

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

1	2
1	3
1	1
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PASTORAL CARE

COMMON GROUND

Tomorrow, Aug 2 @ 10:15 am-Noon Rm 249

Common Ground is a free assistance program for those who care for loved ones with memory loss. The gathering provides a place for caregivers on the first Monday of each month to meet, talk, share, learn and receive needed support. At this month's meeting, Kristen Griffith from the Alzheimer's Association will share "Life Planning Tips After an Alzheimer's Diagnosis." **VISIT** HoustonsFirst.org/CareSupport. **CONTACT** 713.957.6761.

VOLUNTEER

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

HEART 2 HEART

Preschool & Kindergarten

CONTACT
 Sherry.Oradat@HoustonsFirst.org,
 713.957.7613

HUB PRAYER TEAM

Student Ministry

CONTACT
 Doug.Bischoff@HoustonsFirst.org,
 713.335.7630

PRODUCTION TEAM

Music/Worship

CONTACT
 Brad.Duryea@HoustonsFirst.org,
 713.335.6740

DECISIONS AUG 1, 2010

BAPTIZED

Jake Lannen Nate Lannen

FOR BAPTISM

Charles Beyer Michael Jarman
 Jill Beyer Tara Read

BY STATEMENT

Valerie Hart

FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS

Nancye Brown Chris Read

BIRTHS

Charlie and Bev Ursell in the birth of their granddaughter, Hayden Renea Copland

Adam and Carissa Robertson in the birth of their daughter, Sylvia Ann Robertson; Sisters: Lillian and Evelyn Robertson

Jamie and Andrea Sharples in the birth of their twin sons, Jarrett Wayne and Andrew James Sharples; Sister: Robin Sharples

SYMPATHIES

Debbie Wyatt in the death of her mother, Billie Wyatt

MESSAGES ON CD

Available before & after services in Corner Books.

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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

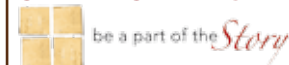
ATTENDANCE, AUG 1, 2010

Sunday Bible Study 3,308
 Mission Bible Study 930
 Weekday Bible Study 462
Total Bible Study 4,700
 Wednesday MidLink 411

GIVING, WEEK ENDING AUG 1, 2010

Tithes & Offering \$293,967
 Weekly Requirements \$315,839
 Over/(Under) (\$21,872)
 Designated Gifts \$20,517
 Over/(Under) for Jul (\$191,427)
 Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD (\$191,427)

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



WEEK ENDING AUG 1, 2010

Total Pledged \$25,444,592
 Donations Received \$58,219
TOTAL RECEIVED \$18,005,358

weekend worship

Aug 8, 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

AUG 15 IS PROMOTION SUNDAY

Preschoolers through 12th graders begin new Sunday Bible Studies • Many Sunday Bible Studies move to new rooms



AUG 22 IS BACK TO SCHOOL SUNDAY

Pastor Gregg begins study of the Gospel of John • Special giveaways for all ages • Wear the colors of your favorite school or team!



Face painting optional.



Meet the Pastor



Pastor Gregg Matte

DEAR CHURCH FAMILY & GUESTS,

Today, Executive Pastor David Self continues a four-part series based on selected Proverbs called "Wisdom Works." Curtis Jones will share the final message next week, August 15 (Promotion Sunday). Stop by Corner Books or visit HoustonsFirst.org/Media to find the first two messages in this series.

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

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@HoustonsFirst.org.

PROMOTION SUNDAY/ BACK TO SCHOOL SUNDAY

It's almost time for the new year to begin! See what's coming up later this month:

Promotion Sunday - Aug 15

- Preschoolers through students begin new Sunday Bible Studies
- Preschool Ministry moves into new rooms while their suite is renovated
- Children's Ministry begins using The Loft – a new multipurpose room on Level 3
- HUB Student Ministry combines AMP & WIRED for morning of food, games, worship and teaching from God's Word
- Many Sunday Bible Studies move to new rooms

Back to School Sunday - Aug 22

- Preschoolers through Adults kick off the new school year by wearing favorite school or team colors!
- Pastor Gregg begins study of the Gospel of John
- Special giveaways for everybody — Preschoolers through Adults

LATEST NEWS & UPDATES

OFFSITE SHUTTLE STOP MOVING

Beginning today, the offsite parking shuttle stop on the west side by the green awning will move due to the renovation of the Preschool and Children's Ministry areas. The new stop will be located between the main entrance walkway and the north parking lot. In other words, just a little ways down the street toward I-10 from the current location. Look for the orange "Shuttle Stop" signs—and thank you for making room for one more by parking offsite!

Gather Our Hearts

SUMMIT YOUNG SINGLE ADULTS

INDOOR VOLLEYBALL

Every Sun, Now-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.

HUB STUDENT MINISTRY

SUMMER RUSH CELEBRATION

Aug 18 @ 6:30-8:30 pm – Chapel
All students 6th-12th grade and their families are invited for a time of celebration for what God has done this summer in the HUB Student Ministry, and also to look forward to the upcoming school year. The group will enjoy worship, be encouraged and challenged through a speaker, and reminisce with some great videos from this summer's events. Students who made a commitment to "V43" will also be commissioned at this time. **COST** free! **CONTACT** Susan.Newman@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7631.

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** TBD, \$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:

- Dawn Breakers @ 8:20 am – Rm 321
For adults 40-60 years
- As One @ 9:30 am – Rm 331
For couples married 2-10 years
- The Lamp Lighters @ 10:45 am – Rm 251
For adults ages 63-73
- Quest and Awaken @ 9:30 am
West Gym Floor (Quest), East Gym Floor (Awaken)
For young single adults ages 21-26.
- **VISIT** SummitYoungSingles.org.

HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

Wed, Aug 11 @ 11:30 am – 1010 Lamar (Lower Level)

Lee Hsia, Minister of New Initiatives & Evangelism, 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.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY INFO MEETING

Wed, Aug 18 @ 6:30-8:30 pm – Rm 249

At this meeting, learn about the upcoming offering of Financial Peace University by Dave Ramsey. The study will focus on budgeting, investing, and living debt free. Attendance at this meeting is not required to participate in the study this fall. **CONTACT** Candie.Gonzales@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7651.

COUNSELING CENTER

FATHER TO THE FATHERLESS

Begins Mon, Sep 13 @ 5-6:30 pm - Counseling Ctr

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. Sign up by Sept 6. **COST** \$40 per session plus materials. **CONTACT** Jennifer.Griffith@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.335.6461.

FIRST PLACE 4 HEALTH

FIRST PLACE 4 HEALTH ORIENTATION

Aug 12 @ 6:30-8 pm & Aug 15 @ 4-5:30 pm – Harbor Rm

Come to one of these orientation sessions and learn how FP4H can help you live a healthier life for God.

Attendance at one orientation is required for new members to join a class. Classes start this fall! **CONTACT** Lisa.Cramer@FirstPlace4Health.com, 713.688.6788 x1002.

Give Our Lives

CHOIR & ORCHESTRA

PROJECT SING!

Begins Wed, Aug 11 @ 7 pm – Rehearsal Hall

Give your life away as a part of a dynamic and exciting worship, dedicated to musical excellence, and committed to effectively communicating Jesus Christ. The Choir & Orchestra of Houston's First begin the new year this week and invite you to join them! Childcare is available. **CONTACT** Shelley.Steelman@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.5887.

FAITH CENTER

FAITH CENTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Faith Center is a great place to "give your life away" this year. Currently, there is an urgent need for the following:

- ESL Teachers – Faith Ctr
Every Tue & Thu @ 9:30-11:30 am, 7-9 pm. Begins Aug 24. Times are flexible.
- **CONTACT** Peter.Lee@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.554.8804.
- After-School Tutoring Program – Long Point Baptist Church
Every Tue & Thu @ 2:45-4:30 pm. Begins Aug 31. Volunteers commit to 1 day/wk.
- **CONTACT** Tracy.Collier@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.554.8825

MISSIONS

MISSION TRIPS

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

- Russia – Orphanage (Oct 6-15)
- Honduras – Living Water (Oct 16-23)
- Spain (Oct 20-Nov 1)

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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 HoustonsFirst.org/Prayer.

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 _____ 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 (fiance): _____
 Married (since date): _____
 Widowed _____
 Veteran (branch): _____

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