

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

( ) Add this request to the church's public prayer database.

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### 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 28, 2010

#### BAPTIZED

Ayi Dalmeida	Brett Mach
Chris Hawkinson	Kevin Spivey
Kristin Hawkinson	Scott Tillman

#### FOR BAPTISM

Chris Andrew	Patrick Manchi
Christy Caywood	Stephanie Veloz
Johanna Go	

#### FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS

Lois Allen	Jennifer Manchi
Christian Backstrom	Gabrielle Nguyen
Robyn Borkowski	Marcus Sonier
Pam Calhoun	Noah Staudacher
Tom Calhoun	Katie Stein
Kathy Holbrook	Kimberly Stein
John Kaylor	Missie Stein
Pat Kaylor	Michael Truong
Amanda Langford	Sue Truong
Blake Langford	Daurice White
Brennan Langford	Robert White
Ryan Langford	

#### BY STATEMENT

Michelle Gregory	Elizabeth Iliev
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#### BIRTHS

Jerry and Mary Schmidt in the birth of their great-granddaughter, Anastasia Schmidt

Tommy and Allison Crosby in the birth of their daughter, Riley Ann Crosby  
 Sister: Reagan Crosby Grandparents: Steve and Tami Crosby Uncles: David Crosby; Bubba and his wife, Julie Crosby

Bobby and Katrina Lee in the birth of their daughter, Hattie Ann Lee  
 Sister: Harper Lee

Dan and Teal Moran in the birth of their son, William Patrick Henry Moran  
 Siblings: Victor and Mary Moran

#### SYMPATHIES

Harold (Deacon) and Lois Smith in the death of her brother, Sidney Kornegay  
 Jerry and Mary Schmidt in the death of their grandson, Christian Cox

Family and Friends of Nelda Shepherd  
 Larry and Jeanette George in the death of her father, Prentice Perry  
 Grandchildren: Jennifer, Jeff and Jeremy

#### WEEKLY SUMMARY

#### ATTENDANCE, MAR 28, 2010

Sunday Bible Study	3,759
Mission Bible Study	918
Weekday Bible Study	4,362
<b>Total Bible Study</b>	<b>9,039</b>
Wednesday MidLink	1,156

#### GIVING, WEEK ENDING MAR 28, 2010

Tithes & Offering	\$313,561
Weekly Requirements	\$293,142
Over/(Under)	\$20,419
Designated Gifts	\$42,506
Over/(Under) for Mar	\$114,367
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD	\$283,588

#### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

be a part of the *Story*

#### WEEK ENDING MAR 28, 2010

Total Pledged	\$25,415,255
Donations Received	\$38,527
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$17,024,893</b>

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## weekend worship

Apr 4, 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

HE IS RISEN!





pastor gregg matte

**DEAR CHURCH FAMILY & GUESTS,**

There are so many expressions of joy that could be said this day that it is difficult to pick just the right words. Nothing seems adequate to truly capture the magnitude of Easter Sunday – of Christ’s triumph over death! This is the day upon which our faith is founded. We had the manger, we had the cross – and now we have the empty tomb.

Rather than searching for a new way to express the miracle of Easter, let me use the words of the angel who greeted the women at the empty tomb:

“He is not here; He has risen, just as He said.” (Matthew 28:6)

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!

He is risen!

**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).



**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

**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 on Sun, Apr 18! Choose lunch at 12:30 pm or light snacks at 5 pm. Register online at [HoustonFirst.org/NewMember](http://HoustonFirst.org/NewMember), or contact Malcolm Marshall, Associate Minister of Connection & Community, at [malcolm.marshall@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:malcolm.marshall@HoustonFirst.org) or 713.335.6453.

**BE A PART OF THE STORY UPDATE**

Since Oct 2009, Houston’s First has given away \$1,254,273.95 to local, national and international ministries as part of the *Be A Part Of The Story* capital campaign. The church plans to give away more than \$2 million by the end of the campaign. Visit [HoustonFirst.org/BeAPartOfTheStory](http://HoustonFirst.org/BeAPartOfTheStory) to see where the donations have gone and to learn how you, too, can be a part of the story!

**GATHER our hearts >**

**CHURCHWIDE**

**“LETTERS TO GOD” NATIONWIDE OPENING**

**Fri, Apr 9 @ 7:30 pm – Edwards Marq\*E**

The latest faith-based film from the producers of “Facing The Giants” and “Fireproof” opens nationwide this Friday and Houston’s First was given all of the

tickets to the 7:30 pm showing at the Edwards Marq\*E across I-10 from our campus. Stop by Corner Books to get your ticket for just \$5, with proceeds benefitting the Children’s Cancer Hospital at M. D. Anderson Cancer Center. Childcare is available for those who purchase tickets from Corner Books. **CONTACT** [steven.murray@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:steven.murray@HoustonFirst.org), 713.957.5890.



**DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT**

**Sat, Apr 17 @ 2-8 pm – CLC**

Use the skills you acquired in junior high P.E. to raise money for high school students going on international mission trips! Hosted by the HUB Student Ministry, the tournament is open to anybody from middle school age through adults. Sign up as an individual, or register a whole team! **COST** \$15 per person. **REGISTER** at [HoustonFirst.org/Students](http://HoustonFirst.org/Students). **CONTACT** [susan.newman@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:susan.newman@HoustonFirst.org), 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 [HoustonFirst.org/BibleStudies](http://HoustonFirst.org/BibleStudies) and explore the options on your own. Then, join us next week when Sunday Bible studies resume!

**HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY**

**Wed, Apr 7 @ 11:30 am – 1010 Lamar (lower level)**

Executive Pastor David Self will speak on “End Time Prophecy: What are the signs of the End Times?” 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.

**HUB STUDENT MINISTRY**

**“UNDERSTANDING YOUR TEENAGER”**

**Wed, Apr 7 @ 6-9 pm – Rm 362**

Parents of 5th-8th graders are invited to this Adolescence Milestone course led by author and speaker Wayne Rice from Homeward Ministries. **COST** \$10 (includes note-book). **CONTACT** [susan.newman@HoustonFirst.org](mailto: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](http://HoustonFirst.org/MarriageConnections). **CHILDCARE** available upon registration for a small fee. **CONTACT** [christen.barrios@HoustonFirst.org](mailto: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** by Mon, Apr 5



at [HoustonFirst.org](http://HoustonFirst.org). **CONTACT** [jeanene.andrus@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:jeanene.andrus@HoustonFirst.org), 713.957.7601.

**MISSIONS**

**MISSION TRIPS**

Visit [HoustonFirst.org/MissionTrips](http://HoustonFirst.org/MissionTrips) to learn about these opportunities to give your life on the mission field:

- Acuña, Mexico (Jun 10-13)
- Guatemala – College (Jun 11-20)
- Lebanon/Syria (Jun 15-26)
- East Asia (Jun 30-Jul 10)
- Cuba – Univida (July)
- 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)
- Scotland (Aug 6-15)

**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](http://HoustonFirst.org/MissionaryU). **CONTACT** [frank.blackwood@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:frank.blackwood@HoustonFirst.org), 713.957.5862.

**HUB STUDENT MINISTRY**



**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](http://HoustonFirst.org/RushWeek) to learn more and register. **CONTACT** [susan.newman@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:susan.newman@HoustonFirst.org), 713.957.7631.

**VOLUNTEER**

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

**HFBC PRAYER MINISTRY TEAM**

**Prayer, Missions & Connection Center**

**CONTACT** [charlotte.hudson@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:charlotte.hudson@HoustonFirst.org); 713.335.6451

**HONEY DO TEAM**

**Adult Enrichment/Spiritual Maturity**

**CONTACT** [larry.lilley@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:larry.lilley@HoustonFirst.org); 713.957.7660

**FOOD PANTRY TEAM**

**The Faith Center**

**CONTACT** [claudia.reyes@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:claudia.reyes@HoustonFirst.org); 713.554.8800

**CONNECTION CENTER TEAM**

**Prayer, Missions & Connection Center**

**CONTACT** [jerrell.altic@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:jerrell.altic@HoustonFirst.org); 713.335.6450

**HEART 2 HEART**

**Preschool & Kindergarten**

**CONTACT** [sherry.oradat@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:sherry.oradat@HoustonFirst.org); 713.957.7613

**FIRST BAPTIST ACADEMY**  
 First Baptist Academy is accepting applications for the 2010-11 school year. Full-time and part-time programs are offered for Infants through PreK 5. Also, PreK-8th grade school year programs are available. Learn more about FBA at [FBAHouston.org](http://FBAHouston.org). **CONTACT** [allison.smith@HFBA.org](mailto:allison.smith@HFBA.org), 713.290.2522.

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**COMMENTS**

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**HOW CAN WE HELP? (turn over)**

**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).