

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

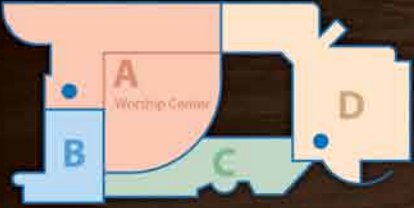
Are you experiencing grief, loneliness, illness, job loss or other life difficulties? The Pastoral Care Ministry provides free and confidential help through the Stephen Ministry. Call 713.957.6762 for assistance, or indicate your interests below:

- () 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



VOLUNTEER

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

FARM & RANCH VOLUNTEER TEAM
Hunt Retreat
CONTACT
Bill.Murrell@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.303.6374

SPECIAL EVENTS TEAM
Ministries
CONTACT
Candie.Gonzales@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7651

JAIL/PRISON MINISTRY TEAM
Missions
CONTACT
dtrick3@comcast.net, 713.269.3381

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CREW
College Ministry
CONTACT
Nate.Stewart@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7673

FLAIR
Women's Ministry
CONTACT
Carolyn.ONeal@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7673

HOUSTONSFIRST.ORG
Open 24/7/365
Ministry info, news, events & more!

MESSAGES ON CD
Available before & after services in Corner Books.



Now thru 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.
CONTACT Dave.Bundrick@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.6700.

DECISIONS JUL 4, 2010
BAPTIZED
Blake Baker Kelly Baker
FOR BAPTISM
Emil De la Cruz Muntana Robinson
Rebecca De la Cruz Pat Sakaew
Adam Fox

FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS
Gareth Bridge Greg Paschall
Liz Cadena Sally Paschall
Gary Fleming Jeanne Shadle

BIRTHS
Sanjay and Dessi Mathew in the birth of their daughter, Sofia Eliza Mathew

SYMPATHIES
Renea Reynolds in the death of her father, Owen Reynolds
Joe and Julie Gandy in the death of her mother, Vivian Starns; Grandchildren: Joshua, David and Jason Gandy



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

Corner Books gift cards now available.

WEEKLY SUMMARY
ATTENDANCE, JUL 4, 2010
Sunday Bible Study 2,494
Mission Bible Study 827
Weekday Bible Study 294
Total Bible Study 3,615
Wednesday Evening 483

GIVING, WEEK ENDING JUL 4, 2010
Tithes & Offering \$261,374
Weekly Requirements \$315,839
Over/(Under) (\$54,245)
Designated Gifts \$30,421
Over/(Under) for Jul (\$54,245)
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD (\$54,245)

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
 be a part of the *Story*

WEEK ENDING JUL 4, 2010
Total Pledged \$25,438,009
Donations Received \$60,805
TOTAL RECEIVED \$17,773,327

weekend worship

July 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



HOUSTON
PROJECT

JULY 11-15

Meet the Pastor



Pastor Gregg Matte

DEAR CHURCH FAMILY & GUESTS,

We're glad you're worshipping at Houston's First! Today, I conclude a message series about Joseph called "Complicated Life. Faithful God." as we wrap up our nearly year-long study of the book of Genesis. Every message from this series and the entire study of Genesis is available online at HoustonsFirst.org in audio and video format, and on CD in Corner Books. Revisit those

messages when God particularly spoke to you, or share them with people in your life who need to hear and know the Truth of His Word.

As we conclude Genesis, we begin the Houston Project! This week, over 1,200 volunteers from Houston's First will share the love of Christ at 13 ministry sites throughout our city as they "give their lives" in service to Him. When it comes to missions, we only have three options as believers: pray, give or go. If you're not able to serve during the Houston Project this week, pray for those who are and for the gospel to be spread throughout our city. Also, donations of supplies or finances will help support this churchwide endeavor. Visit the Houston Project kiosk in the Main Foyer today to learn how you can pray, give or go.

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 • HoustonsFirst.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 >

CHURCHWIDE

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S THING

Wed, Jul 21 @ 6-8 pm – Houston's First
Reconnect with your church family this summer and have some plain ol' fun! There's something for every member of the family that night – from preschoolers through adults – and dinner is available, too. **COST** Free to attend, \$4-\$8 per person for food. **VISIT** HoustonsFirst.org/MidsummerNight.

SUMMIT & FUSION MINISTRIES

METROLIVE

Every Thu @ 7:30 pm (except Jul 15) – Worship Center
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! Come to the Worship Center for impactful speaking, powerful worship, and great fellowship with teaching by Curtis Jones and worship led by Zach Hendricks. This week, MetroLIVE will serve at Houston Project sites rather than gathering in the Worship Center. **CONTACT** metrolive@HoustonsFirst.org. **VISIT** MetroLIVE.org.

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. Here's some to consider:
Jubilee @ 8:20 am – Rm 336
• For couples married 0-5 years
Compelled By Love @ 8:20 am – Rm 259
• For adults 40-59 years

Opening the Bible @ 8:20 am – Rm 258

• For adults age 60+
SUMMIT Young Single Adult Ministry
Chairos @ 9:30 am – Craft Rm (270)
• For single adults with children. **VISIT** SummitYoungSingles.org/SPF. **CONTACT** Holly.Crain@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7671.



HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

Wed, Jul 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.

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Every Wed thru Aug 18 @ 7-8 pm – Oasis Rm
Stay connected this summer with a mid-week Bible study on the Gospel of Luke led by Steve Knox. This Bible study is open to all ages. **CONTACT** Steve.Knox@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.5886.

COUNSELING CENTER

FATHER TO THE FATHERLESS

Begins Mon, Jul 19 @ 5-6:30 pm – Counseling Center
This 12-week group is for women who struggle with identity and self-worth, did not have fathers (or other significant male figures) who were emotionally available, have questions about their relationship patterns with men and how this might relate to their relationship with their father, or have a hard time seeing God as Father and accepting other characteristics of God. Since space is limited, a screening interview is required. **COST** \$40 per session plus materials. **CONTACT** Jennifer.Griffith@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.335.6461.

GIVE our lives >>>

MISSIONS

HOUSTON PROJECT

Jul 11-15 Evenings
Today is the last day to sign up to serve for the Houston Project, which kicks off this week! This is our missionary journey to OUR city as Houston's First members share the love of Christ in 13 locations across Houston. Ministries include Vacation Bible School, Youth Events, Adult Ministry, Food Distribution, Sports Ministry, Evangelism, and Prayer. **REGISTER** at HoustonsFirst.org/HoustonProject or stop by the Main Foyer today. **CONTACT** Becky.Parker@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.5866.

RUSH WEEK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Jul 23-24 or 30-31 – Pensacola, FL
Volunteer drivers are needed to transport students to Pensacola, FL, in vans and then shuttle back to Houston the following day. Drivers must be at least 25 years old and are needed on Jul 23-24 or Jul 30-31 – or both! **CONTACT** Charlotte.Hudson@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.335.6451.

MISSIONARY INTERCESSORY PRAYER TIME

Sun, Jul 25 @ 3-5 pm – Reception Rm
Everyone is invited to this time of prayer and intercession led by Mary Ann Bridgwater of Pray the Word Ministries. Join in God's work through our missionaries by participating in this vital part of the Great Commission to reach the world for Christ. **CONTACT** Charlotte.Hudson@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.335.6451.



FAMILY MISSION TRIP

Fri, Jul 30 @ 7 am-7 pm – Galveston
Children K-5th grade and their families are invited to a mission day trip to Galveston! Serve together with your family by cleaning up the beach, delivering school supplies to needy families and sharing the love of Christ

with others. After a long day's work, gather for a surprise treat including dinner! **COST** \$40/person, max \$160/family. **REGISTER** at HoustonsFirst.org/MissionTrips. (Limited to 100 people!) **CONTACT** Amanda.Westberry@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7621.

MISSION TRIPS

Visit HoustonsFirst.org/MissionTrips to learn about these opportunities to give your life on the mission field:
• Cuba – Oasis (Jul 24-31)
• Galveston – Family Mission Trip (Jul 30) – see above
• Brazil (Aug 6-15)
• Russia – Orphanage (Oct 6-15)
• Honduras – Living Water (Oct 16-23)
• Spain (Oct 20-Nov 1)

HUB STUDENT MINISTRY

RUSH WEEK

Jul 23-31 – Pensacola, FL
Our 7th through 12th graders are preparing to embark on an exciting 1 week trip full of camp fun and missions impact! **• PARENTS** with students going to Rush Week will receive info packets in the mail the first week of July. Parents are invited to a Parent Q&A today at noon in Rm 363. **VISIT** HoustonsFirst.org/RushWeek.

PASTORAL CARE

CANHOPE

Mon, Jul 19 @ 6:45 pm – Reception Rm
CanHope, ministering to families touched by cancer, will meet on Mon, Jul 19, for fellowship, prayer and an encouraging word from Stephen Smith, Worship Pastor at Houston's First. An entree is provided; please bring a salad, vegetable or dessert to share. Everyone is invited! **CONTACT** Pastoral Care at 713.957.6761 or 713.957.6762.

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.

() I would like to speak to a minister about

() salvation, baptism, membership, ministries, or:

() College student (school):

() Single

() Single parent

() Engaged (fiance):

() Married (since date):

() Widowed

() Veteran (branch):

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

Name _____ Today's Date _____

Address _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Primary Phone # _____ Birthdate (mm/dd/yy) _____

Email _____

Children living at home: _____ School _____

Name _____ Grade _____

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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.