

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 Steve Knox

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 25, 2010

SALVATION IN CHRIST

Kelsey Blackwood

BAPTIZED

Timothy Lapos

FOR BAPTISM

Jesse Becerra Leah Miller
Liz Davis

FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS

Lauren Abbott Nancy Burchfield
Kaleb Abbrat Randy Burchfield
Kelsey Abbrat Betty Figueroa
Kevin Abbrat Erick Figueroa
Kim Abbrat Beth Gant
Konnor Abbrat Nathan McClurkin
Megan Abraham Mike Miller
Travis Abraham Peggy Powell
Derrell Bird

BY STATEMENT

Arlene Derderian Glynna Rogers
Kristen Gunn

SYMPATHIES

Ann Love in the death of her sister, Peggy Love
Barbara Boutte in the death of her brother-in-law, Carnie D. Berry
Martha Roddy in the death of her son, William "Bill" Roddy
Family and Friends of Letha Raemsch

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Ministry info, news, events & more!

SERMONS ON CD

Available before & after services in Corner Books.

FITNESS & RECREATION



Jun 1-Aug 20

Give your kids a vacation from routine life! Our summer day camp for completed K-7th grades includes field trips, arts, sports, Bible study and MUCH more. Come for a day, a week or all summer! VISIT HoustonsFirst.org/Daycation for details and to register. **CONTACT** dave.bundrick@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.6700.

WEEKLY SUMMARY

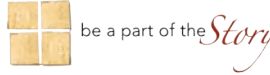
ATTENDANCE, APR 25, 2010

Sunday Bible Study	3,662
Mission Bible Study	1,018
Weekday Bible Study	1,383
Total Bible Study	6,063
Wednesday MidLink	1,207

GIVING, WEEK ENDING APR 25, 2010

Tithes & Offering	\$215,295
Weekly Requirements	\$293,142
Over/(Under)	(\$77,847)
Designated Gifts	\$13,925
Over/(Under) for Apr	\$113,743
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD	\$396,371

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



WEEK ENDING APR 25, 2010

Total Pledged	\$25,425,130
Donations Received	\$30,293
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$17,257,707

weekend worship

May 2, 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

ISAAC



PARENTS: Today's message is on divorce. If you prefer, other options are available for children at this hour. Stop by the Welcome Center in the Main Foyer for assistance.



meet the pastor



pastor gregg matte

DEAR CHURCH FAMILY & GUESTS,

The original plan for the message series from Genesis 24 included three parts – wanting, wishing and wedding. As we continue our study of Genesis, the story of Isaac and Rebekah provided an opportunity to look at what God’s Word says about relationships, dating and marriage.

However, the Lord has clearly led me to extend the series with today’s message on the topic of divorce. Divorce is not found in the story of Isaac, but it is found far too often in many of our stories today. If divorce is a part of your story, I pray that you would find healing and hope in God’s Word and at our church – not shame and regret. Allow His truth to speak to your heart today – no matter what your marital status may be.

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 HoustonsFirst.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

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.



GATHER our hearts >

CHURCHWIDE



HIGH 5 KIDS’ MUSICAL
Today @ 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. Doors open at 3:30 pm. **CONTACT** angie.savage@HoustonsFirst.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@HoustonsFirst.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@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.5887.

HUB STUDENT MINISTRY

RUSHAPALOOZA

Fri, Jun 4 @ 8 pm – Sat, Jun 5 @ 8 am
Load up on some caffeine for this all-night lock-out when our Student Ministry invades the city of Houston! The best thing about Rushapalooza is – it’s a surprise! You don’t know what’s coming next. A night full of fun, food and games

from Fri night to Sat morning – what more could you ask for? **COST** \$45 online before Jun 2 or \$55 at the door. Get a “Summer Rush Power Card” for \$100 to cover Rushapalooza AND all Summer Wed night activities! **REGISTER** at HoustonsFirst.org/Rushapalooza. **CONTACT** susan.newman@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7631.

SUMMIT MINISTRIES

AWKWARD SILENCE

May 22-23 – Trinity Pines
Young single adults are invited to a weekend away from the city on Lake Livingston where we will work to make sense of those “awkward silence” moments – at work, in meetings, with acquaintances and even in our journey with God. Speakers include John Bisagno, Eric Reed, and Malcolm Marshall with worship lead by Zach Hendricks. Sat night features the Gong Show followed by a 70s party! Need more time away? Sign up for Fri night, too (additional cost). **COST** \$59 now-May 3, \$69 May 4-17, \$79 May 18-21, \$89 at the door. **REGISTER** at HoustonsFirst.org/AwkwardSilence. **CONTACT** holly.crain@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7671.

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 HoustonsFirst.org/SingleParentFamilies. **CONTACT** holly.crain@HoustonsFirst.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 HoustonsFirst.org/BibleStudies and explore the options on your own.

HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

Wed, May 5 @ 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.

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 an online via a webcast. Members and their guests are encouraged to join with others as we gather to pray for our nation. See today’s insert for details. **VISIT** HoustonsFirst.org/NationalDayOfPrayer for directions and to RSVP. **CONTACT** becky.parker@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.5866.

LEGACY685

A BIRTH MOTHER’S PERSPECTIVE

Today @ 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@HoustonsFirst.org, 281.246.9904.

MISSIONS

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)
- Honduras – Living Water (Oct 16-23)

VOLUNTEER

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

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FRIENDSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM - Missions

CONTACT Marie Downing; downings@flash.net; 713.956.6052

PRODUCTION TEAM - Music/Worship

CONTACT brad.duryea@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.957.6740

WINSOME PEOPLE - Adult Enrichment

CONTACT tracie.bowman@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.957.7661

FITNESS & RECREATION VOLUNTEERS - Recreation

CONTACT dave.bundrick@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.957.6700

CHILDREN’S WED NIGHT BIBLE STUDY TEACHER

The Faith Center

CONTACT tracy.collier@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.554.8825

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

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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.