

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
 - 2 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



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VOLUNTEER

LORD'S SUPPER PREPARATION TEAM
Spiritual Maturity
CONTACT Misti Steen; msteen@fulbright.com; 713.651.8354

PRODUCTION TEAM - Music/Worship
CONTACT brad.duryea@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.957.6740

FAITH CENTER REMODELING TEAM
The Faith Center
CONTACT scotty.sanders@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.554.8800



MidLink activities will not take place on Wed, Mar 17, due to Spring Break. Join us again on Wed, Mar 24, for MidLink Café, Milestones courses, music rehearsals, and more!

DONATE AN EASTER LILY

Help decorate the Worship Center this Easter Sunday by donating a lily in honor or in memory of a loved one. Lilies are \$12 each and donations must be made by Mon, Mar 29, online at HoustonsFirst.org/HolyWeek, by phone at 713.957.5881 (Mon-Thu, 8 am-4:30 pm) or in person in the Worship Ministry suite (Mon-Thu, 8 am-4:30 pm).



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DECISIONS MAR 7, 2010

BAPTIZED
Mark Foley Ryan Patrick
Kellie Patrick Vincent Tyrrell

FOR BAPTISM
Cara Westerman John Westerman

FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS
Jamie Andersen Raul Ferreira
James Babineaux Adryan Ferrell
Janet Babineaux Joseph Lami
Jeffery Brown Jake Sweeney
Muriel Ferreira Whitney Sweeney

BIRTHS

Allegra and Ruben Delgadillo in the birth of their son, David Mark Delgadillo
Siblings: Luke and Mary-Claire Delgadillo
Grandparents: Frank (Deacon) and Hilda Hernandez
Uncle and Aunt: Jeff and Amy Savoie
Cousins: Allyson, Jeffrey and Courtney Savoie

Robert and Elizabeth Smithhart in the birth of their son, Evan Michael Smithhart

Justin and Janel Jarmon in the birth of their son, Kason Benny Jarmon

Chris and Amy Gingrich in the birth of their daughter, Hannah Joy Gingrich
Sister: Kaitlyn Gingrich

Lee and Susan Eidson in the birth of their son, Luke Alan Eidson
Brother: William Eidson

Pete and Cara Buis in the birth of their son, Shane David Buis

SYMPATHIES

Mell Robinson in the death of her husband, Ross Robinson
Son: Ricky (Staff) and his wife, Cindy Robinson (Staff)

Judy Gonzales (FBA Staff) in the death of her mother, Mattie Troutman

Trisha Fucik in the death of her husband, Joshua Fucik
Children: Christopher and Hailey Fucik



SERMONS ON CD
Available before & after services in Corner Books.

WEEKLY SUMMARY

ATTENDANCE, MAR 7, 2010
Sunday Bible Study 3,628
Mission Bible Study 1,063
Weekday Bible Study 4,949
Total Bible Study 9,640
Wednesday MidLink 1,262

GIVING, WEEK ENDING MAR 7, 2010
Tithes & Offering \$369,829
Weekly Requirements \$293,142
Over/(Under) \$76,687
Designated Gifts \$47,271
Over/(Under) for Mar \$76,687
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD \$252,928

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

be a part of the *Story*

WEEK ENDING MAR 7, 2010
Total Pledged \$25,376,265
Donations Received \$143,795
TOTAL RECEIVED \$16,850,517

weekend worship

Mar 14, 2010

sundays
9:30 am
11 am
6:30 pm

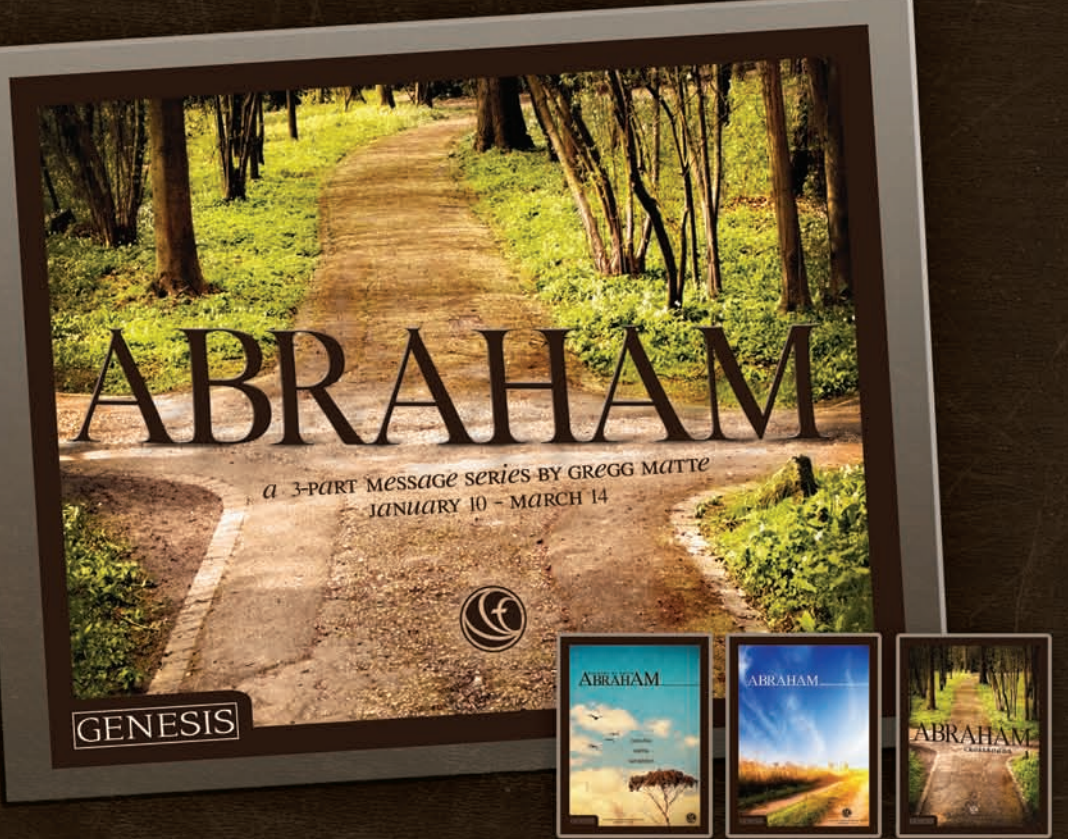
sunday Bible study
8:20 am
9:30 am
10:45 am
5:15 pm

sunday kids' worship
9:30 am
11 am
6:30 pm



HOUSTON'S FIRST
BAPTIST CHURCH

ABRAHAM CD GIFT SET AVAILABLE
in CornerBooks!



meet the pastor



pastor gregg matte

DEAR CHURCH FAMILY & GUESTS,

Today we conclude our study of Abraham, a fascinating character from the book of Genesis. I hope you've learned valuable truths from his life that you can apply to your life today. Pick up a CD gift set of all 10 messages in Corner Books to share with a friend or to keep for your own reference. After Easter, we'll begin a study of Isaac called "Want-

ing, Wishing & Wedding" as we continue our look at the first book of the Bible.

With March half over already, Easter is not far away. Refer to this worship guide and to HoustonsFirst.org for information on how Houston's First will celebrate Holy Week this year. Let's prepare our hearts to celebrate His resurrection as much—or more—as we prepare to celebrate His birth!

Thank you for journeying with me through the life of Abraham these past few months. I look forward to our journey together to the cross and the empty tomb in the weeks ahead!

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

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.

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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).



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, Four-some \$500, Foursome + hole sponsorship \$700. **REGISTER** at HoustonsFirst.org/HUBScrambleGolfTournament. **CONTACT** hub.scramble@gmail.com, 713.957.7631.

ADULTS 60+

CELEBRATION LUNCH

Thu, Mar 18 @ 11 am – Fellowship Ctr
Wess Adams is back to help us GO TEXAN! Wess is an excellent vocalist and entertainer who shares an uplifting message focused on Christ. We're fixin' to have a good time, so wear your best western duds and bring a friend – and your camera, too! Also, please bring a veggie or dessert to share. **RSVP** to 713.957.7661.

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, Mar 17 @ 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.

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.

MARRIED YOUNG ADULTS

MARRIAGE CONNECTIONS

Sat, Apr 10 @ 2-6 pm – Fellowship Ctr
Marriage Connections is an opportunity to keep your marriage moving in the right direction whether you've been married for a short time or more than a decade. This session is about "Personalities: Connecting Through Your Differences." Whether your personalities are different or similar, learn how your personalities can strengthen your marriage and bring you together. Facilitated by Ron & Rosemary P'Pool. **COST** \$20 per couple. **REGISTER** by Mon, Apr 5 at HoustonsFirst.org/MarriageConnections. **CHILDCARE** available upon registration for a small fee. **CONTACT** christen.barrios@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7681.

GIVE our lives >>>

HUB STUDENT MINISTRY

RUSH WEEK

Jul 23-31 – Pensacola, FL
Registration is 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 TRIPS

Visit HoustonsFirst.org/MissionTrips to learn about these opportunities to "give your life" on the mission field:
• Cuba – Oasis (Apr 20-26)
• Acuña, Mexico (Jun 10-13)
• Guatemala – College (Jun 11-20)
• Lebanon/Syria (Jun 15-26)

- East Asia (Jun 30-Jul 10)
- Latvia (Jul 1-15)
- Russia – Orphanage (Jul 14-23)
- Cuba – Oasis (Jul 24-31)
- Boston, MA (Jul 26-Aug 2)
- Brazil (Jul 30-Aug 8)
- Cuba – Univida (July)
- Scotland (Aug 6-15)

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, 713.957.6761 or 713.957.6762.

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@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.335.6451.

VOLUNTEER

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

HOMEBOUND CARE TEAM - Pastoral Care

CONTACT kelly.laughlin@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.957.6762

SPECIAL EVENTS TEAM - Ministries

CONTACT candie.gonzales@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.957.7651

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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

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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.