

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
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 student

Decisions OCT 24, 2010
SALVATION IN CHRIST
Jill Kolb

FOR BAPTISM
Linda Smith
BAPTIZED
Samuel Colombowala
Rachel Stinson Tobias Langoya

FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS
Kim Duncan Olga Petrova
Matt Hall Jessica Stanle
Aaron Jordan Kelly Torian
Harold Jordan Allison Toy
Laura Jordan Christina Toy
Callee Maglothin Eugene Toy
Matt Maglothin Terri Toy

Births
• Dave and Audra Marye in the birth of their son, Spencer Holland Marye
Siblings: Tatum and Griffin Marye

Sympathies
• Mark and Kristi Ritch in the death of his mother, Judy Ritch; Grandsons: Matthew, Jason and Andrew Ritch

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 Ctr

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 here at Houston's First to support this vital ministry. Bring non-perishable items next Sun, Nov 7, and leave them on collection tables in the CLC Lobby, the South Tower elevator lobby, or outside the Garden Room. **CONTACT** 713.554.8801.

Weekly Summary

ATTENDANCE, OCT 24, 2010	
Sunday Bible Study	3,670
Mission Bible Study	964
Weekday Bible Study	538
Total Bible Study	5,172
Wednesday MidLink	1,072

GIVING, WEEK ENDING OCT 24, 2010

Tithes & Offering	\$253,445
Weekly Requirements	\$315,839
Over/(Under)	(\$62,394)
Designated Gifts	\$19,659
Over/(Under) for Oct	\$12,954
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD	(\$421,729)

Capital Campaign



WEEK ENDING OCT 24, 2010

Total Pledged	\$25,446,592.77
Donations Received	\$34,410.25
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$19,790,358

Weekend Worship

Oct 31, 2010

Sundays

9:30 am
11 am
6:30 pm

Sunday Bible Study

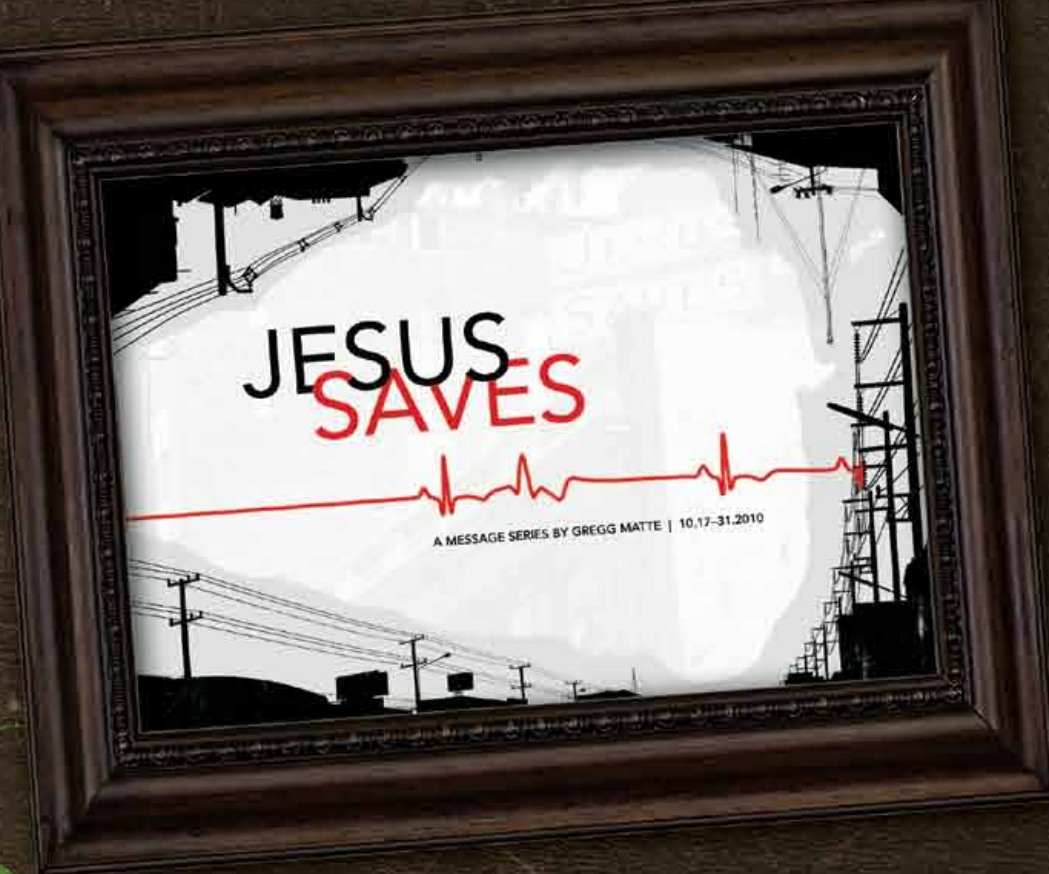
8:20 am
9:30 am
10:45 am
5:15 pm

Sunday Kids' Worship

9:30 am
11 am
6:30 pm



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BAPTIST CHURCH



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Meet the Pastor



Pastor Gregg Matte

Dear Church Family & Guests,

Jesus saves. It's a short sentence with an eternal promise. Today, we conclude the three part series by the same title — "Jesus Saves" — as we continue our study of the Gospel of John.

When we started this series, I encouraged you to invite others to join you. Now,

I encourage you to pick up a CD gift set in Corner Books to share with a friend or co-worker. Or, send them a link to listen or watch online at HoustonFirst.org/Media.

Whether by a CD, by a link or — better yet — by a face-to-face conversation, share the truth that Jesus saves!

Have you realized that Jesus saves? 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 am–4:30 pm) or email FirstName.LastName@HoustonFirst.org.

Latest News & Updates
"JESUS SAVES" CD GIFT SETS

CD gifts sets of the entire "Jesus Saves" message series are available today in Corner Books for \$7. Add one to your library, or better yet, get one to share with a friend who needs to know that Jesus saves!

NEW & PROSPECTIVE MEMBER ORIENTATION

Whether you've recently joined or just visited Houston's First, come learn what it means to be a part of a relevant biblical community on Sun, Nov 7! Choose lunch at 12 noon or light snacks at 5 pm. **REGISTER** at HoustonFirst.org. **CONTACT** Malcolm.Marshall@HoustonFirst.org, 713.335.6453

VOTER INFORMATION

Pick up a free voters guide by the Worship Center entrances on Level 1. Also, visit HoustonFirst.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.

Celebration
THE SPIRIT, THE SONGS, THE STORY.

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!

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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** HoustonFirst.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** HoustonFirst.org/FoundationOfPrayerForChildren.

Women's Ministry
LIVING PROOF WITH BETH MOORE
Tue, Nov 2 @ 6:30-8:30 pm – Worship Ctr
All women are invited to Beth Moore's study Fall Forward. On this final meeting of 3 evenings this fall, the guest worship leader is Sarah Reeves. **VISIT** HoustonFirst.org/Women. **CONTACT** Jan.Butterfras@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7642.

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** HoustonFirst.org/InspireWomen. **REGISTER** in the Main Foyer today or online by today. **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 HoustonFirst.org/BibleStudies and explore the options on your own. Here's some to consider:

- **Jubilee @ 8:20 am – Rm 336**
For couples married 0-5 years
- **In the Beginning @ 10:45 am – Craft Rm (270)**
For adults ages 49-65
- **The Lamp Lighters @ 10:45 am – Rm 251**
For adults ages 63-73
- **New Young Single Adults @ 5:15 am – Gym (NW corner)**
For ages 25-32. Begins Nov 7 with Bible study led by Chad Chambers

HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY
Wed, Nov 3 @ 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@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.6781.

Hub Student Ministry
UPCOMING MILESTONES COURSES
Wed, Nov 17

The HUB Student Ministry hosts two upcoming Milestones courses. No RSVP required!

- **Welcome To Adolescence @ 6-8 pm – Rm 362**
Parents of 5th - 7th graders
- **Practical Prep For College @ 6-8 pm – Rm 366**
Parents of 11th & 12th graders and their parents

Give Our Lives

Churchwide
"THY WILL BE DONE" SEMINARS
Nov 19 & 21 – Fellowship Ctr

What will happen to your money when you pass away? What about your children? Do you have an advance directive in place in case of an accident or illness? HFBC member and financial planner Lantz Bowman leads two free seminars to help you take the next step toward planning for your future: Fri, Nov 19 @ 6:30-8:30 (dinner) and Sun, Nov 21 @ 12:30-2:30 (lunch). Childcare available at each with prior registration. **REGISTER** at HoustonFirst.org/Events. **CONTACT** Kerry.Hunter@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.5806.

Counseling
FIRST HOPE JOB MINISTRY
Sat, Nov 6 @ 9 am-Noon – Rm 602
First HOPE helps others procure employment. At this month's free meeting guest speaker Ernie Perez will speak on "Gee, I Thought You Were Younger." Learn tips on resume writing, interviewing, and networking and gain resources for obtaining employment. Most importantly, receive biblical encouragement specifically designed for the job seeker. **VISIT** HoustonFirst.org/FirstHopeJobMinistry. **CONTACT** Hope@HoustonFirst.org, 713.335.6471.

Missions
CHRISTMAS STORE GIFT COLLECTION
Sun, Nov 14 – Main Foyer
The Christmas Store on Sat, Dec 4, provides Christmas gifts

for families within our community. We're collecting over 3,000 gifts and rely solely on donations to meet this goal! We also need 500 volunteers to make the Christmas Store possible. **VISIT** HoustonFirst.org/TheChristmasStore to volunteer and for gift ideas. **CONTACT** Tracy.Collier@HoustonFirst.org.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
Sun, Nov 14 & 21

Provide a gift-filled shoebox to be sent to hurting children around the world! The Missions Office will serve as a drop-off point on Sun, Nov 14 & 21. **VISIT** SamaritansPurse.org for suggested toys and other details. **CONTACT** Rochelle.Ferrada@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.5861.

Volunteering

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

- **Adult Youth Leaders (Student Ministry)**
CONTACT Doug.Bischoff@HoustonFirst.org
- **Prayer Ministry Team (Prayer, Missions & Connection Ctr)** **CONTACT** Charlotte.Hudson@HoustonFirst.org
- **Brew Crew (Culinary Services)**
CONTACT Paul.Sofka@HoustonFirst.org
- **Administrative Support (Counseling Ctr)**
CONTACT Huston.McComb@HoustonFirst.org
- **Band of Brothers Recon Team (Men's Ministry)**
CONTACT Eric.Reed@HoustonFirst.org

LIGHTNIGHT
Tonight @ 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** HoustonFirst.org/LightNight.

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:

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):

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 HoustonFirst.org/Prayer.

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