

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 FEB 14, 2010
SALVATION IN CHRIST
Blanche Harris

FOR BAPTISM
Blanton Barhemeyer
Julie Bosworth
Samuel Moore
Clark Reynolds
Cole Reynolds
Hannah Reynolds
Matthew Reynolds
Michelle Reynolds

FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS
Amy Beal
Cristina Burt
Angelica Canales
Marilyn Canales
Andrew Cusimano
Melanie Diaz
Donna Khan
Susie Mayes
Elissa Parker
Barbara Pembroke
Brittany Pembroke
John Pembroke
Hannah Phelps
Jinger Phelps
JT Phelps
Lydia Phelps
Eric Powell
Lilly Powell
Eric Schaffner
Townley Stanwood

BY STATEMENT
Jessica Davis

BIRTHS
Andrew and Tiffany Fuller in the birth of their son, Ashton Creed Fuller Brother: Archer Fuller
John and Jessica Villalpando (Staff) in the birth of their daughter, Jocelyn Danielle Villalpando

Brandon and Erin Smith in the birth of their daughter, Charlotte Ella Smith

SYMPATHIES
Linda Askin (Staff) in the death of her husband, Marion "Dutch" Askin

Carol Gill in the death of her stepmother, Grace Humphrey Grandchildren: Stephanie and Jonathan Gill

Bill and Judy Garrison in the death of her father, Joseph D. Long Granddaughter: Jodie Garrison

Jay and Susan Brown in the death of her mother, Elizabeth Whipple Granddaughter: Katelyn Brown

Richard Darby in the death of his brother-in-law, Cliff Truan

Lois Allen in the death of her sister, Madeline McCarty Nephews: Richard and Robert Allen

SERMONS ON CD
Available in Corner Books.

WEEKLY SUMMARY

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| ATTENDANCE, FEB 14, 2010 | |
| Sunday Bible Study | 3,560 |
| Mission Bible Study | 988 |
| Weekday Bible Study | 4,490 |
| Total Bible Study | 9,038 |
| Wednesday MidLink | 1,246 |

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| GIVING, WEEK ENDING FEB 14, 2010 | |
| Tithes & Offering | \$323,922 |
| Weekly Requirements | \$293,142 |
| Over/(Under) | \$30,780 |
| Designated Gifts | \$32,661 |
| Over/(Under) for Feb | \$67,813 |
| Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD | \$155,524 |

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

be a part of the *Story*

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|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| WEEK ENDING FEB 14, 2010 | |
| Total Pledged | \$25,370,500 |
| Donations Received | \$47,612 |
| TOTAL RECEIVED | \$16,569,570 |



weekend worship

Feb 21, 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

new & prospective member orientation

today @ 12:30 pm & 5 pm

see inside for details



- GATHER >
- GROW >>
- GIVE >>>

meet the pastor



pastor gregg matte

DEAR CHURCH FAMILY & GUESTS,

Do you attend church, or do you *belong* to a church? There is a difference. Today, Houston's First offers a chance for you to explore what it means to be a member of our church family at New & Prospective Member Orientation.

Offered several times a year, this orientation provides an opportunity for you to learn about Houston's First, our beliefs, our ministries, how to join the church, and much more. Plus, you can meet several staff members – including myself – and eat at the same time, too!

Whether you're a new member or have only visited a few times, I encourage you to attend orientation today if possible (see "Latest News & Updates" below for details). If you can't make it, plan on coming Sunday, April 18.

In the meantime, contact Malcolm Marshall, Associate Minister of Connection & Community, at malcolm.marshall@HoustonsFirst.org or 713.335.6453. He'll be glad to answer any questions you have about joining Houston's First and making it *your* church.

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@HoustonsFirst.org.

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.



"LETTERS TO GOD" MOVIE PREMIERE

Fri, Mar 5 – Worship Center

Houston's First hosts the Houston premiere of the latest film by the producers of "Fireproof" and "Facing The Giants." Proceeds from ticket sales benefit the Children's Cancer Hospital at M. D. Anderson. Visit the Resource Expo at 6 pm before the film begins at 7 pm. Children's activities available with pre-registration online. **COST** \$5 general admission tickets. **VISIT** HoustonsFirst.org/LettersToGod for tickets and childcare registration. Tickets also available in Corner Books. **CONTACT** steven.murray@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.5890.

CHILDREN & STUDENTS

CAMP 456 UNVEILING

Sun, Mar 7 @ 12-1:30 pm – Fellowship Ctr

Students and parents won't want to miss the unveiling of Camp 456 – a new summer event just for kids currently in 4th, 5th and 6th grades! (Get it? Camp 456?) Learn what the Children's and Student Ministries have planned this summer and ask questions, too! **COST** \$5 for optional lunch. **CONTACT** chad.Overton@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7625, or zac.hufty@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7633.

COLLEGE COMMUNITY

2ND ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE

Mon, Mar 1 @ 8:30 am – Westwood Golf Club

Enjoy a round of golf and support college students as they take on local and global missions efforts in 2010! The tourney follows a traditional scramble format, all donations are tax deductible and lunch is provided. **REGISTER** at HoustonsFirst.org/CollegeEvents. **COST** Single \$125, Foursome \$500, Foursome + hole sponsorship \$1,000. **CONTACT** holly.crain@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7671.

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

NEW & PROSPECTIVE MEMBER ORIENTATION

Whether you've recently joined or just visited Houston's First, come learn what it means to be a part of a relevant biblical community today! Choose lunch at noon or light snacks at 5 pm. Walk-ins welcome! **CONTACT** malcolm.marshall@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.335.6453.

OFF-SITE PARKING REMINDER

With our growing attendance, on-campus lots fill up quickly on Sunday mornings. This leaves no room for our first time guests or people with physical limitations. Please park in one of 5 off-site parking locations: 2 within walking distance to the church and 3 with convenient shuttle service. A map is located on the back of this worship guide and online at HoustonsFirst.org/Location.

GATHER our hearts >

CHURCHWIDE

"15 THINGS I LEARNED FROM THE MOUSE ..."

Thu, Mar 4 @ 8:30 am-Noon – Chapel

The Worship Ministry hosts this free conference with Disney consultant Derric Johnson as he shares "15 Things I Learned From The Mouse That You Can Use For The Master." The lessons he'll share apply to anyone in any line of work! **VISIT** WorshipTeams.org for details. **RSVP** to shelley.steelman@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.5887.

GROW our souls >>

CHURCHWIDE

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES

Each week, thousands of people go deeper into God's Word in Sunday Bible studies, and experience community along the way. Stop by the Welcome Center for help finding a Bible study that's right for you, or visit HoustonsFirst.org/BibleStudies and explore the options on your own!

HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

Wed, Feb 24 @ 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@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.6781.

ADULT I MINISTRY

"JUST FOR MEN"

Begins Sun, Mar 7 @ 9:30 am – Rm 145

The Adult I Ministry invites men ages 40-60 to a new Sunday Bible study beginning Mar 7 at 9:30 am with Director Art Nicholson and Teacher Dana Martin. **CONTACT** jeanene.andrus@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7601.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

GROWTH GROUP PREPARATION

Wed, Feb 24 @ 6:30-8:30 pm – Harbor Rm

Formerly referred to as accountability groups, a growth group is a circle of trustworthy women committed to God's truth, authenticity, confidentiality, and prayer who come together in a purposeful way to provide a safe place to share victories and struggles. Vicky Wright and Carolyn O'Neal will share how growth groups work in the Women's Ministry and how you can participate. **REGISTER** at HoustonsFirst.org/Women. **CONTACT** jessica.villalpando@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7642.

GIVE our lives >>>

HUB STUDENTS



Jul 23-31 – Pensacola, FL

Registration is now open for Rush Week – a week with a camp feel and a missions impact. All 7th-12th graders (as well as their friends) are welcome to join the student ministry as they head to Pensacola to make a difference – and to enjoy the beach, too! **COST** \$500 per person (fundraising packets available). **VISIT** HoustonsFirst.org/RushWeek to learn more and to register. **CONTACT** susan.newman@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7631.

MISSIONS

MISSION TRIP INFORMATION MEETINGS

Ask questions, get answers and see what's planned for the following mission trips at these information meetings today and next Sunday. There's no obligation to go on the trip – just come and learn!

- **Russia (orphanage)**
Today @ 12:15-1 pm & 4:15-5 pm – Rm 249
- **Kenya**
Sun, Feb 28 @ 12:15 pm – Missions Office
- **Boston**
Sun, Feb 28 @ 12:15 pm – Rm 143

UPCOMING MISSION TRIPS

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

- Mar 11-14: Acuna, Mexico
- Mar 12-21: China
- Mar 12-21: Marseille, France
- 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: Nizhniy Novgorod, Russia
- Jun 15-26: Lebanon/Syria (medical)
- Jul 23-Aug 2: Boston

PRAYER

PRAYER DURING WORSHIP TRNG/INFO MTG
Sun, Feb 28 @ 5 pm – Connection Ctr

The Prayer During Worship team prays during and for the worship services here at Houston's First. Team members pray one Sunday each month after going through training. Come learn about this opportunity to serve! **CONTACT** charlotte.hudson@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.335.6451.

VOLUNTEER

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

FAITH CENTER REMODELING TEAM
The Faith Center

CONTACT scotty.sanders@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.554.8800

NORTH CENTRAL YOUTH BIBLE STUDY TEAM
Missions

CONTACT LynnTyger@me.com; 713.828.7601

THE DOTTED LINE REGISTRATION TEAM
Women's Ministry

CONTACT carolyn.oneal@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.957.7640

ON-SITE PARKING ATTENDANTS

Communication/Ministries

CONTACT BeckyMurphy@sbcbglobal.net; 281.859.9098

HEARTLAND VOLUNTEERS
Preschool & Kindergarten

CONTACT erin.ruddle@HoustonsFirst.org; 281.717.4280

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 HoustonsFirst.org/Prayer.