

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**
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| 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 |

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| 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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| 1 First Baptist Academy | 1 Oasis Rm |
| 1 FBA Library           |            |

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| 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 FEB 28, 2010**  
**BAPTIZED**  
Stephanie Collins  
Brent Gallagher  
Kamryn Robb  
Moise Tezzo  
Avery Wilburn  
Samantha Williams

**FOR BAPTISM**  
Ayi Dalmeida  
Xander Gentzel  
Meredith LeBrun  
Adam Lewis  
Alicia Lewis

**FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS**  
Dorothy Batson  
Jeffrey Cameron  
Melanie Cameron  
Elias Castellanos  
Ginger Corrigan  
Jerrad Corrigan  
Mathew Corrigan  
Lindsey Coulter  
Caitlin Godwin  
John Hearn  
Sue Hearn  
Sarah Kim  
Matthew LeBrun  
Sherry Lewis  
Tad Lewis  
Randy Marullo  
Mark Rubio  
Nicki Rubio

**BIRTHS**  
Tim and Jenny Sanchez in the birth of their son, Elijah Henry Sanchez  
Brother: Ryder Sanchez

Adam and Laura Watson in the birth of their twins, William Christopher and Annabelle Joy Watson  
Grandmother: Lynn Watson (Staff)

**SYMPATHIES**  
Jim and Gerry Maddox in the death of her brother, Jack Bailey

Bill and Opal Hamilton in the death of his brother, Pat Hamilton  
Niece: Deborah Hamilton  
Nephew: Lonnie and his wife, Connie Hamilton

Arman Dee and Margaret Eomurian in the death of her mother, Marilyn Albers

Shirley Dodson (Staff) in the death of her husband, Maurice Dodson

**FITNESS & RECREATION**  
**AID SUDAN 5K RUN/WALK**  
**Sat, Apr 24 - Bear Creek Park**  
Raise funds for Aid Sudan's ministry with a Kids' 1K @ 7:45 am and a 5K Run/Walk @ 8 am. **COST** Kids' 1K \$10; 5K Run/Walk \$25 thru Apr 18, \$35 Apr 19-24. **REGISTER** at HoustonsFirst.org/AidSudan or in CLC.

**WEEKLY SUMMARY**  
**ATTENDANCE, FEB 28, 2010**  
Sunday Bible Study 3,633  
Mission Bible Study 1,019  
Weekday Bible Study 1,544  
**Total Bible Study 6,196**  
Wednesday MidLink 1,270

**GIVING, WEEK ENDING FEB 28, 2010**  
Tithes & Offering \$283,285  
Weekly Requirements \$293,142  
Over/(Under) \$25,606  
Designated Gifts \$78,534  
Over/(Under) for Feb \$90,115  
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD \$176,241

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**  
be a part of the *Story*  
**WEEK ENDING FEB 28, 2010**  
Total Pledged \$25,376,265  
Donations Received \$76,039  
**TOTAL RECEIVED \$16,706,722**

weekend worship

Mar 7, 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,

When it comes to missions, we have four choices as Christians: go, give, pray – or disobey. Today, we celebrate what our church is doing in the way of going and giving, and we invite you to join us in praying, too.

In each worship service, we will commission a young couple as they prepare to serve as career missionaries

in Central Africa with the International Mission Board. We'll also commission nearly 100 individuals – members just like you – who will serve on short-term mission trips this spring and summer. These men and women will take the Good News of Jesus Christ to five different continents!

In terms of giving, look under "Latest News & Updates" below for a report on how Houston's First has given to missions organizations at the state, national and international level. Despite the economy and our ongoing capital campaign, the Houston's First family gave more than \$425,000 to the World Mission Offering this past Nov-Jan – far surpassing our goal of \$300,000! Thank you for your faithful and sacrificial giving.

Finally, I encourage you to continue praying for the missionaries we're commissioning today. You'll find their names and the dates of their trips listed on the back of today's listening guide. Pray for safe travel, logistics, health and strength. More importantly, ask God to go before them and prepare hearts to hear and receive the Good News!

Go, give or pray – or all of the above!

In Him,

*Pastor Gregg Matte*

**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.

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

CHURCH CONFERENCE

This monthly gathering meets today at 4:30 pm in the Chapel. The meeting covers church financial and membership reports, as well as other information as necessary. Anybody may attend, but only individuals who are members of HFBC may vote.

TIME CHANGE SUNDAY

Set your clocks ahead 1 hour this Sat, Mar 13, before going to bed. If not, you'll be late to church and miss all the donuts!

GATHER our hearts >

CHURCHWIDE

5:15 SBS AFTER CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

Today @ 7:45-8:30 pm – Christian Life Center

If you attend a 5:15 pm Sunday Bible study, we invite you to an informal come-and-go fellowship after the 6:30 pm worship service tonight. Meet staff members and enjoy Subway sandwiches, chips, and drinks – on us!

SPRING LOADED

Sun, Mar 28 @ 12:30-3:30 pm – Houston Christian HS

The entire Houston's First family is invited to this annual churchwide festival with games, food, inflatables – and of course, egg hunts! Save the date and look for details coming soon in the weeks ahead! **CONTACT** candie.gonzales@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7651.

CHILDREN & STUDENTS

CAMP 456 UNVEILING

Today @ 12-1:30 pm – Oasis Rm

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.

HUB STUDENT MINISTRY

HUB SCRAMBLE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Mon, Mar 29 @ 1:30 pm – BlackHorse Golf Club

Proceeds from this annual event benefit HFBC high school students going on international mission trips. The tourney follows a 4-man scramble format with range balls available at 11:30 am and shotgun start at 1:30 pm. Registration includes green fees, cart, range balls and buffet dinner. Prizes include a NEW CAR for a hole-in-one! **COST** Single \$150, Foursome \$500, Foursome + hole sponsorship \$700. **REGISTER** at [HoustonsFirst.org/HUBScrambleGolfTournament](http://HoustonsFirst.org/HUBScrambleGolfTournament). **CONTACT** [hub.scramble@gmail.com](mailto:hub.scramble@gmail.com), 713.957.7631.

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](http://HoustonsFirst.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@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:diane.bagby@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.957.6781.

MILESTONES

JOY OF LIVING –

CHRIST IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

Begins Mar 24 and Mar 25

The Old Testament paints a beautiful portrait of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Come take an in-depth look at how He was revealed in Old Testament types and prophecies in Exodus, Leviticus, Deuteronomy and Isaiah. Two options:

• Co-Ed Class with Jody Unruh Motheral

Wed, Mar 24-Apr 21 @ 6:30-8:30 pm – Rm 249

• Women's Class with Marsha Taylor

Thu, Mar 25-Apr 22 @ 9:45 am-Noon – Rm 249

**CONTACT** Jana Peters @ 713.862.6529 or Marsha Taylor at [marstaylor@comcast.net](mailto:marstaylor@comcast.net).

GIVE our lives >>>

FITNESS & RECREATION

BLOOD DRIVE

Today @ 8:30 am-1 pm – Outside CLC

The Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center hosts a blood drive today in coaches located outside the CLC entrance. Give the gift of life and donate blood today! **CONTACT** [debbie.brown@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:debbie.brown@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.957.6701.

LEGACY 685

ADOPTION MILESTONE CLASSES

Today @ 5-6:20 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 MEETING

Ask questions, get answers and see what's planned for the following mission trip at this information meeting. There's no obligation to go on the trip – just come and learn!

• East Asia

Today @ 12:15-1:15 pm – Rm 251

PASTORAL CARE

CANHOPE

Mon, Mar 15 @ 6:45 pm – Reception Rm

CanHope ministers to those who have been impacted by cancer. Our guest speaker is John Bolin, Director of Worship – Choir & Orchestra. An entrée is provided, please bring a salad, side dish or dessert. **RSVP** to Pastoral Care at [linda.askin@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:linda.askin@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.957.6761 or 713.957.6762.

PRAYER

PRAYER DURING WORSHIP TRNG/INFO MTG

Sun, Mar 14 @ 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](mailto:charlotte.hudson@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.335.6451.

VOLUNTEER

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

CORNER BOOKS - Resource Center

**CONTACT** [jenea.king@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:jenea.king@HoustonsFirst.org); 713.957.5826

LORD'S SUPPER PREPARATION TEAM

Spiritual Maturity

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

HEALTHY HELPERS - First Place 4 Health

**CONTACT** [lisa.lewis@FirstPlace4Health.com](mailto:lisa.lewis@FirstPlace4Health.com); 713.335.6403

FAITH CENTER REMODELING TEAM - The Faith Center

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

NORTH CENTRAL YOUTH BIBLE STUDY TEAM

Missions

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

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](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Prayer).