

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



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LIVING WATER INT'L MISSION TRIP
Houston's First and Living Water International are teaming up to drill water wells and evangelize in Honduras Oct 16-23. Only 14 spots remain! **COST** \$1,700. **CONTACT** Richard Bell at richardbell60@hotmail.com, 713.304.1060.

DISCOVERING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS Every Wed, May 26-Jun 23 @ 6:30-7:30 pm - Connection Ctr
Discover the spiritual gifts God has given you in this 5-week class facilitated by Malcolm Marshall, Associate Minister of Connection & Community. **REGISTER** at HoustonFirst.org/Events. **CONTACT** malcolm.marshall@HoustonFirst.org, 713.335.6453.

VOLUNTEER

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

SUMMER KICK-OFF PARTY TEAM Children's Ministry
CONTACT angie.savage@HoustonFirst.org; 713.957.7621

HONEY DO TEAM Adult Enrichment/Spiritual Maturity
CONTACT larry.lilley@HoustonFirst.org; 713.957.7660

FITNESS & RECREATION VOLUNTEERS Recreation
CONTACT dave.bundrick@HoustonFirst.org; 713.957.6700

IMAGINEER - Creative Services
CONTACT matt.arnold@HoustonFirst.org; 713.335.6420
STEPHEN MINISTRY - Pastoral Care
CONTACT kelly.laughlin@HoustonFirst.org; 713.957.6762

DECISIONS MAY 16, 2010
SALVATION IN CHRIST
David Franks Nicole Manis
Joanna Franks Irene Ng
Greg Hahn
BAPTIZED
Liz Davis Venae Jessurun
Srinivasa Gadam Meredith LeBrun
Brandon Jessurun Mackenzie Mayes
Vanessa Jessurun

FOR BAPTISM
Jamie Causey Landon Kohler
Jacob Dorsett Luke Kohler
William Dorsett Samreth Sowan
FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS
Heather Carlson Mike McNulty
MJ Cox Susan Norman
Regina Dorsett Jane Scott
Kristen Griffith Dustin Wolfe
Daniela Macerola Rebecca Wolfe
Dominic Macerola Carol Yowell
Mike Manis Ken Yowell
Diane McNulty

SYMPATHIES
Cora Stirman in the death of her mother, Corabel Stirman
Ben (Staff) and Kathy Pritchett in the death of her father, Kenneth Davis

FITNESS & RECREATION Daycation

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** HoustonFirst.org/Daycation for details and to register. **CONTACT** dave.bundrick@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.6700.

WEEKLY SUMMARY
ATTENDANCE, MAY 16, 2010
Sunday Bible Study 3,602
Mission Bible Study 926
Weekday Bible Study 556
Total Bible Study 5,084
Wednesday MidLink 1,036
GIVING, WEEK ENDING MAY 16, 2010
Tithes & Offering \$314,058
Weekly Requirements \$293,142
Over/(Under) \$20,916
Designated Gifts \$19,041
Over/(Under) for May \$89,702
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD \$484,148

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
be a part of the *Story*
WEEK ENDING MAY 16, 2010
Total Pledged \$25,429,130
Donations Received \$47,173
TOTAL RECEIVED \$17,432,297

weekend worship

May 23, 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

JACOB HERO OR HEEL

a message series BY GREGG MATTE

meet the pastor



pastor gregg matte

DEAR CHURCH FAMILY & GUESTS,

Our study of Genesis has allowed us to look at what God's Word says about topics that are as real and challenging today as they were thousands of years ago. Dating, relationships, marriage, divorce, and parenting are among the topics we've learned about in just the past few weeks.

Today, as we continue our study of Jacob, the scriptures turn our attention to the subject of infertility. I pray that today's message provides truth to encourage and comfort those who have experienced this situation – whether it's yourself or someone you know. See the back of the listening guide for information on related resources available through the ministries of Houston's First.

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
 - 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.

a relevant biblical community • 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).

GATHER our hearts >

CHILDREN

SUMMER KICK-OFF PARTY

Fri, Jun 4 @ 6-10 pm – CLC (gym)
1st through 5th graders are invited to a night of games, giveaways, and a whole lot of fun! Pizza and snacks are included, plus it's free! No registration necessary. Parents – take advantage of Parents' Night Out for younger children that night! (See below.) **CONTACT** angie.savage@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7621.

CHILDREN & STUDENTS

CAMP 456

Jun 11-14 – Carolina Creek Christian Camp, Huntsville, TX
All current 4th, 5th & 6th graders are invited to spend a week-end away at camp discovering God's direction for you. Don't miss out on this fast sliding, high flying adventure including lots of games, swimming and canoeing at the lake, a rock wall, a 1,000 ft zip line and more! Speakers include Zac Hufty and Chad Overton with worship led by the Andy Rhea Band. **COST** \$300. **REGISTER** at HoustonFirst.org/Camp456. **CONTACT** angie.savage@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7621.

HUB STUDENT MINISTRY

RUSHAPALOOZA

Fri, Jun 4 @ 8 pm – Sat, Jun 5 @ 8 am
Load up on 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 HoustonFirst.org/Rushapalooza. **CONTACT** susan.newman@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7631.

SUMMIT & FUSION MINISTRIES



METROLIVE
Every Thu, Jun 3-Jul 29 @ 7:30 pm
(except Jul 15)

MetroLIVE is for the 20s-30s generation, whether married, single, or in college. This is a great place to gather, grow, and give this summer! Join us in the Worship Center for impactful speaking, powerful worship, and great fellowship with teaching by Curtis Jones and worship led by Zach Hendricks. **CONTACT** metrolive@HoustonFirst.org. **VISIT** MetroLIVE.org.

FUSION MINISTRIES

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Fri, Jun 4 @ 6-10 pm
Let the Preschool and Recreation Ministries take care of the kids while you enjoy a romantic date night, go out with friends, enjoy an activity with your Bible study class—or just do something fun without the kids! **COST** 1 child \$10, 2 children \$15, 3 children \$20, 4+ children \$25. **REGISTER** by May 31 at HoustonFirst.org/ParentsNightOut. **CONTACT** christen.barrios@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7681. Note: Preschoolers only (birth-5 years old). Kids who have completed Kindergarten-5th grade can attend the Summer Kick-Off Party for free in the CLC (see above).

IMAGO

SOCIAL FOR PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS

Thu, May 27 @ 7-9 pm
Thinking about joining IMAGO or want to learn more about it? Come to this fun event at Brasil Café (2604 Dunlavy St.) to visit with current members and enjoy some great food, too. Artists of all kinds are welcome including fine arts, dance, music, poetry, painting, etc. IMAGO is a community of transformed artists creating transformed art in hopes of transforming the world. **CONTACT** steve.knox@HoustonFirst.org, 713.304.9302.

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 and explore the options on your own. Here's some to consider:

- The Junction @ 10:45 am – Rm 330
For couples married 3-12 years
- The Heights @ 9:30 am – Garden Rm
For women of all ages
- Just for Men @ 9:30 am – Rm 145
For men of all ages
- SUMMIT Young Single Adult Ministry @ 9:30 am, 10:45 am, and 5:15 pm
Summit Ministries is a place to build solid relationships and grow spiritually. Check out the many Bible study classes offered and get connected. **CONTACT** holly.crain@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7671 **VISIT** SummitYoungSingles.org.

HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

Wed, May 26 @ 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, 713.957.6781.

COUNSELING CENTER

SPIRITUALLY INTIMATE MARRIAGE RETREAT

Jun 24-28 – Colorado Springs, CO
Married couples are invited to get away to the idyllic setting of Glen Eyrie in Colorado and reflect on God's purpose in bringing you together. You'll look beyond the butterflies

in your stomach when you first met to the deeper longings within, knowing your self and each other as God created you to be. Spend 2 sessions a day on spiritual direction, followed by free time to explore God's creation or just relax. The Director of our Counseling Center, Adam Mason, will lead the retreat. **COST** \$950 per couple (not including airfare or ground transportation). **CONTACT** adam.mason@HoustonFirst.org, 713.335.6460.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY



SUMMER LOVIN'
Every Tue, Jun 8-22 @ 9:30-11:30 am – Fellowship Ctr

Women of all generations will enjoy small group discussions about "Lovin'Your Family" (Leigh Kohler), "Lovin'Your Life" (Lisa Taylor) and "Lovin'Your God" (Ashley Brown) with worship led by Star Smith. **REGISTER** for each session and for childcare at HoustonFirst.org/SummerLovin. **CONTACT** carolyn.oneal@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7640.

GIVE our lives >>>

MISSIONS

MISSION TRIPS

Visit HoustonFirst.org/MissionTrips to learn about these opportunities to give your life on the mission field:

- Lebanon/Syria – Medical (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)

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GET CONNECTED Complete and place in the offering plate or in a collection box by a Worship Center exit.

- () I am a first time guest today.
- () Send me info about Sunday Bible Studies, salvation, baptism, membership, ministries, or:

CONTACT INFORMATION () Check if this is a change of address.

Name	City	St	Zip
Address	Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)		
Primary Phone #	School		
Email	Grade		
Children living at home:	Name		

Check all that apply:
() College student (school):

- () Single
- () Single parent
- () Engaged (fiancé):
- () Married (since date):
- () Widowed
- () Veteran (branch):

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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 HoustonFirst.org/Prayer.