

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**
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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 1 First Baptist Academy | 1 Oasis Rm |
| 1 FBA Library | |

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| 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 | |



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

Essential classes and events offered throughout the semester. 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 at 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 17, 2010

SALVATION IN CHRIST

Jane Logan Luke Reed

Joy Madise

FOR BAPTISM

Sue Ford Gabriel Torres

BAPTIZED

Gae Bowman Ruth Coffman

Jenna Bunyan Rosemary Creasey

Adriana Coffman Abigail Ganze

Britton Coffman Kristine Higgins

Gabriela Coffman Cassidy West

FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS

Amira Abdalla Deanna Myers

Cole Byars Paul Ragsdale

Candice George Sharon Ragsdale

Andy Helms Marianne Rogers

Katie Hoercher Scott Rogers

Patrick Hoercher Amy Shafer

Cassidy Murphy Josh Sofka

Kevin Murphy Rosa Waters

BY STATEMENT

Bethany Herndon Veronica Torres

Births

- Chris and Kelly Keith in the birth of their son, William James Keith

Sympathies

- Ed (Deacon) and Sandy O'Brien in the death of her aunt, Loraine Carpenter; Great Niece: Katlyn O'Brien; Great Nephews: Cody and Caleb O'Brien
- Gary and Eunice Huxford in the death of her mother, Julianna VanderLey



Sunday 8 am-12:30 pm & 5-8 pm

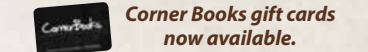
Monday Closed

Tuesday 9 am-4 pm

Wednesday 9 am-4 pm

Thursday 9 am-4 pm

Friday & Saturday Closed



Weekly Summary

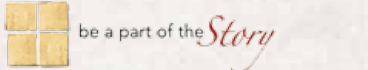
ATTENDANCE, OCT 17, 2010

Sunday Bible Study	3,702
Mission Bible Study	1,622
Weekday Bible Study	472
Total Bible Study	5,796
Wednesday MidLink	1,252

GIVING, WEEK ENDING OCT 17, 2010

Tithes & Offering	\$305,093
Weekly Requirements	\$315,839
Over/(Under)	(\$10,746)
Designated Gifts	\$26,163
Over/(Under) for Oct	\$75,348
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD	(\$358,875)

Capital Campaign



WEEK ENDING OCT 17, 2010

Total Pledged	\$25,446,592.77
Donations Received	\$177,199.01
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$19,755,948

Weekend Worship

Oct 24, 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



Meet the Pastor



Pastor Gregg Matte

Dear Church Family & Guests,

People come to Houston's First in a variety of ways. For most, their first visit is to a worship service. For others, their introduction is through special events held throughout the year.

First Fest this Saturday is a perfect example—an afternoon of fun and candy that's free for guests of the

church! This December, "Celebration" provides a musical introduction to our church and to the story of Christmas. I look forward to how God will use these events to bring people to Houston's First and to Him!

So, who will you invite? Like we saw in John 1:46, all it takes is a simple "come and see" invitation. You extend the invitation and Jesus will take care of the rest.

If today is your first visit here or if you've been attending for decades, 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

Latest News & Updates
VOTER INFORMATION

Early voting is underway now through Oct 29. Pick up a free voters guide by the Worship Center entrances on Level 1. Also, visit HoustonsFirst.org/Voters for information about where to vote and to learn about Houston's First's position against the City of Houston's Proposition 1.

TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE!

Tickets to Celebration are now available! Performances are Dec 9-12 with 2 matinee and 3 evening options. Tickets can be purchased at TheFirstChristmas.org, in Corner Books during normal business hours, at the self-serve kiosk in the Main Foyer, and at 1.888.695.0888. **VISIT** TheFirstChristmas.org for information on this amazing presentation of the spirit, the songs, and the story of Christmas!

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

a relevant biblical community • 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

AN EVENING WITH JOEL C. ROSENBERG

Thu, Nov 4 @ 7 pm – Worship Ctr

Corner Books presents *New York Times* best-selling author Joel C. Rosenberg as he addresses "What Will Happen Next In The Middle East?" and introduces his latest fiction title, *The Twelfth Imam*. Following the presentation, Joel will answer questions from the audience and sign copies of his new book. **COST** General admission is free, limited reserved seating \$10. **VISIT** HoustonsFirst.org/Rosenberg.

FOUNDATION OF PRAYER

Sun, Nov 7 @ 8 am-1 pm & 4:30-8:30 pm

Levels 1-3 of west wing

The Houston's First Family is invited to write names of children in their lives on the foundation of the Preschool & Kindergarten and Children's Ministries areas currently being renovated. Just like the thousands of names written on the floor of the Worship Center, our church family will "pray over" the names of these children for years to come—asking God to draw their hearts to Him. **VISIT** HoustonsFirst.org/FoundationOfPrayerForChildren.

Women's Ministry

INSPIRE WOMEN'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY

Fri, Nov 5 @ 6:30-10 pm – Worship Ctr

Inspire Women offers the women of Houston's First a guest pass to this citywide conference celebrating their 10th anniversary. Hear from Kay Warren (wife of Rick Warren), Anita Carmen and Nicole C. Mullen. **VISIT** HoustonsFirst.org/InspireWomen. **REGISTER** in the Main Foyer today or online by Oct 31. **CONTACT** 713.521.1400.

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

- **Ignite @ 10:45 am – Gym**
For single young adults
Have you ever wanted to read the Bible all the way through? Join the Ignite class as they go through the Chronological Bible (as in the order it was written) and discover how the heart of God unfolds throughout biblical history. Led by Mark Palmer and Leigh Kohler.
- **Newlywed or Close @ 9:30 am – Fellowship Ctr C/D**
For couples engaged/married 1 year or less

HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

Wed, Oct 27 @ 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. **VISIT** HoustonsFirst.org/HighPoint.

Counseling Center

ANGER IS A CHOICE

Every Wed @ 7-8:30 pm – Crafts Rm (270)

Adults are invited to this general support group led by Ross Stephenson as they study *Anger Is A Choice* by Tim LaHaye and Bob Phillips. Learn how to handle conflicts and anger while healing damaged relationships. No registration necessary. **COST** purchase of book. **VISIT** HoustonsFirst.org/SupportGroups. **CONTACT** Greg.Curnutte@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.335.6465.

Give Our Lives

Counseling

FIRST HOPE JOB MINISTRY

Sat, Nov 6 @ 9 am-Noon – Rm 602

First HOPE seeks to help others procure employment. At this month's free meeting, hear from guest speaker, Ernie Perez, who will be speaking on the topic "Gee, I Thought You Were Younger." Discuss and learn tips on resume writing, interviewing, and networking and gain the necessary resources for obtaining employment. Most importantly, receive biblical encouragement specifically designed for the job seeker. **VISIT** HoustonsFirst.org/FirstHopeJobMinistry. **CONTACT** Hope@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.335.6471.

Legacy 685: Adoption & Orphan Care
FOSTER SEMINAR

Today @ 5 pm – Chapel

Speakers Pat & Terri Jagger have fostered 25 children and have adopted 5 children. Pat is an adoption attorney, and Terri is an advocate for the fatherless. They will be speaking on adoption, foster-to-adopt and foster care. **CONTACT** Steve & Mary Klein at Legacy685@HoustonsFirst.org, 281.246.9904.

Prayer

MISSIONARY INTERCESSORY PRAYER TIME

Today @ 3-5 pm – Oasis Rm

This time of prayer, led by Mary Ann Bridgwater of Pray the Word Ministries, is open to everyone! Join in God's work through our missionaries by interceding on their behalf through prayer. **CONTACT** PraytheWord@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.476.9514.

Volunteering

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

- **Administrative Support (Counseling Ctr)**
CONTACT Huston.McComb@HoustonsFirst.org
- **Production (Creative Services)**
CONTACT Matt.Arnold@HoustonsFirst.org
- **Jail/Prison Ministry Team (Local Missions)**
CONTACT [David.Trickett - dtrick3@comcast.net](mailto:David.Trickett@dtrick3@comcast.net)
- **Baptism Team (Prayer, Missions & Connection Ctr)**
CONTACT Malcolm.Marshall@HoustonsFirst.org
- **Heart 2 Heart (Preschool & Kindergarten)**
CONTACT Sherry.Oradat@HoustonsFirst.org



Sat, Oct 30 @ 2-5 pm – Houston's First
Don't miss First Fest — an all-out fun festival of games, rides, candy and much more! It is free for guests and \$5 for Houston's First members. Skip the lines and buy your "Fast Pass" admission ticket TODAY in the Main Foyer! Find what's in store at HoustonsFirst.org/First-Fest! **CONTACT** Erin.Ruddle@HoustonsFirst.org.

LIGHTNIGHT

Sun evening, Oct 31 – Your home!

Be a light in your neighborhood by staying home, turning on all the lights, and sharing God's love with others. Need ideas? **VISIT** HoustonsFirst.org/LightNight.

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.



On Sun, Nov 7, write names of children on their own foundation!



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.

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.

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: Name _____ Grade _____ School _____

Check all that apply:
() College student (school): _____

() Single _____

() Single parent _____

() Engaged (fiancé): _____

() Married (since date): _____

() Widowed _____

() Veteran (branch): _____

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