

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 18, 2010

BAPTIZED

Greyson Matte Allison Thomas

FOR BAPTISM

Bobby Coballes Dustin Tomlinson  
Brenna Andrews Reece Weir  
-Tomlinson

FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS

Adam Anthony Janie Lee  
Amber Anthony Magdalena Llinas  
Amy Bettis Elise McFarland  
Cameron Bettis Tamara Nelson  
Jared Bevis Charlie Nichols  
Ruben Bonales Melissa Shearer  
Nita Brown Ryan Shearer  
Raul Centeno Jr Sean Stewart  
Angela Cooper Shayna Stewart  
Blaine Ferguson Brian Timmons  
Sue Ferguson Greg Werner  
Elizabeth Hadley

BY STATEMENT

Will Kolle Carol Yoes  
Ama Koram Paul Yoes  
Marlene Monico

BIRTHS

Rusty and Emily Kelley in the birth of their daughter, Tess Ryan Kelley  
Brother: Rusty Kelley

Rett and Cindy Rabe in the birth of their son, Jake Eli Rabe

SYMPATHIES

Roy and Claudia Reyes in the death of her mother, Concepcion Perez



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



WEEKLY SUMMARY

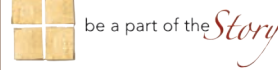
ATTENDANCE, APR 18, 2010

Sunday Bible Study 3,714  
Mission Bible Study 1,005  
Weekday Bible Study 3,849  
**Total Bible Study 8,568**  
Wednesday MidLink 1,243

GIVING, WEEK ENDING APR 18, 2010

Tithes & Offering \$395,554  
Weekly Requirements \$293,142  
Over/(Under) \$102,412  
Designated Gifts \$17,983  
Over/(Under) for Apr \$191,590  
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD \$474,218

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



WEEK ENDING APR 18, 2010

Total Pledged \$25,417,222  
Donations Received \$91,106  
**TOTAL RECEIVED \$17,227,414**

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weekend worship

Apr 25, 2010

sundays

9:30 am  
11 am  
6:30 pm

sunday

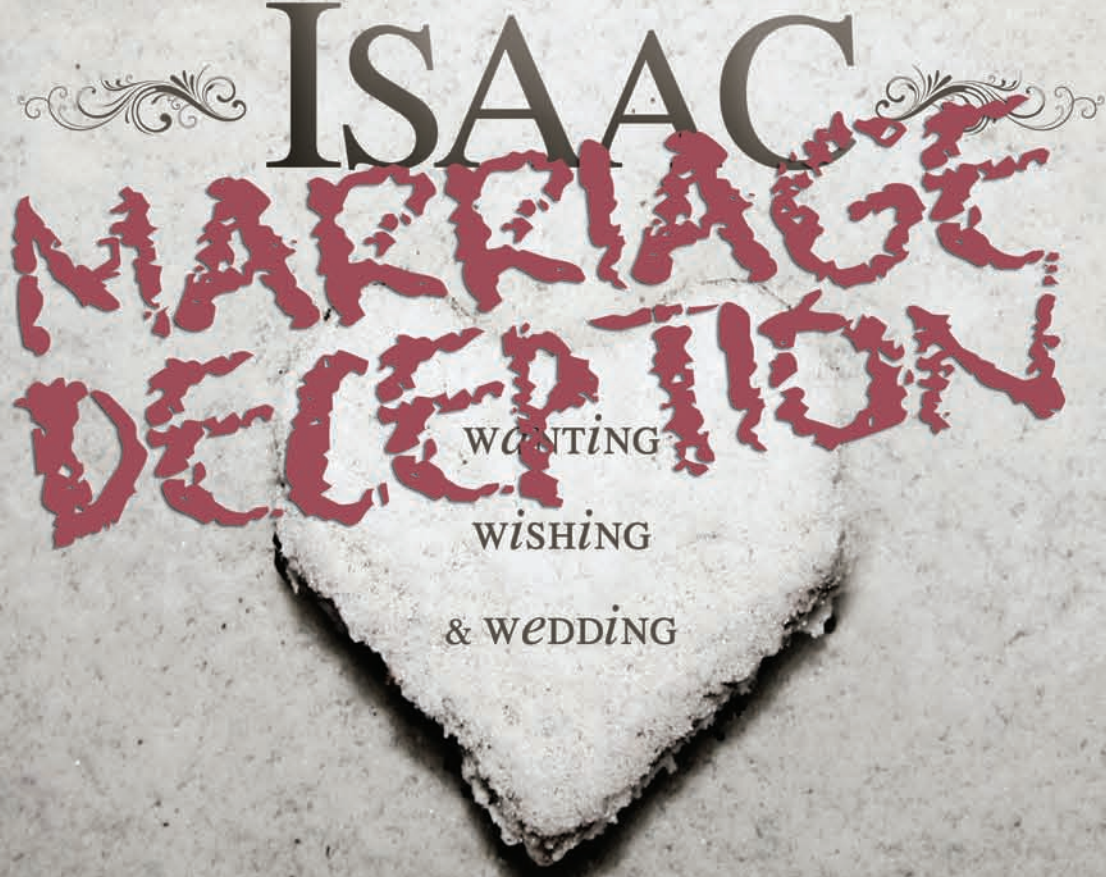
Bible study

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 BY DR. JOHN R. BISAGNO



meet the pastor



pastor gregg matte

DEAR CHURCH FAMILY & GUESTS,

We are blessed today to have Dr. John Bisagno as our guest speaker in all three worship services.

It seems odd to use the word “guest” to describe Bro. John. He served as Pastor of Houston’s First from 1970-2000 and is now our Pastor Emeritus. It was under his leadership that our church moved from downtown to

our current location and developed a passion for missions work around the world. He is certainly no stranger to our pulpit or our church! I am thankful for his leadership and friendship, and for the message he is delivering today.

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*

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

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS NEXT SUNDAY

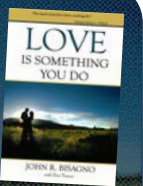
Nearly 1,200 people are fed each month through the Food Pantry at HFBC’s Faith Center. On the first Sunday of each month, food donations are collected here at Houston’s First to support this vital ministry. Bring non-perishable items next Sun, May 2, and leave them on collection tables in the CLC Lobby, the South Tower elevator lobby, or outside the Garden Rm. **CONTACT** 713.554.8801

ORDINATION SERVICE SET FOR MAY 5

On Wed, May 5, Houston’s First will ordain three men to the Gospel Ministry of Jesus Christ: John Bolin, Lee Hsia and Byron Williams. The entire church family is invited to gather as we acknowledge and celebrate this milestone in each minister’s calling to serve God throughout his life. The ordination will take place at 7 pm in the Worship Center.

“LOVE IS SOMETHING YOU DO”

“Love Is Something You Do will change the face of marriage in America. This book should be in every library and tucked away in the heart of every marriage.” That’s what Dr. Tim Clinton, President of the American Association of Christian Counselors, says about the latest book by Bro. John Bisagno. Stop by Corner Books to pick up a copy for yourself or a friend. Bro. John will sign copies today in the Main Foyer after each worship service.



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 Pre-schoolers 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.

SINGLE PARENT FAMILIES

MOTHER’S DAY LUNCH

**Sun, May 9 @ Noon – Fellowship Ctr**  
Single parent moms and their children are invited to this lunch in your honor! Are you a single parent dad? You and your kids are invited, too! Learn about the single parent family ministry and enjoy lunch on us. **RSVP** at [HoustonFirst.org/SingleParentFamilies](http://HoustonFirst.org/SingleParentFamilies). **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. Here are a few to consider:

• **JUST FOR MEN @ 9:30 am – Rm 145**  
For men of all ages

• **AFTER I DO @ 5:15 pm – Rm 249**  
For couples engaged to married 5 years

HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

**Wed, Apr 28 @ 11:30 am – 1010 Lamar (lower level)**  
Jerrell Altic, 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](mailto:diane.bagby@HoustonFirst.org), 713.957.6781.

GIVE our lives >>>

CHURCHWIDE



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.

COUNSELING CENTER

FIRST H.O.P.E. JOB MINISTRY

**Sat, May 1 @ 9 am-Noon – Rm 602**  
The job ministry seeks to help others procure employment (H.O.P.E.). The topic of discussion at the May meeting is “Gee, I Thought You Were Younger.” University of Phoenix will be in attendance recruiting for Administration, Sales, and other positions. First H.O.P.E. meetings are free and open to the public. **VISIT** [HoustonFirst.org/FirstHopeJobMinistry](http://HoustonFirst.org/FirstHopeJobMinistry) to learn more and to access the job listing. **CONTACT** Fay Sutor, [hope@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:hope@HoustonFirst.org), 713.335.6471.

LEGACY685

A BIRTH MOTHER’S PERSPECTIVE

**Sun, May 2 @ 5-6:30 pm – Rm 251**  
Legacy685, our adoption & orphan care ministry, welcomes Jeanine Floores from Breath of Life ministries. 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)
- Honduras – Living Water (Oct 16-23)

PRAYER



MISSIONARY INTERCESSORY PRAYER TIME

Today @ 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.

THE SNAP IT TEAM - Women’s Ministry

**CONTACT** [carolyn.oneal@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:carolyn.oneal@HoustonFirst.org); 713.957.7640

CHILDREN’S WED NIGHT BIBLE STUDY TEACHER

The Faith Center

**CONTACT** [tracy.collier@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:tracy.collier@HoustonFirst.org); 713.554.8825

PHOTOGRAPHY TEAM - Creative Services

**CONTACT** [steven.murray@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:steven.murray@HoustonFirst.org); 713.957.5890

CORNER BOOKS - Resource Center

**CONTACT** [jenea.king@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:jenea.king@HoustonFirst.org); 713.957.5826

PAY DAYS - Counseling Center

**CONTACT** [greg.curnutte@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:greg.curnutte@HoustonFirst.org); 713.335.6465

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

Today’s Date \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Check if this is a change of address

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Single ( ) Married (date) \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Engaged ( ) Widowed

Children living at home:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS

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).