HUBMissions. **CONTACT** 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. **CONTACT** 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, 713.957.6762.

CANHOPE

Mon, Jan 18 @ 6:45 pm – Reception Rm
CanHope ministers to people touched by cancer. Our guest speaker is L. L. LaCarter sharing his story about God's healing of ALS. An entree is provided; please bring a salad, vegetable or dessert to share during this time of prayer and fellowship. Everyone is invited! **CONTACT** Pastoral Care Office, 713.957.6761 or 713.957.6762.

VOLUNTEER

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

HEALTHY HELPERS - First Place 4 Health
CONTACT lisa.lewis@FirstPlace4Health.com; 713.335.6403

EXPLORE - Children's Recreation
CONTACT debbie.brown@HoustonFirst.org; 713.957.6701

STEPHEN MINISTRY - Pastoral Care
CONTACT kelly.laughlin@HoustonFirst.org; 713.957.6762

PERSPECTIVES
ON THE WORLD CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT - Missions
CONTACT Peggy Meeks; meeksph@aol.com; 713.926.5920

BAPTISM PHOTOGRAPHER
Prayer, Missions & Connection Center
CONTACT malcolm.marshall@HoustonFirst.org; 713.335.6453

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

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.