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.	
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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)



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MIDLINK

Wednesday Nights at Houston's First

MIDLINK CAFÉ

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 ful 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

6:30-8 pm - Rm 364 Middle School students

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7-8:30 pm – Rm 363 High School students

Decisions SEP 5, 2010

BAPTIZED Candice Ahl

Lauren Harris

Todd Ryngala FOR BAPTISM

Brittany Stich Kristine Higgins **Roy Thorne**

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Mark Mathieser Alicia Beadle Josh Blakely Keith Messick Randi Cahill John Sears Holli Davila Nancy Sears Stephanie Leintz Deborah Stich Mia Watkins Alex Leung Sarah Leung Brenda Weldon Monica Marcello Jimmy Reaves

Births

BY STATEMENT

Lauren Finkel

Cameron and Amy Bettis in the birth of their son, Graham Bettis; Brother: **Hudson Bettis**

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MESSAGES ON CD

Available before & after services in Corner Books.

Back To School Special

'Back to School" means "Back on Track" with your workout! HFBC's Fitness Center is here for you with 20 group exercise classes each week, new instructors, and increased childcare hours! Join in September and we'll waive the \$25 initiation fee! VISIT HoustonsFirst.org/FitnessRecreationCenter. CONTACT 713.957.6701.

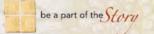
Weekly Summary ATTENDANCE, SEP 5, 2010

3.271 Sunday Bible Study Mission Bible Study 996 Weekday Bible Study 474 **Total Bible Study** 4,741 Wednesday MidLink 1.062

GIVING, WEEK ENDING SEP 5, 2010 \$319,714 Tithes & Offering

Weekly Requirements \$315,839 Over/(Under) \$3,875 Designated Gifts \$557,876 Over/(Under) for Sep (\$3,875) Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD (\$351,453)

Capital Campaign



WEEK ENDING SEP 5, 2010

Total Pledged \$25,444,592 \$97,101 **Donations Received TOTAL RECEIVED** \$18,729,969

Weekend Worship

Sep 12, 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

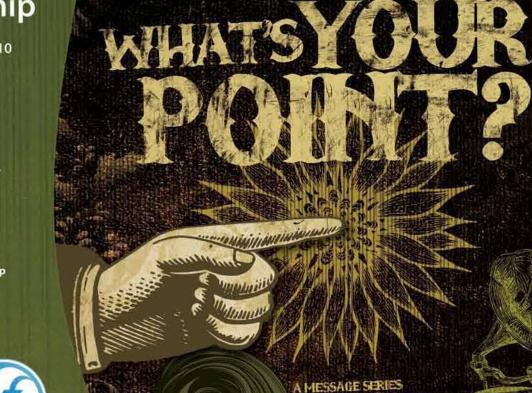
Sunday Kids' Worship

9:30 am 11 am 6:30 pm



HOUSTON'S FIRST

BAPTIST CHURCH



A MESSAGE SERIES

BY GREGG MATTE



Pastor Gregg Matte

Dear Church Family & Guests,

Two years ago this weekend, Hurricane Ike caused damage throughout the than one week after our first Sunday in our renovated Worship Center.

the weeks following the storm, our west parking lot was transformed into a temporary kitchen Nearly 500,000 meals were

prepared on our campus and delivered to people in need throughout our city.

As we study the Gospel of John, I encourage you to rec reate that relief effort each week here at Houston's First In John 6:35, Jesus says, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty." Take the Bread of Life you learn about and worship here and share Him with those in need throughout our city!

Finally, 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.

Partor Gregg

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 Praverline 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 713.681.8000 (Mon-Fri, 8-4:30 pm) or email FirstName.LastName@HoustonsFirst.org.

for use by relief workers. Latest News & Updates

NEW & PROSPECTIVE MEMBER ORIENTATION

Whether you've recently joined or just visited Houston's First, come today to learn what it means to be a part of a relevant biblical community. Meet Pastor Gregg and other staff members and enjoy either lunch at 12:30 pm in the Fellowship Ctr or light snacks at 5 pm in the Connection Ctr (Rm **REGISTER** HoustonsFirst.org/NewMember CONTACT Malcolm.Marshall@HoustonsFirst.org 713.335.6453.



VOTER REGISTRATION

Want to vote in November? The deadline to register is Oct 4. Stop by Voter Registration tables in the Main Foyer and CLC Lobby to register or ask questions about the process. Also, visit HoustonsFirst.org/ Events for an online card you can complete, print and mail in yourself. Voters Guides will be available in the coming weeks.

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



Gather Our Hearts

Churchwide

HFBC NIGHT AT MINUTE MAID PARK

ri, Sep 17 @ 7:05 pm

Due to overwhelming response, we are sold out of tickets: however, you can purchase a ticket near our sections by contacting Astros Group Account Executive, Cody Arnold at 713.259.8315. CONTACT Elizabeth.Trask@HoustonsFirst. org, 713.957.5891.

Summit Young Single Adults SINGLE PARENTS FAMILY CAMP

Sep 17-19 – Lake Tomahawk

Single parent families are invited to have fun while growing closer to God and their family. Activities include boating, swimming, water trampoline, agua slide, climbing wall, and more! COST Adults \$68, children 12-18 \$38, children 5-11 \$28, children 4 and under free. REGISTER HoustonsFirst.org/ SingleParentFamilies. CONTACT Holly.Crain@HoustonsFirst.

Men's Ministry MEN: PRAY

org, 713.957.7671.

Sat, Sep 25 @ 8-10 am - Fellowship Ctr

Men of all ages are invited for a special gathering to pray for our friends, families, homes, church, city, country and world. A light breakfast will be provided. COST Free! REG-ISTER HoustonsFirst.org/Men. CONTACT Christen.Barrios@ HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7681.

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.

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. CON-**TACT** 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 or your own. Here's some to consider:

- Opening the Bible @ 8:20 am Rm 258 For adults ages 60+
- Oxygen @ 8:20 am Garden Rm For women ages 20-45
- Blueprints @ 9:30 am Rm 335 For couples married 1-3 years
- The Refiners @ 10:45 am Rm 249 For adults ages 65-77

HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

Wed, Sep 15 @ 11:30 am - 1010 Lamar (lower level) Executive Pastor David Self will speak at this week's down town 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.

Counseling Center PARENTING SEMINARS

Every Tue, beginning Sep 21 @ 11 am or 5 pm - Rm 602 This 8-week course provides biblically sound information and support for parents by developing a parenting strategy as their children go through various stages of development. With two times to choose from, the course is video- and activity-based and led by a therapist on the Counseling Center's family team. COST \$40 per 1 hour weekly session. VISIT HoustonsFirst.org/CounselorLedGroups. CONTACT Rebekah.Anderson@Houstons-First.org, 713.335.6461

Give Our Lives

Fitness & Recreation BLOOD DRIVE

oday @ 8 am-2 pm - Outside CLC

The Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center is hosting a blood drive located outside the CLC (Gvm) 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

Today @ 12:30 pm - Rm 251

Casa El Buen Samaritano is holding an informational meeting 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 lowincome and uninsured people in our community. VISIT CasaElBuen.org. CONTACT Lydia Eckhoff, 713.400.7519.

ISFM ORIENTATIONS

Mon, Sep 13 @ 6:30-7:30 pm &

Sat, Sep 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. Married and single adults are needed to serve (not a live-in exchange program). VISIT HoustonsFirst.org/ ISFM. CONTACT Marie Downing at Downings@Flash.Net,

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 week's gathering kicks off a new series providing help for those dealing with the loss of a loved one. Jerry and Virginia Kovaly facilitate with music by Eloise Jackson from the AD Players. A light meal is included COST Free! REGISTER 713.957.6761 by Sep 14. CONTACT Linda. Askin@HoustonsFirst.org.

Prayer Ministry

PRAYER DURING WORSHIP TRAINING

Sun, Sep 26 @ 5 pm - Rm 251

This info and training meeting is for those interested in joining the prayer team. The team prays during the Sunday worship services for Pastor Gregg, the worship team the congregation and for those who do not know Christ as Savior. CONTACT Charlotte.Hudson@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.335.6451.

Volunteer

Visit us online at HoustonsFirst.org/Volunteer for ways you can serve! Here are a few opportunities available immediately: Keep It Like New (Facilities), Midlink Meal Team (Culinary Services), Campus Coaches (The Hub Student Ministry) Designer (Creative Services), Snap It (Women's Ministry)

>> 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.