

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!**  
Middle School and High School students – look under "Gather Our Hearts" inside for special plans this Wed, Mar 3!

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

DECISIONS FEB 21, 2010

**SALVATION IN CHRIST**  
Susan Pickett  
**BAPTIZED**  
Reagan Coleman      Mandi Jones  
Darby Hawley      Andi Todd  
Shawnaka Holland  
**FOR BAPTISM**  
Heather Attaway      Eric McElroy  
Allison Cardenas      Melody McElroy  
Rod Cardenas      Kimberly Orr  
Braden Costello      Ryan Orr  
Mark Foley      Jonathan Pearce  
Zach Lerner

**FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS**  
Keith Beggs      Sarah Lerner  
Irina Chong      Sarah Mizell  
Alan Durham      Kristina Opp  
Kelli Durham      Ramsey Rabie  
Chris Hinojosa      Shannon Simecek  
Tom Hinojosa

**BY STATEMENT**  
Cory Mizell      Jenneth Oliveras  
David Oliveras      Melissabeth Oliveras  
Eva Oliveras      Jerry Pickett

**BIRTHS**  
Joshua and Jennifer Brown in the birth of their son, Caleb Joshua Brown

**SYMPATHIES**  
Russell and Diana Telg in the death of his mother, Deloris Elaine Telg  
Grandsons: Blair and Blake Telg

William (Deacon) and Judy Garrison in the death of her father, Joseph Douglas Long

Family and Friends in the death of Lillian Rather Wissner

Family and Friends in the death of Marjory Vernell "Nellie" Valk

Harold and Janice West in the death of his father, Harold West  
Grandchildren: Natalie West, Christine and her husband, Zach Mangrum

Chris and Melanie Russell (Staff) in the death of her grandmother, Gloria Burleson  
Great-grandson: Oren Russell

David Sherrill in the death of his mother, Judy Mangold

WEEKLY SUMMARY

**ATTENDANCE, FEB 21, 2010**

Sunday Bible Study	3,723
Mission Bible Study	917
Weekday Bible Study	4,546
<b>Total Bible Study</b>	<b>9,186</b>
Wednesday MidLink	1,280

**GIVING, WEEK ENDING FEB 21, 2010**

Tithes & Offering	\$289,838
Weekly Requirements	\$293,142
Over/(Under)	(\$3,304)
Designated Gifts	\$17,894
Over/(Under) for Feb	\$64,509
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD	\$150,660

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

be a part of the *Story*

**WEEK ENDING FEB 21, 2010**

Total Pledged	\$25,374,165
Donations Received	\$61,113
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$16,630,683</b>

weekend worship

Feb 28, 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

HOUSTON PREMIERE

Benefiting

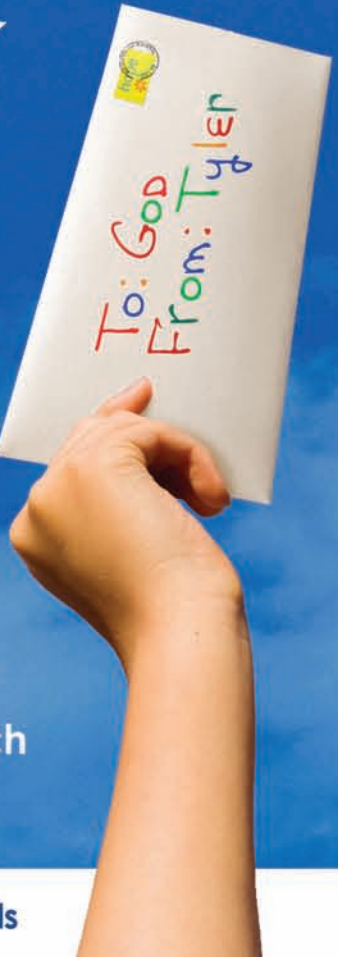


Letters to God

Fri, Mar 5 • Houston's First Baptist Church

HoustonsFirst.org/LettersToGod

See "Gather Our Hearts" inside for details





meet the pastor



pastor gregg matte

DEAR CHURCH FAMILY & GUESTS,

The vision of Houston's First is to be a relevant biblical community. Being relevant is having the passion, desire and ability to build the necessary bridges to move people from culture to Christ. This coming Friday presents just such an opportunity to build that bridge as we host the Houston premiere of "Letters to God," a film about an 8-year old cancer patient

whose faith has a profound and eternal impact on the lives of those around him.

This film demonstrates the hope that only God can provide in the midst of such a difficult trial. Whether you're facing cancer or any challenge life may bring, this boy's faith and focus will encourage you. With a clear Gospel message, it is a great film to invite friends and family members to as you seek to build a bridge for them to connect with Christ. Proceeds from ticket sales will be given to the Children's Cancer Hospital at M. D. Anderson Cancer Center. Look under "Gather Our Hearts" below for details.

Far too many people have been touched by cancer – including my own family. Chances are you have been touched by cancer or know someone who has. If so, contact the Pastoral Care Office to learn about our CanHope, GriefShare and Stephen Ministries – three ministries who can walk with you and encourage you along the way.

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).

LATEST NEWS & UPDATES

MISSION TRIP COMMISSIONING NEXT WEEK

In each worship service on Mar 7, we will commission mission teams headed out to Costa Rica, Cuba, East Asia, France, Ireland, Mexico, Russia, Spain, Sudan – and Nashville, too! We'll also commission Cody and Erin Rodgers as career missionaries with the International Mission Board to Central Africa. Join us as we send these men and women to the mission field – for a week or for a lifetime!

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Nearly 1,200 people are fed each month through the Faith Center's Food Pantry. On the first Sunday of each month, food donations are collected to support this vital ministry. Bring non-perishable items next Sun, Mar 7, and leave them on collection tables in the CLC Lobby, the South Tower elevator lobby, or outside the Garden Rm. **CONTACT** 713.554.8801.

OFF-SITE PARKING REMINDER

With our growing attendance, on-campus lots fill up quickly on Sunday mornings—leaving no room for our first time guests or people with physical limitations. Please park in one of 5 off-site parking locations,

a relevant biblical community • [HoustonFirst.org](http://HoustonFirst.org)



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).

including the Forum garage adjacent to the south parking lot. See the map on the back of this worship guide and online at [HoustonFirst.org/Location](http://HoustonFirst.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](http://WorshipTeams.org) for details. **RSVP** to [shelley.stelman@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:shelley.stelman@HoustonFirst.org), 713.957.5887.



"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 admissions available with pre-registration online. **COST** \$5 general admission tickets. **VISIT** [HoustonFirst.org/LettersToGod](http://HoustonFirst.org/LettersToGod) for tickets and childcare registration. Tickets also available in Corner Books. **CONTACT** [steven.murray@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:steven.murray@HoustonFirst.org), 713.957.5890.

CHILDREN & STUDENTS

CAMP 456 UNVEILING

Sun, Mar 7 @ Noon-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@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:chad.overton@HoustonFirst.org), 713.957.7625, or [zac.hufty@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:zac.hufty@HoustonFirst.org), 713.957.7633.

HUB STUDENT MINISTRY

IGNITION NIGHT

Wed, Mar 3 @ 6:15-7:45 pm – CLC

Middle School students will take part in crazy games in the CLC this Wed night! **CONTACT** [susan.newman@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:susan.newman@HoustonFirst.org), 713.957.7631.

AMP CAFÉ

Wed, Mar 3 @ 7-8:30 pm – Rm 363

High School students will have a catered meal for just \$5 this week at AMP – and first time guests are free! **CONTACT** [susan.newman@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:susan.newman@HoustonFirst.org), 713.957.7631.

COLLEGE COMMUNITY

2ND ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE

Tomorrow, 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. **COST** Single \$125, Foursome \$500, Foursome + hole sponsorship \$1,000. **CONTACT** Don Munton, 713.417.7723, to sign up today!

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 [HoustonFirst.org/BibleStudies](http://HoustonFirst.org/BibleStudies) and explore the options on your own!

HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

Wed, Mar 3 @ 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](mailto:diane.bagby@HoustonFirst.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 Teacher Dana Martin. **CONTACT** [jeanene.andrus@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:jeanene.andrus@HoustonFirst.org), 713.957.7601.

GIVE our lives >>>

COUNSELING CENTER

FIRST HOPE JOB MINISTRY

Sat, Mar 6 @ 9 am-Noon – Rm 602

The purpose of the First H.O.P.E. Job Ministry is to help others procure employment. Free meetings are held on the first Sat of each month. Topics will include resume writing, interviewing and networking. **VISIT** [HoustonFirst.org/FirstHOPEJobMinistry](http://HoustonFirst.org/FirstHOPEJobMinistry) to view job listings. **CONTACT** [HOPE@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:HOPE@HoustonFirst.org), 713.335.6471.

LEGACY 685

ADOPTION MILESTONE CLASSES

Mar 7 @ 5:20-6:20 pm – Rm 251

Legacy 685 offers two Milestones courses next week. In Culturally Diverse, United In Heart: Trans-Racial Adoption, Sara Black, Director of New Life Pregnancy Center, will share the joys and challenges of trans-racial adoptions. In Adoption 101, Steve & Mary Klein will walk through an adoption covering topics such as choosing an agency, costs of adoption, wait time, federal tax adoption credit and others. Meet at 5:20 pm for announcements then split up into two classes. **CONTACT** [steveklein@texbrite.com](mailto:steveklein@texbrite.com), 713.862.6669.

MISSIONS

MISSION TRIP INFORMATION MEETINGS

Ask questions, get answers and see what's planned for the following mission trips at these information meetings.

There's no obligation to go on the trip – just come and learn!

- Kenya (Jul 15-29) – Today @ 12:15 pm – Missions Office
- Boston (Jul 23-Aug 2) – Today @ 12:15 pm – Rm 143

PRAYER

PRAYER DURING WORSHIP TRNG/INFO MTG

Today @ 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@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:charlotte.hudson@HoustonFirst.org), 713.335.6451.

VOLUNTEER

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

LORD'S SUPPER PREPARATION TEAM

Spiritual Maturity

**CONTACT** Misti Steen; [msteen@fulbright.com](mailto:msteen@fulbright.com); 713.651.8354

FAITH CENTER REMODELING TEAM

The Faith Center

**CONTACT** [scotty.sanders@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:scotty.sanders@HoustonFirst.org); 713.554.8800

CAMPUS COACH - Student Ministry

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

NORTH CENTRAL YOUTH BIBLE STUDY TEAM

Missions

**CONTACT** Lynn Tyger; [lynntyger@me.com](mailto:lynntyger@me.com); 713.828.7601

ON-SITE PARKING ATTENDANTS

Communication/Ministries

**CONTACT** Becky Murphy; [2talltexans@sbcglobal.net](mailto:2talltexans@sbcglobal.net); 281.859.9098

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).

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