

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 17, 2010

BAPTIZED

Ashley Craig
Robert Kendrick
Zachariah Munton

Julie Pettit
Bob Pruitt
Chris Puckett

FOR BAPTISM

Lissette Baca
Jennifer Bimeler
Darby Hawley

Mauricio Morales
Evelyn Taylor
Kimberly Ulman

FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS

Chip Blevins
Sally Blevins
Amy Bradberry
Tim Bradberry
Amy Buehler
Philip Hawley
Daniel Jenkins
Chris Kimble
Lindsey Kimble
Debbie McComb
Huston McComb Jr
Leah McComb

Mark McComb
Anne Middleton
Jonah Middleton
Megan Munoz
Kris Oliver
Sara Oliver
David Parker
Debbie Parker
Kevin Thames
Susan Thames
Cathy Winkler

BY STATEMENT

Tracey Winkler

BIRTHS

Bruce and Kelly Wilkin in the birth of their son, Daniel Wilkin Sister: Chloe Wilkin
Cass and Erin Petkovich in the birth of their son, Collin Jackson Petkovich
Mike (Deacon) and Brandi Cabiro in the birth of their son, Luke Richard Cabiro Sister: Avery Cabiro
Gilbert and Sonya Cassamajor in the birth of their daughter, Shelby Cassamajor

SYMPATHIES

Emmett Mitcham in the death of his wife, Bonnie Mitcham Children: Danny and Charmaine Mitcham; Keith and

Karen Mitcham; Linda Mitcham Grand-children: Troy Mitcham; Angie Nichols; Charli Baker; Jamie Hudeck; Beaux Mitcham; Rachel Mitcham; Brent Mitcham; Kristen Mitcham

Michael Joswiak in the death of his grandmother, Esther Joswiak
Mark and Laurie Hopmann in the death of his mother, Patricia Thomas Grand-daughters: Emily and Katie Hopmann
Mary Evans (Staff) in the death of her husband, Ted Evans Daughter: Lisa and her husband, Keith Reagan
Sidney and Michele Barrau in the death of her mother, Michelle Desinor Grand-daughters: Koraline and Korinne

WEEKLY SUMMARY

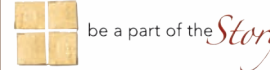
ATTENDANCE, JAN 17, 2010

Sunday Bible Study	3,311
Mission Bible Study	914
Weekday Bible Study	1,456
Total Bible Study	5,681
Wednesday Night	1,124

GIVING, WEEK ENDING JAN 17, 2010

Tithes & Offering	\$318,677
Weekly Requirements	\$293,142
Over/(Under)	\$25,535
Designated Gifts	\$102,583
Over/(Under) for Jan	(\$65,478)
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD	\$145,326

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



WEEK ENDING JAN 17, 2010

Total Pledged	\$25,342,088
Donations Received	\$51,737
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$16,311,909

weekend worship

Jan 24, 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

HoustonsFirst.org/MarriageMattersNow



Fri, Jan 29 & Sat, Jan 30

meet the pastor



pastor gregg matte

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

Houston's First is committed to helping build strong marriages. This weekend, married couples are invited to the "Marriage Matters Now" workshop here at our church. Invest one Friday evening and Saturday morning with each other to

focus on what really matters – your marriage.

Workshops like this are just one of the ways we offer support for couples. For example, engaged couples can build strong foundations through the *Preparation for Marriage Program* provided by the Counseling Center and married couples can benefit from *Divorce Proofing Your Marriage*, a Milestones essential course (see "Grow Our Souls").

No matter what your marital status is, Houston's First is ready to come alongside you and equip you for your journey with Christ – even if it means introducing you to Him for the very first time.

In Him, *Pastor Gregg Matte*

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.

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

LATEST NEWS & UPDATES



HAITI RELIEF EFFORTS

Visit HoustonFirst.org/HaitiRelief to learn how we are supporting ongoing relief efforts in Haiti, and how the devastating earthquake impacted members of our own church family. To make a financial contribution, give online at HoustonFirst.org or write "Haiti" on your check or giving envelope and place it in the offering plate.

LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper will be observed during the 6:30 pm service today. When the Lord's Supper is observed at Houston's First, a special benevolence offering is taken as we exit the worship services. All donations go directly to helping those in need in our community. (The Lord's Supper was observed in the 9:30 am and 11 am services on Jan 10.)

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

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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).

Rm. 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@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7671.

ADULT ENRICHMENT

SENIOR ADULT BANQUET

Sat, Jan 30 @ 4 pm – Oasis Rm

Adults age 60 and above are invited 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.

SENIOR ADULT REVIVAL

Mon, Feb 8-Wed, Feb 10 @ 10 am – Chapel

Bro. John Bisagno, Pastor Emeritus of HFBC, will lead this revival for adults age 60 and above as we "remember our past and focus on your future." Music will be lead by John Bolin, Director of Worship – Choir & Orchestra. **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

HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

Wed, Jan 27 @ 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.



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/MarriageMattersNow to register. **CONTACT** christen.barrios@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7681.



Milestones offers essential courses and events for your spiritual development. Visit HoustonFirst.org/Milestones for upcoming opportunities, such as:

DIVORCE PROOFING YOUR MARRIAGE

Wed, Jan 20-Mar 17 @ 6:30-8:30 pm – Rm 602B

Facilitated by Greg and Sherry Webster, couples will learn six secrets to a lasting marriage in this Milestones essential course. It started last Wed, but it's not too late to join! **COST** \$40 per couple. **CONTACT** candie.gonzales@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7651.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY INFO SESSION

Wed, Jan 27 @ 6-7 pm – Rm 258

At this free info session, 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@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7651.

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.

MISSIONS

UPCOMING MISSION TRIPS

Visit HoustonFirst.org/MissionTrips or contact frank.blackwood@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.5862 for info about these upcoming trips:

- Mar 11-14: Acuna, Mexico
- Mar 12-21: China
- Mar 12-21: Marseille, France
- Mar 13-20: Costa Rica Rookie Trip
- Mar 15-26: Aweil, Sudan
- Apr 6-12: Havana, Cuba (Oasis)
- Apr 12-27: Nimule, Sudan
- Apr 14-26: Granada & Seville, Spain
- May 23-Jun 1: Nizhny Novgorod, Russia

VOLUNTEER

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

FOOD PANTRY TEAM - The Faith Center

CONTACT claudia.reyes@HoustonFirst.org; 713.554.8800

WELCOME CENTER TEAM

Communication/Ministries

CONTACT Becky Murphy; 2talltexans@sbcglobal.net; 281.859.9098

HEART 2 HEART - Preschool & Kindergarten

CONTACT sherry.oradat@HoustonFirst.org; 713.957.7613

OFFICE AIDE - Young Single Adults

CONTACT holly.crain@HoustonFirst.org; 713.957.7671

CORNER BOOKS - Resource Center

CONTACT jenea.king@HoustonFirst.org; 713.957.5826

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 HoustonFirst.org/Prayer.