

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 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 JAN 10, 2010

FOR BAPTISM
Stephanie Collins
Courtland Lee
Idalia Mendora
Carol Serna
Laura Talbert
Andi Todd

FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS
Frances Alberti
Kyle Collins
Dana Martin
Jaye Martin
Valerie Martone
Bill Rea
Ashley Rodgers
Ben Rodgers
Melanie Russell
Bradley Talbert
Jason Ward
ShaLinda Ward

BY STATEMENT
Matt Martone
Alex Torres

BIRTHS

Paul and Karie Culbertson in the birth of their daughters, Claire Hadley and Caroline Reese
Grandmother: Karen Meyer
Brandon and Stephanie Elam in the birth of their daughter, Eden Avalon Elam
Kyle and Leigh Ann Leinen in the birth of their son, Luke Robert Leinen
Sister: Olivia Leinen
Keith and Katy Hewson in the birth of their son, Kaiden Hewson

SYMPATHIES

Dutch and Linda Askin (Staff) in the death of his sister-in-law, Lois Askin
Carrie Rogers in the death of her father, Clifford Rogers
Elizabeth Andrews in the death of her husband, Wayne Andrews (Deacon)
Daughter: Jennifer Andrews

Jody Motheral in the death of her husband, Robert Motheral
Step-daughter: Marsha and her husband, David Taylor (Deacon)
Grandchildren: Catherine and Caroline Taylor

Steven (Staff) and Amanda Murray in the death of her grandfather, BJ Willings
Great-grandsons: Braden and Wilson Murray

Sherry Myers in the death of her mother, Elizabeth Carlson

Family and Friends of Dorothy Curtis

WEEKLY SUMMARY

ATTENDANCE, JAN 10, 2010
Sunday Bible Study 3,653
Mission Bible Study 960
Weekday Bible Study 1,386
Total Bible Study 5,999
Wednesday Night 99

GIVING, WEEK ENDING JAN 10, 2010
Tithes & Offering \$231,052
Weekly Requirements \$293,142
Over/(Under) (\$62,090)
Designated Gifts \$45,615
Over/(Under) for Jan (\$91,013)
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD \$118,291

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

be a part of the *Story*
WEEK ENDING JAN 10, 2010
Total Pledged \$25,334,088
Donations Received \$118,861
TOTAL RECEIVED \$16,260,172

weekend worship

Jan 17, 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



meet the pastor



pastor gregg matte

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

Our church's strategy for fulfilling our mission is to gather our hearts, grow our souls and give our lives. At the Giving Life Away Expo in the Main Foyer today, you can explore numerous ways you can "give your life" in

service to God and His kingdom.

Whether it's a mission trip to a remote corner of the world or a volunteer opportunity just around the corner from the church, you can find opportunities to give of your time, gifts and passions. I encourage you to stop by the Expo, talk to volunteers and discover how you can give your life away!

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 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

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



The Worship Center renovation was completely paid off in Oct 2009. Since then, your contributions toward the Be A Part Of The Story capital campaign have been allocated to HFBC capital projects and mission projects. In Oct and Nov, over \$265,000 was distributed to local mission projects. Last week, \$775,000 was released to the Missions Office to be distributed to projects in Houston, New Orleans, Kenya, Cuba, India, Brazil and North Korea. Overall, Houston's First expects to give away \$2.4 million toward various mission endeavors with funds you contribute to the campaign. Learn more at HoustonsFirst.org/BeAPartOfTheStory.

OFF-SITE PARKING

The Marq*E Entertainment Center is now available as an off-site parking option on Sunday mornings. Park in the northwest corner of the lot off Silber and ride the shuttle to the church entrance by the Café and Garden Room. In addition to the Marq*E, you can also park off-site at 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 to the church. All off-site shuttles run from 7:30 am to 2 pm each Sunday. Parking off-site makes room for guests and those with physical limitations to park on-site.



GATHER our hearts >

CHURCHWIDE

SUMMIT VARIETY SHOW

Sat, Feb 6 @ 7 pm – Worship Center

Everyone is invited to the 5th annual Summit Variety Show featuring the talented young single adults of Houston's First! You never know what you'll see on stage, but we can promise you'll be entertained and impressed by the talents right here in our own singles ministry. Proceeds benefit Summit Ministries' 2010 mission trips. **COST** \$10 at the door. **CONTACT** holly.crain@HoustonsFirst.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 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 HoustonsFirst.org/SeniorAdultRevival or through the Adult Enrichment office. **CONTACT** tracie.bowman@HoustonsFirst.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** HoustonsFirst.org/TheGreatExchange for a list of suggested items. **CONTACT** steve.knox@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.304.9302.

GROW our souls >>

CHURCHWIDE

HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

Wed, Jan 20 @ 11:30 am – 1010 Lamar (lower level)

Diane Bagby, a personal trainer, will speak about improving your health 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.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY INFO SESSION

Wed, Jan 27 @ 6-7 pm – Rm 258

Learn about Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University course that will be offered at Houston's First beginning Feb 3. The info session is free and open to attend. **CONTACT** candie.gonzales@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7651.

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** HoustonsFirst.org/Events to register. **CONTACT** christen.barrios@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7681.

HUB STUDENT MINISTRY

RITE OF PASSAGE PARENTING

Wed, Jan 20 & 27 @ 6-7:45 pm – Rm 366

Facilitated by Doug Bischoff, Minister to Students, this Milestones essential course is for parents of 5th-9th graders. This free 2-part course is based on the book by Walker Moore (HFBC guest speaker on Jan 3). **CONTACT** susan.newman@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7631.

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

"GIVING LIFE AWAY" EXPO



Today @

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 today! **CONTACT** rochelle.ferrada@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.5861.

MISSIONARY PRAYER TIME

Today @ 3-5 pm – Reception Rm

As part of the Giving Life Away Expo, come "be on the mission field" with our HFBC missionaries through the ministry of prayer. This prayer time will be led by Mary Ann Bridgwater and a prayer guide will be available for your use.

ROOKIE MISSION TRIP

March 13-20

Never been on a mission trip? Then join Pastor Gregg on the Costa Rica Rookie Trip this March during Spring Break! **COST** \$2,000 (fundraising packets available). **VISIT** HoustonsFirst.org/MissionTrips to learn about this and other trips – and register, too! **CONTACT** frank.blackwood@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.5862.

PASTORAL CARE

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

SHUTTLE GREETERS - Systems – Parking

CONTACT andy.rodgers@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.957.5814

HEART 2 HEART - Preschool & Kindergarten

CONTACT sherry.oradat@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.957.7613

BREW CREW - Culinary Services

CONTACT paul.sofka@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.957.5840

CONNECTION CENTER TEAM

Prayer, Missions & Connection Center

CONTACT malcolm.marshall@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.335.6453

ADULT YOUTH LEADERS - The HUB Student Ministry

CONTACT doug.bischoff@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.957.7630

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)

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 HoustonsFirst.org/Prayer.