

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 MAR 21, 2010

SALVATION IN CHRIST

Gum Mpwo
BAPTIZED
 Melissa Biringer Brad Hibbetts
 Julie Bosworth Courtland Lee
 Corrie Chumpitazi Michael Prettyman

FOR BAPTISM

Laura Klingsporn Amber Stewart
 Mike Poulos

FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS

Jaime Estrella Sergio Gomez
 Maria Estrella Anthony Kaim
 Jennifer Fairchild Roberta Kaim
 Velva Fallin Gary Pollard
 Angela Fleming Nancy Pollard
 Lynn Fleming

BY STATEMENT

David Fairchild

BIRTHS

Chris and Summer Lacy in the birth of their son, Jacob Wayne Lacy
 Brother: Cole Lacy

SYMPATHIES

Nina Rangel-Mendes and Jackie Hatcher in the death of their mother, Armandina Rangel Grandchildren: Jeanette Rangel (Staff) and Jason Rangel Great-granddaughter: Tabitha Moran

Earl and Mary Ring (Staff) in the death of his father, KP Ring Grandchildren: Robert and his wife, Parsla Ring Great-granddaughter: Adele Ring

CornerBooks

HOUSTON'S FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday 8 am-12:30 pm & 5-8 pm
Monday Closed
Tuesday 9 am-9 pm
Wednesday 9 am-8 pm
Thursday 9 am-4 pm
Friday & Saturday Closed



Corner Books gift cards now available.

WEEKLY SUMMARY

ATTENDANCE, MAR 21, 2010

Sunday Bible Study	3,325
Mission Bible Study	910
Weekday Bible Study	3,083
Total Bible Study	7,318
Wednesday MidLink	39

GIVING, WEEK ENDING MAR 21, 2010

Tithes & Offering	\$300,540
Weekly Requirements	\$293,142
Over/(Under)	\$7,398
Designated Gifts	\$17,925
Over/(Under) for Mar	\$93,948
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD	\$270,189

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

be a part of the *Story*

WEEK ENDING MAR 21, 2010

Total Pledged	\$25,409,825
Donations Received	\$69,523
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$16,986,366

weekend worship

Mar 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

I ONCE WAS LOST

BUT NOW I'M FOUND

WAS BLIND BUT NOW I SEE

HOLY WEEK

MAR 28 - APR 4



HOUSTON'S FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH





pastor gregg matte

DEAR CHURCH FAMILY & GUESTS,

Hosanna in the highest! Just as crowds gathered for Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, we gather our hearts today as we enter Holy Week. I invite you to prepare your heart for the empty tomb of Easter Sunday through daily readings, the "Broken For You" service on Thursday, our prayer webcast on

Good Friday – and of course, your personal time with the Lord.

For followers of Jesus Christ, Easter is more than chocolate bunnies and marshmallow Peeps. While you're filling baskets this week, don't forget to fill your heart, as well. Ask God to give you a renewed passion for the cross and the empty tomb. And if you haven't already accepted the gift of salvation that Christ made available through His suffering and resurrection this week, perhaps today is the day to do so.

I invite you to come forward at the conclusion of the worship service, especially if you're a first time guest. Staff members are available to talk with you about becoming a Christian, being baptized, or joining our church – a relevant biblical community!

In Him,

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

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 HoustonFirst.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).

MAKE ROOM FOR EASTER GUESTS

On Easter Sunday, we will have many guests unfamiliar with our campus or parking options. Make room for them to worship with us by parking at an off-site parking location – including the Forum garage directly adjacent to our South Lot and within walking distance to the church. See the map on the back of this worship guide for other off-site options, or visit HoustonFirst.org/Location for details.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Nearly 1,200 people are fed each month through the Food Pantry at HFBC's Faith Center. On the first Sunday of each month, food donations are collected here at Houston's First to support this vital ministry. Bring non-perishable items next Sun, Apr 4, and leave them on collection tables in the CLC Lobby, the South Tower elevator lobby, or outside the Garden Rm. **CONTACT** 713.554.8801.

GATHER our hearts >

CHURCHWIDE

SPRING LOADED

Today @ 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! See today's insert for a map, schedule and other information.

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** in the Main Foyer or CLC Lobby after the 9:30 and 11 am services today, or just show up on Monday at the course!

SUMMIT MINISTRIES

SNOW JAM 2010

Apr 7-11 – Winter Park, CO
Only 4 spots remain for young single adults to hit the slopes at Snow Jam 2010! Lodging at Zephyr Lodge with ski-in/ski-out access. **COST** \$679 per person. **VISIT** HoustonFirst.org/SnowJamAmerica to sign up. **CONTACT** holly.crain@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7671.

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 and explore the options on your own!

HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

Wed, Mar 31 @ 11:30 am – 1010 Lamar (lower level)
Malcolm Marshall, Associate Minister of Connection & Community, 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.

HUB STUDENT MINISTRY

"UNDERSTANDING YOUR TEENAGER"

Wed, Apr 7 @ 6-9 pm – Rm 362
Parents of 5th-8th graders are invited to this Adoles-

cence Milestone course led by author and speaker Wayne Rice from Homeward Ministries. **COST** \$10 (includes notebook). **CONTACT** susan.newman@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7631.

FUSION MINISTRIES

MARRIAGE CONNECTIONS

Sat, Apr 10 @ 2-6 pm – Fellowship Ctr
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 they can strengthen your marriage and bring you together. Facilitated by Ron & Rosemary P'Pool. **COST** \$20 per couple. **REGISTER** by Mon, Apr 5 at HoustonFirst.org/MarriageConnections. **CHILDCARE** available upon registration for a small fee. **CONTACT** christen.barrios@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7681.

GIVE our lives >>>

CHURCHWIDE

SBS LEADERSHIP LUNCHEON

Sun, Apr 11 @ 11 am-2 pm – CLC
The Sunday Bible Study (SBS) Leadership Luncheon is for all SBS Leaders and Workers from ALL age divisions – plus anybody who is interested in serving as one! Lunch will be served at no charge. Childcare is provided by registration for birth-5th grade, and meals will be provided for children. Lunch for 8:20 am SBS leadership begins at 11 am with a special presentation at 11:30 am. Lunch for all other SBS leadership begins at noon with the main agenda presentation at 12:30 pm. **REGISTER** before Apr 5 at HoustonFirst.org. **CONTACT** jeanene.andrus@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7601.

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 (and their friends) are invited 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** HoustonFirst.org/RushWeek to learn more and register. **CONTACT** susan.newman@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7631.

MISSIONS

HOW TO LEAD A MISSIONARY JOURNEY

Every Wed, Apr 7-28 @ 6:30 pm - Connection Ctr
Taught by William Taylor, Jerrell Altic and Frank Blackwood, this class is designed to give you entry level field training for leading a missionary journey anywhere around the globe. **REGISTER** at HoustonFirst.org/MissionaryU. **CONTACT** frank.blackwood@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.5862.

VOLUNTEER

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

WELCOME CENTER TEAM - Communication/Ministries
CONTACT Becky Murphy; 2talltexans@sbcglobal.net; 281.859.9098

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

HEART 2 HEART - Preschool & Kindergarten
CONTACT sherry.oradat@HoustonFirst.org; 713.957.7613

EXPLORE - Children's Recreation
CONTACT debbie.brown@HoustonFirst.org; 713.957.6701

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

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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