

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 Preschool Check-In

1 Reception Rm

2 Rehearsal Hall

1 Rms 143 & 145

3 Rms 330-336

1 Welcome Center

1 Worship Center

- B**

3 The Clubhouse

6 Counseling Center

1 FBA Primary School

3 The Loft

1 Pastoral Care

1 Rms 100-108

2 Rms 200-208

3 Rms 301-303, 319, 322-329

4 Rms 400-408

5 Rms 500-508

- C**

1 First Baptist Academy

1 FBA Library

1 Oasis Rm

- D**

1 Caf 

1 Christian Life Center

2 Crafts Rm (270)

1 Fellowship Center

2 Fitness Center

1 Garden Rm

1 Harbor Rm

2 Rms 249-270

3 Rms 362-366

3 Student Ministry

1 Welcome Center

● Welcome Centers *Numbers next to location indicate floor



MIDLINK CAF 

4:45-6:45 pm – Fellowship Center

Casual dining with food for all ages!

THE LINK

7-8 pm – Oasis Rm

Bible study with Curtis Jones

MILESTONES

Visit HoustonsFirst.org/MidLink for full schedule.

MUSIC REHEARSALS

7-8:30 pm

Choir – Rehearsal Hall (open)

Singers – Rm 330 (open)

Orchestra – Worship Ctr (by audition)

JUST FOR KIDS

MISSION FRIENDS

6-7 pm – Birth-4 yrs

6-8:30 pm – Birth-K

Check-in in Main Foyer

HIGH 5 KIDS' CHOIR

6-7 pm – Walk-ins welcome!

PreK-K – The Clubhouse (Rm 303)

1st -5th – The Loft (Rm 301)

BREAKOUT

7-8:30 pm – CLC (Gym) *

1st-5th Grades

JUST FOR STUDENTS

WIRED

6:30-8 pm – Rm 364

Middle School students

AMP

7-8:30 pm – Rm 363

High School students

Decisions AUG 29, 2010

SALVATION IN CHRIST

Adriana Coffman Ross Jones

Gabriela Coffman Dominique Turk

BAPTIZED

Jennifer Brown Michael Jarman

Becky Erickson Doug Kutta

Kate Evans Taanya Ramirez

Kerri Fadden Andrew Simon

Carol Frankmann Robert Wiser

FOR BAPTISM

Britton Coffman Ildefonso Martinez

Ruth Coffman Priscillia Martinez

Ericka Martinez

FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS

Toni Bennett Ronna Harris

Jennifer Bonds William Huble

Pamela Caironi Lisa Mason

Cheryl Cox Ruth Miller

Candy Crawford Suzanne Schatz

Wayne Crawford Katie Schleider

Kelly Davis Robby Schleider

Robert Harris Deborah Towns

BY STATEMENT

Andrew Miller Eric Vento

Rebecca Search

Births

• Eric and Meredith Moore in the birth of their daughter, Amelia Josephine Moore; Sister: Lindsay Moore

Sympathies

• Ray Holmes in the death of his wife, Betty Holmes



Weekly Summary

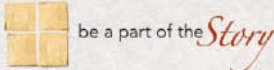
ATTENDANCE, AUG 29, 2010

Sunday Bible Study	4,260
Mission Bible Study	995
Weekday Bible Study	330
Total Bible Study	5,585
Wednesday MidLink	1,119

GIVING, WEEK ENDING AUG 29, 2010

Tithes & Offering	\$235,899
Weekly Requirements	\$315,839
Over/(Under)	(\$79,940)
Designated Gifts	\$27,109
Over/(Under) for Aug	(\$182,260)
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD	(\$352,865)

Capital Campaign



WEEK ENDING AUG 29, 2010

Total Pledged	\$25,444,592
Donations Received	\$56,566
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$18,632,867

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Weekend Worship

Sep 5, 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

HOW WILL YOU RESPOND?

Shaping Your Child's Sexual Character



Sat, Sep 18

See "Grow Our Souls" inside for details

Meet the Pastor



Pastor Gregg Matte

Dear Church Family & Guests,

This July, more people from Houston's First served on the mission field than in any single month in recent history. This August, we had the highest attendance in Sunday Bible Studies in many, many years. July was defined by giving, and August was defined by growing.

Will September be defined by gathering? As our study

of John is getting underway, I encourage you to invite people in your life to join you at Houston's First as we gather for worship. Personal invitations are consistently at the top of the list of reasons why first time guests visit church. Billboards and newspaper ads may raise awareness, but personal invitations inspire action. Who will you invite to Houston's First next week?

Speaking of invitations, I invite you to come forward at the conclusion of the worship service. Staff members and I are available to talk with you about becoming a Christian, being baptized, or joining our church—a relevant biblical community.

In Him,

Pastor Gregg

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

Summit Young Single Adults

SUMMIT FIELD DAY

Labor Day, Mon, Sep 6 @ 10 am-2:30 pm – Faith Ctr Fields

Come relive the games you played in elementary school: water balloon toss, crab walk relay and tug-of-war. Join your class and compete for fun and prizes as you play like a kid again! After the games, enjoy a cookout with burgers, hot dogs, and more. **COST** \$10. **REGISTER** HoustonsFirst.org/FieldDay. **CONTACT** Ryan.McPhetridge@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7671.

SINGLE PARENTS FAMILY CAMP

Sep 17-19 – Lake Tomahawk

Single parent families are invited to have fun while growing closer to God and each other. Enjoy boating, swimming, water trampoline, aqua slide, climbing wall, and more! **COST** Adults \$68, children 12-18 \$38, children 5-11 \$28, children 4 and under free. **REGISTER** HoustonsFirst.org/Single-ParentFamilies. **CONTACT** Holly.Crain@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7671.

Women's Ministry

"MEET ME AT THE WELL" FALL RETREAT

Oct 8-9 – Westchase Hilton, Houston

Need to be refreshed, refilled, and renewed by God? Meet Jesus "at the well" and spend time with your girlfriends, too. Speakers include Donna Gaines, Gina Webster, Adam Mason and Star Smith, with worship led by Lisa Pierre. **COST** \$75-\$139. **REGISTER** HoustonsFirst.org/MeetMeAtTheWell. **CONTACT** Jan.Butterfras@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7642.

Worship Ministry

IMAGO PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Sat, Sep 11 @ 10 am-Noon – Rehearsal Hall

Learn skills needed to take your Single Lens Reflex camera beyond the "Auto" setting at this special workshop: Taming

the SLR. Jack Potts, founder of Bohemian Photography, will teach basic manual operations and the elements of exposure. Open to all. **COST** Free! **CONTACT** Steve.Knox@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.5886.

Grow Our Souls

Churchwide

SHAPING YOUR CHILD'S SEXUAL CHARACTER

Sat, Sep 18 @ 8:30 am-Noon – Fellowship Ctr

Parents of children through 7th grade will be encouraged and equipped to successfully answer their child's questions about sex. Stanton & Brenna Jones, authors of *How & When To Tell Your Kids About Sex*, will share a lifelong approach to shaping your child's sexual character. Childcare available with advance registration. **COST** Free! **VISIT** HoustonsFirst.org/Events. **CONTACT** Rae.Edwards@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7622.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES

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 study that's right for you, or visit HoustonsFirst.org/BibleStudies and explore the options on your own. Here's some to consider:

- **The Heights @ 9:30 am – Rm 263**
For women of all ages
- **Covenant Keepers @ 10:45 am – Rm 259**
For adults ages 69-79
- **The Lamp Lighters @ 10:45 am – Rm 251**
For adults ages 63-73
- **Chairos @ 9:30 am – Craft Rm – Rm 270**
For single adults with children

HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

Wed, Sep 8 @ 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.

Men's Ministry

CHILL TIME WITH DAD

Sat, Sep 11 @ 8:30 am-12:30 pm – Worship Ctr

Dads and their Middle School and High School students (sons or daughters) are invited to this citywide event by Faithful Fathering. The morning includes worship, break-out sessions, and father/student discussion time. **REGISTER** HoustonsFirst.org/Men. **CONTACT** Rick Wertz at Rick@FaithfulFathering.org, 281.491.3237.

Women's Ministry

LIVING PROOF BIBLE STUDY EVENT

Tue, Sep 7 @ 6:30-8:30 pm – Worship Ctr

All women are invited to Beth Moore's study Fall Forward, consisting of 3 nights of God's Word and worship. This month's worship leader is Travis Cottrell. Upcoming nights are Oct 17 and Nov 2. **VISIT** HoustonsFirst.org/Women. **CONTACT** Jan.Butterfras@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7642.

Give Our Lives

Fitness & Recreation

BLOOD DRIVE

Sun, Sep 12 @ 8 am-2 pm – Outside CLC

The Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center will host a blood drive located outside the CLC (Gym) entrance. Give the gift of life by donating blood next Sunday. **CONTACT** Debbie.Brown@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.6701.

Missions

MISSION TRIPS

Visit HoustonsFirst.org/MissionTrips to learn more:

- **Russia – Orphanage (Oct 6-15)**

MEDICAL MISSION MEETING

Sun, Sep 12 @ 12:30 pm – Houston's First

Casa El Buen Samaritano is holding an informational meet-

ing for people interested in volunteering 1 night a week. Their mission is to share the love of Jesus Christ while providing whole-person—body, soul, and spirit—healthcare to low-income and uninsured people in our community. **CONTACT** Lydia Eckhoff, 713.400.7519. **VISIT** CasaElBuen.org.

ISFM ORIENTATIONS

Sep 9 & 13 @ 6:30-7:30 pm

Sep 11 & 18 @ 9:30-10:30 am

Connection Ctr (145)

International Student Friendship Ministry enables Christians to open their homes and hearts to international students at the University of Houston by sharing meals, holidays, sporting events, etc. ISFM seeks married and single adults for this ministry (not a live-in exchange program). Choose from 4 orientation sessions to learn more! **CONTACT** Missions Office, 713.957.5861. **VISIT** HoustonsFirst.org/ISFM.

Pastoral Care

GRIEFSHARE

Thu, Sep 16 @ 6:30-8:30 pm – Rm 264

This grief recovery support group meets the 1st and 3rd Thu of every month. This gathering kicks off a new series with a workbook, video, and discussion providing help and understanding for those dealing with the loss of a loved one. Jerry and Virginia Kovaly will facilitate with music by Eloise Jackson with the AD Players. A light meal is included. **COST** Free! **REGISTER** 713.957.6761 by Sep 14. **CONTACT** Linda.Askin@HoustonsFirst.org.

Volunteer

Visit us online at HoustonsFirst.org/Volunteer for ways you can serve! Here are a few opportunities available immediately: Contact & Revive (College Ministry), International Student Friendship Ministry Team (Local Missions), Production Team: Visual Aide Engineer (Music/Worship), Midlink Meal Team (Culinary Services), Offsite Shuttle Hosts (Welcome Team).

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

() 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 _____

Children living at home: _____ School _____

Name _____ Grade _____

How Can We Help? (turn over)

Check all that apply:

() College student (school):

() Single

() Single parent

() Engaged (fiancé):

() Married (since date):

() Widowed

() Veteran (branch):