

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

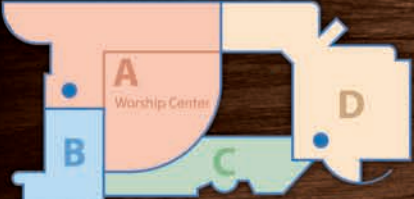
Are you experiencing grief, loneliness, illness, job loss or other life difficulties? The Pastoral Care Ministry provides free and confidential help through the Stephen Ministry. Call 713.957.6762 for assistance, or indicate your interests below:

( ) 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
  - 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 11, 2010

BAPTIZED

Nathanael Falasha Daniel Veloz  
Johanna Go Stephanie Veloz  
Jennifer Ross

FOR BAPTISM

BJ Horton Matt Villere  
Amanda Ruble

FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS

Pat Cooper Nancy Lewis  
Ruth Cooper Ray Lewis  
Megan Fojt Blake McMahon  
Edith Foret Elizabeth McMahon  
Jeff Humphrey Jennifer Prince  
Barry Knoll Wendy Richard  
Megan Knoll Gabriella Schwaig  
Melissa Knoll

BY STATEMENT

Meredith Villere

BIRTHS

Zachary and Christine Mangrum in the birth of their daughter, Preslee Mariah Mangrum Grandparents: Harold and Janice West (Staff); Karl and Cindy Mangrum (Staff) Aunt: Natalie West  
Josh and Karen Langham in the birth of their son, Joshua Eugene Langham Sister: Klaira Langham

SYMPATHIES

David and Roberta Smith in the death of his mother, Annie Smith  
Family and Friends of Inez Williams  
Roland and Sue Hurst in the death of her father

FITNESS & RECREATION



AID sudan 5K2010

Run/Walk @ 8 am. 7:45 am and a 5K Run/Walk \$25 thru today, \$35 Apr 19-24. **REGISTER** in the Main Foyer today, at HoustonsFirst.org/AidSudan or in the CLC.

WEEKLY SUMMARY

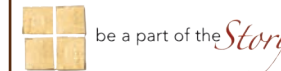
ATTENDANCE, APR 11, 2010

Sunday Bible Study	3,679
Mission Bible Study	963
Weekday Bible Study	3,984
<b>Total Bible Study</b>	<b>8,626</b>
Wednesday MidLink	1,229

GIVING, WEEK ENDING APR 11, 2010

Tithes & Offering	\$282,992
Weekly Requirements	\$293,142
Over/(Under)	(\$10,150)
Designated Gifts	\$39,688
Over/(Under) for Apr	\$89,178
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD	\$372,456

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



WEEK ENDING APR 11, 2010

Total Pledged	\$25,417,222
Donations Received	\$38,164
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$17,174,472</b>

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weekend worship

Apr 18, 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



sat, apr 24, 2010  
located @ bear creek park: pavilion 6

AID sudan 5K2010

fun run/walk & 1K for kids

register today in the main foyer  
see "fitness & recreation" on back for details

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HOUSTON'S FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



meet the pastor



pastor gregg matte

DEAR CHURCH FAMILY & GUESTS,

Houston's First is a big church. As we gather our hearts during the worship services, it may feel like you are just one of many faces in the crowd—especially if you are a first time guest.

However, people of all ages have found that our large church becomes much smaller when they intentionally connect with others

outside the worship services. Sunday Bible studies are the primary way people do this at Houston's First, and there are nearly 100 studies from which to choose! Stop by the Welcome Centers in the Main Foyer or CLC Lobby for a "Sunday Bible Study Guide" and let a Welcome Team volunteer review the options with you. Or, visit [HoustonFirst.org/BibleStudies](http://HoustonFirst.org/BibleStudies) to review them on your own.

Another way to make our large church smaller is by attending New & Prospective Member Orientation. You'll learn about the heart of our church, the different ministries, and how you can be a part of what God is doing here. The next Orientation is today at 12:30 pm and 5 pm. Look below under "Latest News & Updates" for details.

Finally, 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*

**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 • [HoustonFirst.org](http://HoustonFirst.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).

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

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).

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 *today*! Choose lunch at 12:30 pm or light snacks at 5 pm. Can't make it today? Contact Malcolm Marshall, Associate Minister of Connection & Community, with any questions you may have at [malcolm.marshall@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:malcolm.marshall@HoustonFirst.org) or 713.335.6453.

GATHER our hearts >

CHURCHWIDE



HIGH 5 KIDS' MUSICAL

**Sun, May 2 @ 4 pm – Worship Center**  
Discover the real "King Of The Jungle" at the High 5 Kids' Choir's musical! Featuring Preschoolers through 5th graders, the show is sure to entertain and encourage – whether you have a child in the choir or not! The show is free and suitable for all audiences. **CONTACT** [angie.savage@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:angie.savage@HoustonFirst.org), 713.957.7621.

ACTING WORKSHOP

**Every Wed, May 5-Jun 30 @ 6-7 pm – Chapel**  
Robb Brunson, member of InterActive Theater Company and Houston's First, leads this free workshop on fundamentals of acting and theater. The classes are open to middle school students through adults and registration is not required. **CONTACT** [dean-na.wilks@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:dean-na.wilks@HoustonFirst.org), 713.957.5881.

NIGHT OF WORSHIP

**Sat, May 8 @ 6 pm – Worship Center**

Houston's First will gather for a night of worship led by the electrifying Choir and Orchestra from California Baptist University with world-renowned and award-winning conductor Dr. Gary Bonner. John Bolin, our own Director of Worship – Choir & Orchestra, is a CBU alumnus and former student of Dr. Bonner. Free admission. **CONTACT** [shelley.steelman@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:shelley.steelman@HoustonFirst.org), 713.957.5887.

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@HoustonFirst.org](mailto: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](http://HoustonFirst.org/BibleStudies) and explore the options on your own.

HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

**Wed, Apr 21 @ 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@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:diane.bagby@HoustonFirst.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@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:tracie.bowman@HoustonFirst.org), 713.957.7661.

GIVE our lives >>>

CHURCHWIDE

FORUM PARKING GARAGE

Every Sunday Morning

Parking offsite is one of the easiest ways you can serve our guests on Sunday mornings. In particular, The Forum garage is within walking distance and offers some covered spaces. The garage is directly behind (or west of) The Forum tower and borders the southern edge of our south lot. Park on the 2nd or 3rd levels, including "Reserved" spaces. The Forum has graciously allowed us to use their garage, so let's put it to good use!



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

**Thu, May 6 @ 12-12:30 pm**

As America observes the 59th annual National Day of Prayer, Houston's First is sponsoring prayer gatherings throughout the city. Members and their guests are

encouraged to join with others as we gather to pray for our nation. Visit [HoustonFirst.org/Prayer](http://HoustonFirst.org/Prayer) for a list of locations and to RSVP for one near you! **CONTACT** [becky.parker@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:becky.parker@HoustonFirst.org), 713.957.5866.

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.

LEGACY685

HONORING BIRTH MOTHERS

**Sun, May 2 @ 5-6:30 pm – Rm 251**

Legacy685, the adoption & orphan care ministry at Houston's First, welcomes Jeanine Floores from Breath of Life ministries in Austin. She will share her story as a birth mother and an adoptive parent, and educate us on how to walk adopted children through this sensitive and important part of their life. All are welcome, and a personal invitation is extended to all birth mothers. **CONTACT** Steve & Mary Klein, [legacy685@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:legacy685@HoustonFirst.org), 281.246.9904.

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 (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@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:charlotte.hudson@HoustonFirst.org), 713.335.6451.

VOLUNTEER

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

WHAT AN EVENT! - Special Events

**CONTACT** [jacque.killingsworth@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:jacque.killingsworth@HoustonFirst.org); 713.957.5843

FARM & RANCH VOLUNTEER TEAM - Hunt Retreat

**CONTACT** [bill.murrell@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:bill.murrell@HoustonFirst.org); 713.303.6374

HOMEBOUND CARE TEAM - Pastoral Care

**CONTACT** [kelly.laughlin@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:kelly.laughlin@HoustonFirst.org); 713.957.6762

ON-SITE PARKING ATTENDANTS

Communication/Ministries

**CONTACT** Becky Murphy; [2talltexans@sbcglobal.net](mailto:2talltexans@sbcglobal.net); 281.859.9098

CONNECTION CENTER TEAM

Prayer, Missions & Connection Center

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

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 [HoustonFirst.org/Prayer](http://HoustonFirst.org/Prayer).