

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 HoustonFirst.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!

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 APR 4, 2010

SALVATION IN CHRIST

Mali Baker

BAPTIZED

Bobby Erwin
Rachel Kaminski
Laura Klingsporn
Zach Lerno

Natasha Martin
Susan Pickett
Paula Salinas
Amaris Smith

FOR BAPTISM

Donna Adlian
Handy Hermawan
Rashon Jefferson
Charlena Parker

Christian Parker
Jacorey Randolph
Morgan Rowell
Lauren Shafer

FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS

Michael Beasley
Michael Bolton

Jared Pollard
Rachel Tindall

BIRTHS

David and Ally Saxe in the birth of their daughter, Laurel Nicole Saxe
Brother: Micah Saxe

SYMPATHIES

Susie Works in the death of her mother, Delores Carver

Terry (Deacon) and Terry Cline in the death of her mother, Reba Irwin
Grandsons: Robert and Mark Richard Cline

Mark and Belinda Young in the death of his nephew, Brian Garbarini
Cousins: Ben, Mason, Meagan, Matthew, and Caroline Young

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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 HoustonFirst.org/AidSudan or in CLC.



SERMONS ON CD

Available before & after services in Corner Books.

WEEKLY SUMMARY

ATTENDANCE, APR 4, 2010

Sunday Bible Study	No SBS
Mission Bible Study	1,015
Weekday Bible Study	3,956
Total Bible Study	4,971
Wednesday MidLink	826

GIVING, WEEK ENDING APR 4, 2010

Tithes & Offering	\$392,470
Weekly Requirements	\$293,142
Over/(Under)	\$99,328
Designated Gifts	\$63,608
Over/(Under) for Apr	\$99,328
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD	\$382,916

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



be a part of the *Story*

WEEK ENDING APR 4, 2010

Total Pledged	\$25,417,222
Donations Received	\$111,415
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$17,136,308

weekend worship

Apr 11, 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



a message series BY GREGG MATTE & JOHN BISAGNO
APRIL 11, 18 & 25

meet the pastor



pastor gregg matte

DEAR CHURCH FAMILY & GUESTS,

The last two Sundays, we celebrated Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and His victory over death on Easter Sunday. I pray that Holy Week reminded you of Christ’s sacrifice on the cross and the eternal life we have available through Him and Him alone.

Today, we resume our study of the book of Genesis by taking a look at Isaac in a three-part series called “Wanting, Wishing & Wedding.” I look forward to sharing the first two messages with you. Bro. John Bisagno, Pastor Emeritus of Houston’s First, will deliver the final message on April 25.

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,

Pastor Gregg Matte

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@HoustonsFirst.org.

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).

GATHER our hearts >

CHURCHWIDE



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 HoustonsFirst.org/Students or in the Main Foyer today. **CONTACT** susan.newman@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7631.

SUMMIT MINISTRIES



METROLIVE IN THE CITY

Thu, Apr 22 @ 7:30 pm

Alief Baptist Church

Young single adults will gather for worship at Alief Baptist Church (8623 Hemlock Hill, 77083) as MetroLIVE goes into the city once again. Malcolm Marshall, Associate Minister of Connection & Community at Houston’s First, is the speaker. **CONTACT** holly.crain@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7671.

FUSION MINISTRIES

MAD ABOUT YOU RETREAT

Apr 23-25 – Round Top Retreat Center

Newlywed and engaged couples will enjoy this weekend in the country to relax, refresh, reflect, and reconnect with each other. Leaders Steve and Debbie Wilson, founders of Marriage Matters Now, Inc., are passionate about seeing marriages and families become all that God desires for them to be. Every couple will come away from the weekend with a fresh perspective and practical tools to strengthen their marriage for a lifetime. **COST** \$195 per couple includes lodging, meals, and more. **REGISTER** by today at HoustonsFirst.org/MadAboutYou. Only a few spots

remain! **CONTACT** christen.barrios@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7681.

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, Apr 14 @ 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.

ADULT II

SENIOR ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Every Thu thru May 13 @ 10:30-11:30 am – Garden Rm

Dr. Milton Redeker begins a new series on Apr 22 on “The Promises and Principles of God.” The Christian journey is often difficult and filled with challenges. As you put into practice the “promises and principles” of how to live triumphantly in your walk with the Lord, you will enjoy the abundant life that He desires for you (John 10:10). **CONTACT** tracie.bowman@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7661.

GIVE our lives >>>

CHURCHWIDE

SBS LEADERSHIP LUNCHEON

Today @ 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. 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. **CONTACT** jeanene.andrus@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7601.

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** HoustonsFirst.org/RushWeek to learn more and register. **CONTACT** susan.newman@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7631.

MISSIONS

BRAZIL INFORMATION MEETING

Wed, Apr 14 @ 6:30-7:30 pm – Rm 252

See if God is calling you to Brazil this summer! Ask questions and get answers from trip leaders about the mission journey to Brazil on Aug 6-15. **CONTACT** rochelle.ferrada@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.5861.

MISSION TRIPS

Visit HoustonsFirst.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 (Aug 6-15)
- Scotland (Aug 6-15)

PRAYER

MISSIONARY INTERCESSORY PRAYER TIME

Sun, Apr 25 @ 3-5 pm – Reception Rm

Come be ‘on the mission field’ with our HFBC missionaries through the ministry of prayer! Mary Ann Bridgwater will lead the prayer time and a prayer guide will be available for your use. **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.

HEARTLAND VOLUNTEERS

Preschool & Kindergarten

CONTACT erin.ruddle@HoustonsFirst.org; 281.717.4280

LORD’S SUPPER PREPARATION TEAM

Spiritual Maturity

CONTACT Misti Steen; msteen@fulbright.com; 713.651.8354

CAMPUS COACH

Student Ministry

CONTACT doug.bischoff@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.957.7630

FAITH CENTER REMODELING TEAM

The Faith Center

CONTACT scotty.sanders@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.554.8800

CORNER BOOKS

Resource Center

CONTACT jenea.king@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.957.5826

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.