

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

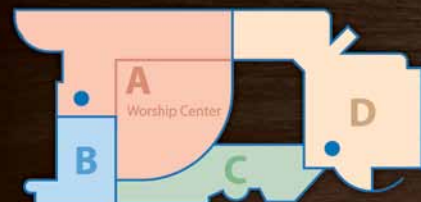
Are you experiencing grief, loneliness, illness, job loss or other life difficulties? The Pastoral Care Ministry provides free and confidential help through the Stephen Ministry. Call 713.957.6762 for assistance, or indicate your interests below:

- () 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**
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| 1 Bookstore | 2 Rehearsal Hall |
| 1 Chapel | 1 Rms 143 & 145 |
| 1 Connection Center | 3 Rms 330-336 |
| 1 Library | 1 Welcome Center |
| 1 Main Foyer | 1 Worship Center |
| 1 Reception Room | 2 Worship Ministry |

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| 3 The Clubhouse | 1 Rms 100-123 |
| 6 Counseling Center | 2 Rms 200-221 |
| 1 FBA Primary School | 3 Rms 301-329 |
| 1 Pastoral Care | 4 Children's Ministry |
| 2 Preschool Ministry | 5 Children's Ministry |

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| 1 First Baptist Academy | 1 Oasis Rm |
| 1 FBA Library | |

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| 1 Café | 2 Rms 249-265 |
| 1 Christian Life Center | 3 Rms 362-366 |
| 2 Crafts Rm | 3 Student Ministry |
| 1 Fellowship Center | 1 Harbor Rm |
| 2 Fitness Center | 1 Welcome Center |
| 1 Garden Rm | |

● Welcome Centers *Numbers next to location indicate floor



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FOOD PANTRY TEAM

The Faith Center
CONTACT
 Claudia.Reyes@HoustonsFirst.org;
 713.554.8800

CONNECTION CENTER TEAM

Prayer, Missions & Connection Center
CONTACT
 Malcolm.Marshall@HoustonsFirst.org;
 713.335.6453

HONEY DO TEAM

Adult Enrichment/Spiritual Maturity
CONTACT
 Larry.Lilley@HoustonsFirst.org;
 713.957.7660

SYMPATHIES

Margaret Smith in the death of her brother, Kenneth Weerts

Regina Brinegar in the death of her sister, Dete Howell; Niece: Cynthia and her husband, Eddy Crain; Nephew: Harold and his wife, Eileen Howell

Lou Stovall in the death of her sister, Margie Clayton

Family and Friends in the death of Vera Corrigan

Wayne and Kay Manning in the death of her sister, Susan Hill

David Dick in the death of his mother, Gene Dick

DECISIONS JUL 18, 2010

BAPTIZED

Nicholas Consoli	Sam Moore
Julian Kujawa	Claudia Nwaoinobi
Linda Kujawa	Jeff Olson
Kira McKeown	Maxwell Otalor

BY STATEMENT

Douglas Feagin

FOR BAPTISM

Eric Blume
 Noah Blume
 Andrew Schmidt

FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS

Preston Abbott	Nancy Mattingly
Susan Abbott	Sara Mattingly
John Batiste	Michael Miller
Elizabeth Feagin	Michelle Parrozzo
Brent Joiner	Dean Swanzy
Jennifer Joiner	Leah Swanzy
AnnaMaria Kuersteiner	Lisa Swanzy
Glen Mattingly	Sarah Swanzy

SALVATION IN CHRIST

Austen Blume

BIRTHS

Kirk and Kristen Phifer in the birth of their son, Benjamin Forrest Phifer

Cas and Gina Webster in the birth of their son, CJ Webster

Daniel and Mary Bingham in the birth of their son, Logan Leon Bingham

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 Ministry info, news, events & more!



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



WEEKLY SUMMARY

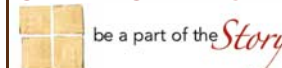
ATTENDANCE, JUL 18, 2010

Sunday Bible Study	3,474
Mission Bible Study	924
Weekday Bible Study	409
Total Bible Study	4,807
Wednesday Evening	195

GIVING, WEEK ENDING JUL 4, 2010

Tithes & Offering	\$323,380
Weekly Requirements	\$315,839
Over/(Under)	\$7,541
Designated Gifts	\$32,339
Over/(Under) for Jul	(\$84,861)
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD	(\$85,231)

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



WEEK ENDING JUL 18, 2010

Total Pledged	\$25,443,509
Donations Received	\$76,602
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$17,911,337

weekend worship

July 25, 2010

Sundays

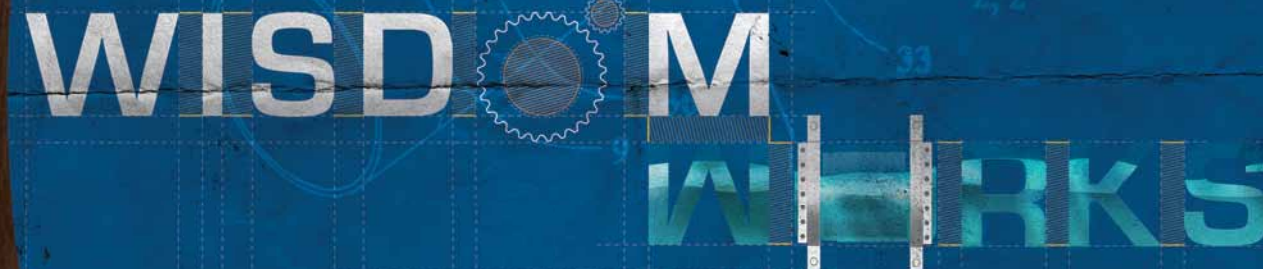
9:30 am
 11 am
 6:30 pm

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



A MESSAGE SERIES FROM PROVERBS
 BY STUART ROTHBERG, DAVID SELF & CURTIS JONES

JULY 25 - AUG 15

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HOUSTON'S FIRST
 BAPTIST CHURCH





Pastor Gregg Matte

DEAR CHURCH FAMILY & GUESTS,

Dear church family & guests, Today, guest speaker Stuart Rothberg begins a four-part series based on selected Proverbs called "Wisdom Works." Stuart has spoken at Houston's First several times before, and you can learn more about him in the brief biography below. Executive Pastor David Self will continue the "Wisdom Works" series on

August 1 and 8, and Curtis Jones will deliver the final message on August 15 (Promotion Sunday).

On August 22, I will return from my annual sabbatical - a time for me to be refreshed and to plan for the year ahead. Thank you for allowing me to have this time together with my family and the Lord. We will begin a two-year study of the Gospel of John on that day. What a powerful book filled with truth, hope and love! I invite you to come forward at the conclusion of the worship service. 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

PRESCHOOL MINISTRY

KINDER BOOTCAMP

Tue, Jul 27 @ 9 am-2 pm - Houston's First Children ages 4 (as of Jun 1) - completed Kindergarten are invited for a day of bootcamp where they'll have a blast developing their character and learning about manners through music, crafts, games, and Bible stories. COST \$10, kids bring a sack lunch. REGISTER HoustonsFirst.org/PreschoolEvents. CONTACT Laura.Wallace@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7611.

SUMMIT YOUNG SINGLE ADULTS

INDOOR VOLLEYBALL

Every Sun, Jul 25-Aug 22 @ 1-5 pm - CLC (Gym) Get out of the heat this summer and join in some indoor volleyball fun! All young single adults are invited for co-ed, 6-on-6 double headers with a tournament to declare the winners. COST \$15 for the whole season. REGISTER SummitYoungSingles.org. CONTACT Eleanor Rivera at ERivera95@Comcast.net.

FUSION MARRIED YOUNG ADULTS

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Fri, Aug 6 @ 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 Aug 1 at HoustonsFirst.org/ParentsNightOut. CONTACT Christen.Barrios@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7681.

WELCOME, STUART ROTHBERG!



Please welcome Stuart Rothberg as our guest speaker today! Stuart is one of the Teaching Pastors at Sagemont Church in south Houston. He and his wife, Sue, met while she was a Meteorologist with the U.S. Air Force in Germany and he was a missionary with the Navigators. They have three boys, Tim, Grant, and Ben, and the most wonderful daughters-in-love in the world, Crystal & Carrie. Stuart is from a Jewish background and has served with Jews for Jesus in seeking to take the gospel to Jewish people. After graduating from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Stuart has served in a variety of church roles and as Chaplain in the Army Reserves. His passion and privilege is helping people to see the wonders of God's Word and to live by what it says.

LATEST NEWS & UPDATES

"EXTREME MAKEOVER: HOME EDITION"

Today is "Door Knock Day" when the family finds out that they have been selected to receive a new home! Shortly after that, demolition and construction gets underway. Visit HoustonsFirst.org/Extreme to keep up with progress during the week, and continue to pray for safety for everyone involved in the project.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

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 Sunday, Aug 1, and leave them on collection tables in the CLC Lobby, the South Tower elevator lobby, or outside the Garden Room. CONTACT 713.554.8801.



FITNESS & RECREATION MINISTRY

HFBC FAMILY SKI TRIP

Feb 17-21, 2011 - Copper Mountain, CO Whether you're an experienced skier or this is your first time on the mountain, you don't want to miss HFBC's Family Ski Retreat! Everyone is invited for 4 nights/3 days at one of the top accommodations - a ski-in/out home at Copper Mountain Ski Resort. This is sure to be a ski trip to remember. Space is very limited, so sign up soon! COST to be determined, \$500 deposit required upon registration. REGISTER HoustonsFirst.org/FamilySkiTrip. CONTACT Dave.Bundrick@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.6700.

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:

- InJoy The Journey @ 9:30 am - Rm 333
• For couples 30+ years, married 1-3 years
The Joint Venture @ 10:45 am - Rm 258
• For couples 40-54 years
The Refiners @ 10:45 am - Rm 249
• For adults 65-77 years

Summit Ministries - Young Single Adults @ 5:15 pm Summit Ministries is a place to build solid relationships and grow spiritually. In addition to morning options, 3 classes are offered Sunday evenings. VISIT SummitYoungSingles.org.

- Mosaic (singles 20-26) - Garden Rm
- Paradigm (singles 25-32) - Fellowship Ctr (C/D)
- Night Light (singles 30s-40s) - Fellowship Ctr (A/B)

HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

Wed, Jul 28 @ 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 - Harbor 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.

Give Our Lives

MISSIONS

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 INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Today @ 12:45 pm - The Clubhouse (Rm 303) At this info meeting, have lunch on us and learn about the family mission day trip to Galveston taking place on Fri, Jul 30 @ 7 am-7 pm! Children K-5th and their families will clean up the beach, deliver school supplies to needy families and share the love of Christ with others. After a long day's work, they'll 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:
• Galveston - Family Mission Trip (Jul 30) - see above
- Info Mtg/Lunch Sun, Jul 25 @ 12:30 pm - The Clubhouse
• Brazil (Aug 6-15)
• Russia - Orphanage (Oct 6-15)
• Honduras - Living Water (Oct 16-23)
• Spain (Oct 20-Nov 1)
- Info Mtg Sun, Aug 1 @ 12:15 pm - Rm 145

COUNSELING

FIRST HOPE JOB MINISTRY

Sat, Aug 7 @ 9 am-Noon - Rm 602 First HOPE seeks to help others procure employment. At this month's free meeting, discuss and learn tips on resume writing, interviewing, and networking and gain the necessary resources for obtaining employment. Most importantly, receive biblical encouragement specifically designed for the job seeker. VISIT HoustonsFirst.org/FirstHopeJobMinistry. CONTACT Hope@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.335.6471.

VOLUNTEER

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

KIDS PRAISE HIM TEAM

Children's Ministry CONTACT Angie.Savage@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.957.7621

CREATIVE INTERN

Creative Services CONTACT Matt.Arnold@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.335.6420

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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. () I would like to speak to a minister about salvation, baptism, membership, ministries, or

() Send me info about Sunday Bible Studies.

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 _____ School _____
Children living at home: _____ Grade _____
Name _____

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

() Single _____
() Single parent _____

() Engaged (france): _____

() Married (since date): _____

() Widowed _____
() Veteran (branch): _____



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.