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!

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Campus Directory & Parking Map



1 Reception Rm

2 Rehearsal Hall

1 Rms-100-108

1 Harbor Rm

1 Bookstore 1 Chapel 1 Connection Center 1 Library

1 Rms 143 & 145 3 Rms 330-336 1 Main Foyer 1 Welcome Center 1 Preschool Check-In 1 Worship Center

2 Rms 200-208 3 Rms 301-303, 319, 322-329 1 FBA Primary School 3 The Loft 1 Pastoral Care

4 Rms 400 408 5 Rms 500-508

1 First Baptist Academy 1 Oasis Rm 1 FBA Library

D 1 Café 1 Christian Life Center 2 Rms 249-270 2 Crafts Rm (270)

3 Rms 362-366 1 Fellowship Center 3 Student Ministry 1 Welcome Center

2 Fitness Center 1 Garden Rm

Welcome Centers "Numbers next to location indicate floor



Mamorial Dr

MIDLINK Wednesday Nights at Houston's First

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 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 WIRED

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

-8:30 pm - Rm 363 High School students

Decisions SEP 26, 2010 **SALVATION IN CHRIST**

Brent Mills

Mia Evans

BAPTIZED Kelsev Blackwood Demitri Villanueva

FOR BAPTISM Michael Cormier Amy Moscariello

FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS

Melissa Barfield Darby Pappas Bronson Beauchamp Jack Pappas Carrie Bowden Lynn Pappas Greg Bowden Scott Pappas Hegel Durocher Lauren Purcell Tracey Durocher Richard Rabe Bill Fitzgerald Elly Tran Joan Fitzgerald Herman Tran Kent Weber Jade Gonzalez Lauryn Kelly Emay Yeng

Sympathies

Jessica Mason

· Robert and Peggy Tompkins in the death of his sister, Lisa Matta; Nephew Bobby Tompkins; Nieces: Natalie and **Audrey Tompkins**

John Yena

- · Elba and Hildegard Futch in the death of her mother, Margaret Loewer, Granddaughter: Naomi Futch; Great-Grandson: Caleb Balladares
- · Larry (Staff) and Pat Lilley in the death of her brother, Tim Smith

FBA OPEN HOUSE

FOR PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES

Mon, Oct 18 @ 6-7:30 pm - Oasis Rm The Administrators and Faculty of First Baptist Academy invite families considering a private Christian education to attend their Open House for Prospective Families. Come discover what FBA offers children in early childhood through 8th grade! Light refreshments will be served. **RSVP** 713.290.2522.

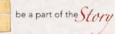
Weekly Summary ATTENDANCE, SEP 26, 2010

Sunday Bible Study 3,808 Mission Bible Study Weekday Bible Study **Total Bible Study** 5,281 Wednesday MidLink 1.381

GIVING, WEEK ENDING SEP 26, 2010

\$257,414 Tithes & Offering \$315,839 Weekly Requirements (\$58,425) \$46,477 **Designated Gifts** Over/(Under) for Aug (\$73,737)Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD (\$429,275)

Capital Campaign



WEEK ENDING SEP 26, 2010

Total Pledged \$25,445,592 \$47,597 **Donations Received TOTAL RECEIVED** \$19,459,638

Oct 3, 2010

Weekend

Sundays

9:30 am 11 am 6:30 pm

Sunday **Bible Study**

8:20 am 9:30 am 10:45 am 5:15 pm

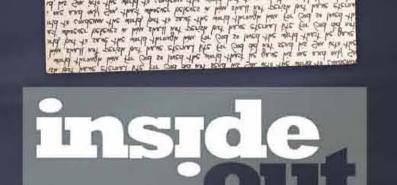
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HOUSTON'S FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



Sunday Kids' Worship



A message series by Gregg Matte & David Self



Pastor Gregg Matte

Dear Church Family & Guests,

in the "What's Your Point?" series, we looked at the power of a personal invitation. A simple suggestion to "come and see" was all took to draw people to Jesus. From there, He took care of the rest.

You can invite people to ing weeks. "come and see" at Houston's **DEACONS MEETINGS**

First each Sunday. In addition, upcoming special events like First Fest (Oct 30), "Celebration" (Dec 9-12) and Candy Cane Lane (Dec 18) provide people with different ways to experience our church outside of Sundays. Our ministries offer opportunities for specific age groups to "come and see" as well such as a middle school retreat, a breakfast for young single adult men, a married young adult parenting workshop, and a senior adult celebration. Read this worship guide for details on these, and discover others on HoustonsFirst.org.

Finally, I invite you to "come and see" today. You're already here in person; now, open your heart to God's truth as we study His Word. At the end of the service, I invite you to come forward to talk with me or a staff member about being a member of Houston's First – a relevant biblical community.



Latest News & Updates LORD'S SUPPER

In last week's final message The Lord's Supper will be observed in each worship service today. When the Lord's Supper is observed at Houston's First, a special benevolence offering for the needy is taken at the conclusion of the service as we

VOTER REGISTRATION

Want to vote in November? The deadline to register is Oct 4. Stop by tables in the Main Foyer and CLC Lobby to register today! Also, visit HoustonsFirst.org/Events for an online card you can complete, print and mail in vourself. Voters Guides will be available in the com-

The Deacon Administrative Committee meets today at 2:30 pm in Rm 249. The entire Deacon body wil meet at 3:30 pm in the Chapel.

CHURCH CONFERENCE

This monthly gathering meets today at 4:30 pm in the Chapel. The meeting covers church financial and membership reports, as well as other information as necessary. Anybody may attend, but only individuals who are members of HFBC may vote.

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.





NIGHT WITH THE CHAPMANS A KSBJ Special Event with Steven **Curtis Chapman and Family** Thu, Oct 7 @ 7 pm – Worship Ctr icket information for events at



Churchwide **FIRST FEST**

at, Oct 30 @ 2-5 pm

Don't miss this all-out fun festival of games, rides, candy and much more! Save the date, invite your neighbors and watch for details coming soon! CONTACT Erin.Ruddle@ HoustonsFirst.org.

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.

"FINDERS KEEPERS" RETREAT

Oct 22-24 - Lake Tomahawk

Middle school students (6th-8th grades) will have a blast at Lake Tomahawk as they focus on finding and keeping their identity in Christ. They'll depart on Fri @ 6 pm and return on Sun @ noon. COST \$75. REGISTER at HoustonsFirst. org/MiddleSchoolRetreat2010. 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@Houstons First.org, 713.957.7671.

Adult II

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 entertain ment 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.

Worship Ministry IMAGO IMAGE TRANSFER WORKSHOP

Sat, Oct 16 @ 10 am-Noon - Rehearsal Hall

Image transfer is a mixed-media art technique involving the transfer of an image on paper to almost any other surface including wood, canvas, and paper. Learn how to transfer images from toner-based, inkjet, and laser printers/copiers. Sponsored by the IMAGO Art Community **CONTACT** Steve.Knox@HoustonsFirst.org.

Grow Our Souls

Churchwide **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:

- Oxygen @ 8:20 am Rm 274C For women ages 20-45
- The Refinery @ 9:30 am Rm 600 For adults of all ages
- Ignite @ 10:45 am Gym Flr (SW corner) For single adults 20s-30s
- The Shelter @ 5:15 am Rm 263 For single adults ages 40-60

HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

Wed, Oct 6 @ 11:30 am - 1010 Lamar (lower level)

town Bible study. Lunch begins at 11:30 am for \$8, and order to love them like Jesus did. COST \$10. REGISTER Bible study takes place from 12:10-12:40 pm. CONTACT HoustonsFirst.org/MissionalMilestones. Diane.Bagby@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.6781.

The Hub Student Ministry RITE OF PASSAGE PARENTING

Today @ 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 Volunteer 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.

Fusion: Married Young Adults MARRIAGE CONNECTIONS: PARENTING

Sat, Oct 23 @ 2-6 pm - Fellowship Ctr

Marriage Connections is an opportunity for couples married 1-15 years to keep their marriage moving in the right direction. Couples will come away with a game plan for connecting deeper with their spouse in this thing called "marriage." This session will be led by Ron and Rosemary P'Pool. COST \$20 a couple + \$5-\$10 for childcare (optional). REGISTER by Oct 17 at HoustonsFirst.org/MarriageConnections. **CONTACT** Christen.Barrios@HoustonsFirst.org 713.957.7681

Give Our Lives

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 Executive Pastor David Self will speak at this week's down- to build bridges that lead to authentic relationships in

FAITH CENTER DEDICATION AND OPEN HOUSE Sun, Oct 17 @ 2-5 pm - Faith Ctr

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.

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

- HFBC Medical Emergency Team (Systems) CONTACT Lee.Phillips@HoustonsFirst.org
- Editors/Proofreaders (Creative Services) CONTACT Matt.Arnold@HoustonsFirst.org
- Celebrate Recovery Prep Team (Counseling) CONTACT Huston.Mccomb@HoustonsFirst.org
- Winsome People (Adult Enrichment) **CONTACT** Tracie.Bowman@HoustonsFirst.org
- Midlink Meal Team (Culinary Services) CONTACT Lori, Smith@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

Need to Contact Us?

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

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.