

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 Reception Rm
	1 Chapel	2 Rehearsal Hall
	1 Connection Center	1 Rms 143 & 145
	1 Library	3 Rms 330-336
	1 Main Foyer	1 Welcome Center
	1 Preschool Check-In	1 Worship Center
B	3 The Clubhouse	1 Rms 100-108
	6 Counseling Center	2 Rms 200-208
	1 FBA Primary School	3 Rms 301-303, 319, 322-329
	3 The Loft	4 Rms 400-408
	1 Pastoral Care	5 Rms 500-508

C	1 First Baptist Academy	1 Oasis Rm
	1 FBA Library	

D	1 Café	1 Harbor Rm
	1 Christian Life Center	2 Rms 249-270
	2 Crafts Rm (270)	3 Rms 362-366
	1 Fellowship Center	3 Student Ministry
	2 Fitness Center	1 Welcome Center
	1 Garden Rm	

Welcome Centers *Numbers next to location indicate floor



MIDLINK CAFÉ
4:45-6:45 pm – Fellowship Ctr
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 SEP 19, 2010
SALVATION IN CHRIST
Ruben Moreno
BAPTIZED
Derek Bingham Lauren Harris
Christi Carter Karmen San Nicolas

FOR BAPTISM
Yiri De Dois Felicia Martinez

FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS
Meghan Bingham Abigail Holland
Debby Crain Sonja Holman
Ann Felix Lisa Hopkins
Erica Gonzales Janet Mattox
Lupita Gonzalez Marilyn Seymour
Martin Gonzalez Jordan Ward

BY STATEMENT
Brittany Martin

Births
• Jeff and Amy Savoie in the birth of their daughter, Francis Claire Savoie; Siblings: Allie, Jeffrey, and Courtney Savoie
• Curt and Julie Arnold in the birth of their daughter, Isabella Claire Arnold

Sympathies
• Liz Phillips and her husband, Ron, and Richard Zey and his wife, Jeanette, in the death of their mother, Dessa Zey; Granddaughter: Stefanie Chappell
• Madlyn Keefer in the death of her husband, Raymond; Daughter: Donna Peterson and her husband, Randy
• Gwen Evans in the death of her husband, Randy; Daughter: Stephanie Warnock and her husband, Doug; Grandchildren: Zachary, Kayla, and Krista Warnock



Weekly Summary
ATTENDANCE, SEP 19, 2010
Sunday Bible Study 3,956
Mission Bible Study 1,029
Weekday Bible Study 915
Total Bible Study 5,900
Wednesday MidLink 1163

GIVING, WEEK ENDING SEP 19, 2010
Tithes & Offering \$341,279
Weekly Requirements \$315,839
Over/(Under) \$25,440
Designated Gifts \$17,877
Over/(Under) for Aug (\$15,312)
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD (\$370,640)

Capital Campaign
be a part of the Story

WEEK ENDING SEP 19, 2010
Total Pledged \$25,444,592
Donations Received \$57,091
TOTAL RECEIVED \$19,412,040

Weekend Worship

Sep 26, 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



meet me at the well
WOMEN'S RETREAT 2010
for women who are thirsty

Westchase Hilton, Oct 8 & 9, 2010

Register today in the Main Foyer and See "Gather Our Hearts" inside for details



HOUSTON'S FIRST
BAPTIST CHURCH



Pastor Gregg Matte

Dear Church Family & Guests,

At Houston's First, we gather our hearts during worship services and several special events throughout the year. One such event coming up soon is the churchwide women's retreat on Oct 8-9.

The Women's Ministry and Men's Ministry alternate their retreats every other year. The men gathered last fall, and this year, the women will gather for a weekend of encouragement and fellowship with several gifted speakers. I encourage women of all ages to attend what promises to be a wonderful weekend. The deadline to sign up is Oct 1, so see the "Gather Our Hearts" section below for details.

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.

In Him,

Pastor Gregg

Need to Contact Us?

To contact HFBC staff, call 713.681.8000 (Mon-Fri, 8-4:30 pm) or email FirstName.LastName@HoustonsFirst.org.

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

Latest News & Updates

"WHAT'S YOUR POINT?" CD GIFT SETS AVAILABLE
Packaged CD gift sets of the "What's Your Point?" message series are available in Corner Books for \$7. The sets include all three messages from Pastor Gregg including today's message. Pick up a set for yourself and one to share with others!

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, bring non-perishable items next Sun, Oct 3, and leave them on collection tables in the CLC Lobby, the South Tower elevator lobby, or outside the Garden Room. **CONTACT** 713.554.8801.

Coming Soon

HEROES AMONG US

Sarah Palin, Keynote Speaker
Tue, Oct 5 @ 7 pm – Worship Ctr
Benefitting Heroic Media, a faith-based pro-life advocacy group.



A NIGHT WITH THE CHAPMANS
A KSBJ Special Event with Steven Curtis Chapman and Family
Thu, Oct 7 @ 7 pm – Worship Ctr
Ticket information for events at HoustonsFirst.org/Events



Gather Our Hearts

The HUB Student Ministry
CELEBRATING 25 YEARS WITH LINDA SPROULE

Sun, Oct 10 @ 4-6 pm – Oasis Rm
Join the HUB Student Ministry as they celebrate Linda Sproule's 25 years of service to our church and the student ministry. **CONTACT** Susan.Newman@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7631.

Summit Young Single Adults
MEN'S "BIGGER THAN BREAKFAST"

Sat, Oct 9 @ 9 am-Noon – Fellowship Ctr
Young single men are invited for breakfast and conversation about being a Christian in all areas of life, such as the workplace, relationships, leadership, free time, and in the church. The event includes a panel discussion and a hearty breakfast, too! **COST** \$6. **REGISTER** HoustonsFirst.org/SummitNews. **CONTACT** Melanie.Russell@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7671.

Adult II

SENIOR ADULT CELEBRATION: LAUGH WITH LYNDY
Fri, Oct 15 @ 4:30 pm – Fellowship Ctr

All senior adults are invited for an evening of celebration, fellowship, and fun, including laugh-out-loud entertainment with creative presentations of truth, inspiration and encouragement. Plus, dinner is included! **COST** \$15. **REGISTER** HoustonsFirst.org/Adults60Plus. **CONTACT** Adult.Enrichment@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7661.

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? Come meet Jesus "at the well" and spend time with your girlfriends, too. Speak-



ers include Donna Gaines, Gina Webster, Adam Mason and Star Smith, with worship led by Lisa Pierre. **COST** \$75-\$139. **REGISTER** by Oct 1 in the Main Foyer or online at HoustonsFirst.org/MeetMeAtTheWell. **CONTACT** Jan.Butterfras@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7642.

Grow Our Souls

Churchwide
SBS LEADERSHIP LUNCHEON

Today @ 11:30 am-1:45 pm – CLC (Gym)
The Sunday Bible Study (SBS) Leadership Luncheon is for leaders and workers from ALL age divisions—plus anybody interested in serving as one! Lunch is provided. Activities and meals for children are provided by registration for birth-5th grade. Lunch for 8:20 am leadership begins at 11:30 am and lunch for all others begins at noon with the main presentation at 12:30 pm. **CONTACT** Jeanene.Andrus@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7601.

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 Refinery @ 9:30 am – Rm 600**
For adults all ages, Teacher Joe Watkins
- **Pit Stop Crew @ 9:30 am – Rm 258**
For adults ages 40-60, Teacher Ross Stephenson
- **InJoy The Journey @ 9:30 am – Rm 333**
For couples ages 30+ married 1-3 years
Teacher Charles Alvarez
- **Ignite @ 10:45 am – Gym Floor: SW Corner**
For single adults ages 20-40
Teachers Leigh Kohler and Mark Palmer



HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY
Wed, Sep 29 @ 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.

Hub Student Ministry
RITE OF PASSAGE PARENTING

Sun, Oct 3 @ 12:15-3 pm – Rm 362
Parents of 5th-9th graders are invited to this Milestones class taught by Dr. Walker Moore, speaker and author of Rite of Passage Parenting. Dr. Moore will teach parents how to build into their children's lives the essential experiences that every child needs while helping them move toward adulthood in a healthy way. Lunch is provided for \$5. **CONTACT** Susan.Newman@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7631.

Women's Ministry
SISTERS IN SUPPORT

Every Wed, Sep 29–Nov 17 @ 6-8 pm – Rm 192F (FBA)
Join Joanna Poor and other moms on a spiritual journey toward growth and healing as they discover God's strength while mourning the death of a child. The book accompanying this study, *Gone But Not Lost* by David Wiersbe, is available in Corner Books. **REGISTER** HoustonsFirst.org/Women. **CONTACT** Jan.Butterfras@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7642.

Give Our Lives

Counseling Center

FIRST HOPE JOB MINISTRY
Sat, Oct 2 @ 9 am-Noon – Rm 602
First HOPE seeks to help others procure employment. At

this month's free meeting, Mike Lejeune, 30-year veteran in the recruiting industry, will speak on "How to Make A Job Search Work For You." Gain necessary resources for obtaining employment and receive biblical encouragement specifically designed for job seekers. **VISIT** HoustonsFirst.org/FirstHopeJobMinistry. **CONTACT** Hope@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.335.6471.

Missions
UNDERSTANDING ISLAM

Every Wed, Oct 6–Nov 3 @ 6:30-8 pm – Connection Ctr
Grow in your understanding of Muslims and their culture to gain confidence in pursuing friendships with them. In this Missional Milestones course, you will learn how to build bridges that lead to authentic relationships in order to love them like Jesus did. **COST** \$10. **REGISTER** HoustonsFirst.org/MissionalMilestones.

MISSION TRIPS

Visit HoustonsFirst.org/MissionTrips to learn more:
• **Russia – Orphanage (Oct 6-15)**

FAITH CENTER DEDICATION AND OPEN HOUSE
Sun, Oct 17 @ 2 pm

Mark your calendars and save the date as our church officially celebrates and dedicates the Faith Center of HFBC to the glory of God! **VISIT** HoustonsFirst.org/FaithCenter. **CONTACT** 713.554.8801.

Volunteer

Visit HoustonsFirst.org/Volunteer for details about the following opportunities and nearly 100 ways you can serve His Kingdom:

- Children's Church Helper (The Faith Center)
- Phase II (Pastoral Care)
- Seating Assistance (Ministries)
- Midlink Meal Team (Culinary Services)
- Activities Team (Young Single Adults)

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:

Check all that apply:
 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 _____ School _____
Children living at home: _____ Grade _____

How Can We Help? (turn over)

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.