

## 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)

## Campus Directory & Parking Map



<b>A</b>	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>B</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

<b>C</b>	1 First Baptist Academy	1 Oasis Rm
	1 FBA Library	

<b>D</b>	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 OCT 3, 2010**  
**SALVATION IN CHRIST**  
 Chelsea Green Matt Green

**FOR BAPTISM**  
 Lauren Cozad Magda Tamez  
 Ryan Cozad Amanda Warner  
 Joshua Sofka

**FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS**  
 Allica Austin Barbara Majors  
 Dianne Baker Lilia Percia  
 John Baker Sue Redden  
 Amy DeLaughter Heather Robertson  
 Ray DeLaughter Matt Robertson  
 Alisa Eckeberger Aaron Simmons  
 John Eckeberger Emilee Simmons  
 Chance Mac Tavish Marilyn Standley  
**BY STATEMENT** Dave Warner

**Births**  
 • Colin and Katy Sproule in the adoption of their daughter, Elliana Heather Sproule; Grandparents: Robert (Deacon) and Linda (Staff) Sproule  
 • Steve and Cristie Mercer in the birth of their son, Jack Swanson Mercer; Sibling: Tyler Mercer  
 • Jason (Deacon) and Sharon DeLorenzo in the birth of their daughter, Paige DeLorenzo; Siblings: Sophia, Jack and Grant DeLorenzo

**Sympathies**  
 • Claude and Martha Nay in the death of her mother, Sybil Ethridge  
 • Louise Campbell in the death of her husband, Frank Campbell (Deacon)

**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, OCT 3, 2010**

Sunday Bible Study	3,848
Mission Bible Study	909
Weekday Bible Study	711
<b>Total Bible Study</b>	<b>5,468</b>
Wednesday MidLink	1,395

**GIVING, WEEK ENDING OCT 3, 2010**

Tithes & Offering	\$440,900
Weekly Requirements	\$315,839
Over/(Under)	\$125,061
Designated Gifts	\$35,044
Over/(Under) for Oct	\$125,061
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD	(\$304,809)

**Capital Campaign**

be a part of the *Story*

**WEEK ENDING OCT 3, 2010**

Total Pledged	\$25,446,592
Donations Received	\$58,211
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$19,517,849</b>

## Weekend Worship

Oct 10, 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

# Celebration

THE SPIRIT. THE SONGS. THE STORY.

FIVE PERFORMANCES

DEC 9	DEC 10	DEC 11	DEC 12
7 PM	7 PM	2 PM & 7 PM	2 PM

TICKETS ON SALE  
**OCTOBER 16**

**TICKET SALE LAUNCH EVENT**  
 BEAT THE CROWDS!

Sat, Oct 16 @ 8 – 11 am  
 Come to the Main Foyer at Houston's First to get your tickets in person or at kiosks before they go on sale online & by phone!



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## Meet the Pastor



Pastor Gregg Matte

Where am I? I'm actually right here at church! As your pastor, I want to experience Houston's First as our members and guests do. Rather than being on the platform, I'll be walking the hallways, greeting at the entrances, and visiting Sunday Bible Studies. You might even spot me pushing one of the baby buggies, too!

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*

**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.

a relevant biblical community • [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org)



Houston's First Baptist Church is a relevant biblical community where we gather our hearts, grow our souls, and give our lives as we seek to fulfill the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20).

## Gather Our Hearts

### Churchwide

#### FIRST FEST

Sat, 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 find details at [HoustonsFirst.org/FirstFest](http://HoustonsFirst.org/FirstFest)! **CONTACT** Erin.Ruddle@HoustonsFirst.org.

### The HUB Student Ministry

#### CELEBRATING 25 YEARS WITH LINDA SPOULE

Today @ 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](http://HoustonsFirst.org/MiddleSchoolRetreat2010). **CONTACT** Susan.Newman@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7631.

### Summit Young Single Adults

#### UNDER THE TEXAS SKY HOEDOWN

Sat, Oct 23 @ 6 pm – Historic Liedertafel Hall in Sealy, TX

Men, shine up those boots and ladies get your dance card ready for the 13th Annual Summit Hoedown! The evening includes live music from the SnakeBit Band, dancing, dinner, contests, and much more. **COST** \$25 thru Oct 10, \$30 thru Oct 22, \$35 at the door. **REGISTER** at [HoustonsFirst.org/Hoedown](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Hoedown). **CONTACT** Ryan.McPhetridge@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7670.

### 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 entertainment with creative presentations of truth, inspiration and encouragement. Plus, dinner is included! **COST** \$15. **REGISTER** [HoustonsFirst.org/Adults60Plus](http://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](http://HoustonsFirst.org/BibleStudies) and explore the options on your own. Here's some to consider:

- **Titus 2 @ 8:20 am – Rm 252**  
For women of all ages
- **Saved to Serve @ 10:45 am – Rm 335**  
For couples married 1-6 years
- **Oikos @ 10:45 am – Harbor Rm**  
For single and married adults
- **The Shelter @ 5:15 am – Rm 263**  
For adults ages 40-60

### HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

Wed, Oct 13 @ 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.

### FIRST STEPS IN FAITH

Wed, Oct 13-Nov 10 @ 6-7 pm – Harbor Rm

Have you recently accepted Christ as your Savior? If so, this course will guide you in your first steps as a new believer. For ages 18 and above. Taught by Eric Reed, Minister to New Believers. **CONTACT** Eric.Reed@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.5680.

## Give Our Lives

### Missions

#### UNDERSTANDING ISLAM

Every Wed, Oct 6-Nov 3 @ 6:30-8 pm – Connection Ctr (145)

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](http://HoustonsFirst.org/MissionalMilestones).

#### FAITH CENTER DEDICATION & OPEN HOUSE

Sun, Oct 17 @ 2-5 pm - Faith Ctr (8009 Long Point)

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](http://HoustonsFirst.org/FaithCenter). **CONTACT** 713.554.8801.

### Legacy 685: Adoption & Orphan Care

#### CREATED TO CONNECT

Every Sun, Oct 17-Nov 21 @ 5-6:20 pm - Rm 251

This study helps illuminate the biblical principles at the foundation of The Connected Child, written by Dr. Karen Purvis. It will help adoptive and foster parents better understand how to build strong and lasting connections with their children. **CONTACT** Steve and Mary Klein at [Legacy685@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Legacy685@HoustonsFirst.org), 281.246.9904.

### Volunteer

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

- **First Fest Volunteers (Children's Ministry)**  
**CONTACT** Erin.Ruddle@HoustonsFirst.org
- **Monday GPS Team (Pastoral Care)**  
**CONTACT** Linda.Askin@HoustonsFirst.org
- **Car Heroes (Adult Enrichment)**  
**CONTACT** Tracie.Bowman@HoustonsFirst.org
- **Baptism Team (Prayer, Missions & Connection Center)**  
**CONTACT** Malcolm.Marshall@HoustonsFirst.org
- **Explore (Children's Recreation)**  
**CONTACT** Dave.Bundrick@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](http://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](mailto:FirstName.LastName@HoustonsFirst.org).

**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

salvation, baptism, membership, ministries, or:

College student (school):

Single

Single parent

Engaged (fiancé):

Married (since date):

Widowed

Veteran (branch):

### Contact Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate (mm/dd/yy) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Children living at home: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

How Can We Help? (turn over)



On Sun, Nov 7, write names of children on their own foundation! Details comin soon...



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](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Prayer).