

## 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 Chapel 1 Connection Center 1 Library 1 Main Foyer 1 Preschool Check-In	1 Reception Rm 2 Rehearsal Hall 1 Rms 143 & 145 3 Rms 330-336 1 Welcome Center 1 Worship Center
<b>B</b>	3 The Clubhouse 6 Counseling Center 1 FBA Primary School 3 The Loft 1 Pastoral Care	1 Rms 100-108 2 Rms 200-208 3 Rms 301-303, 319, 322-329 4 Rms 400-408 5 Rms 500-508
<b>C</b>	1 First Baptist Academy 1 FBA Library	1 Oasis Rm
<b>D</b>	1 Café 1 Christian Life Center 2 Crafts Rm (270) 1 Fellowship Center 2 Fitness Center 1 Garden Rm	1 Harbor Rm 2 Rms 249-270 3 Rms 362-366 3 Student Ministry 1 Welcome Center

Welcome Centers \*Numbers next to location indicate floor



Collected each year, the World Mission Offering (WMO) supports 5,000 missionaries serving with the Southern Baptist Convention around the world. Our church's goal this year is to raise \$400,000. These funds, given in addition to our regular tithes, are dispersed as follows by Houston's First:

- International Mission Board – 85%
- North American Mission Board – 10%
- Southern Baptists of Texas State Missions – 5%

### To give, you can:

- Use a WMO envelope found in the Worship Center and Chapel seatbacks and place it in the offering plate or
- Make your donation online at [HoustonsFirst.org/WorldMissionOffering](http://HoustonsFirst.org/WorldMissionOffering)

All donations to the WMO are tax-deductible. If you have questions about the WMO or how to make a donation, **CONTACT** Rochelle.Ferrada@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.5861.

### Decisions NOV 14, 2010

#### FOR BAPTISM

Allison Crosby

Missy Pennington

#### BAPTIZED

Michael McCreight

#### FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS

Luis Acosta

Ben Baldwin

Tindell Baldwin

Ben Clarke

Nikki Clarke

Megan Ellis

Ashley Hurley

Cliff Pennington

#### BY STATEMENT

Tony Villanueva

### Births

- Kevin and Michelle Pendleton in the birth of their daughter, Riley Peyton Pendleton; Brother: Evan Pendleton
- Kenneth and Shanna Grubb in the birth of their son, Levi Brayden Grubb; Brother: Landon Grubb
- Peter and Laura Wilcox in the birth of their son, Luke Travis Wilcox

### Sympathies

- Doug (Deacon) and Teresa Morgan in the death of her father, William Arrendell Grandson: Matthew Morgan
- Neil and Jeanette Williams in the death of his sister, Cynthia Henderson
- Brian and Becky Bauman in death of his nephew, Scott Tolar; Cousin: Elizabeth Bauman

- Kyle and Lori Bethancourt in the death of her father, Thomas Wells Graves; Grandchildren: John and Anna Bethancourt
- Jim and Carlon Thorpe in the death of her grandmother, Frances Hogan
- Barbara Wiseman in the death of her husband, Elvin Wiseman
- Ron and Beth Chow in the death of her father, Richard Delgado (Deacon)

### MESSAGES ON CD

Available before & after services in Corner Books.

### Weekly Summary

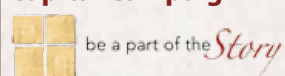
#### ATTENDANCE, NOV 14, 2010

Sunday Bible Study	3,946
Mission Bible Study	942
Weekday Bible Study	217
<b>Total Bible Study</b>	<b>5,105</b>
Wednesday MidLink	959

#### GIVING, WEEK ENDING NOV 14, 2010

Tithes & Offering	\$244,302
Weekly Requirements	\$315,839
Over/(Under)	(\$71,537)
Designated Gifts	\$18,087
Over/(Under) for Nov	(\$7,179)
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD	(\$543,079)

### Capital Campaign



<b>WEEK ENDING NOV 14, 2010</b>	
Total Pledged	\$25,446,592.77
Donations Received	\$109,762
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$20,037,801</b>

## Weekend Worship

Nov 21, 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

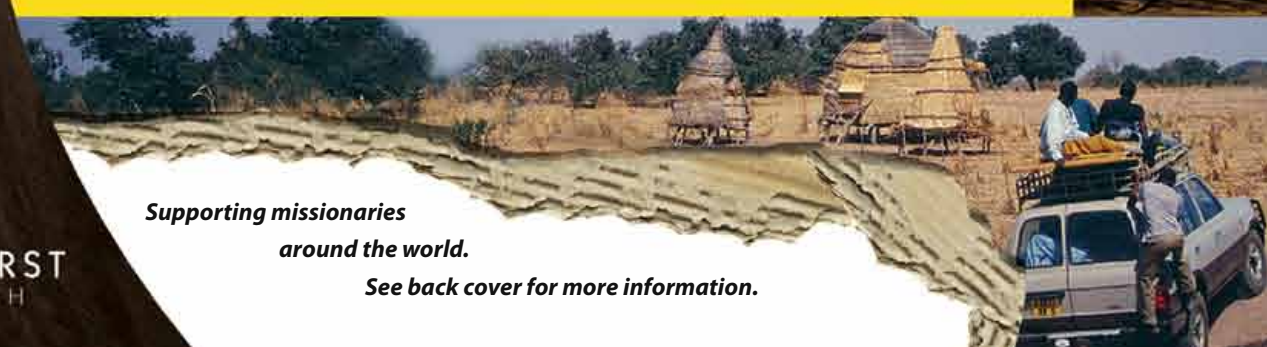
## Churchwide Goal



\$400,000



# World Mission Offering Nov 2010 – Jan 2011



Supporting missionaries

around the world.

See back cover for more information.



HOUSTON'S FIRST  
BAPTIST CHURCH





Pastor Gregg Matte

Dear Church Family & Guests, In 1840, James Huckins arrived in Galveston as the first Southern Baptist missionary sent to Texas from the United States. His journey was funded in part by a donor from Georgia who responded to an ad in the newspaper about the need for missionaries to what was then the Republic of Texas — a newly formed nation.

Celebration THE SPIRIT, THE SONGS, THE STORY. Over 12,000 tickets have already been sold to Celebration! Performances are Dec 9-12 with 2 matinee and 3 evening options. Tickets can be purchased at TheFirstChristmas.org, in Corner Books, 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!

Latest News & Updates "AT THE WELL" CD GIFT SETS Know somebody who is thirsty for more than life has to offer? Pick up a CD gift set of the "At The Well" message series today in Corner Books for \$5.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA DONATIONS Help decorate the church this Christmas by donating a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone! Use the envelope in today's worship guide to pay by cash or check, or VISIT HoustonsFirst.org/PoinsettiaDonations to pay online. CONTACT the Worship Ministry at 713.957.5881.



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

Gather Our Hearts

HUB Student Ministry WACKY TACKY CHRISTMAS PARTY Sun, Dec 5 @ 5:30-7:30 pm - Fellowship Ctr Calling all 6th-12th graders! Put on your most wackiest and tackiest Christmas clothes and bring your friends as we celebrate Christmas together. Also, bring canned goods to donate to the Faith Center Food Pantry. COST \$10. CONTACT Susan.Newman@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7631.

Summit Young Single Adults SNOW JAM 2011 Apr 14-18 - Winter Park, CO Hit the slopes with Summit Young Single Adults on their annual ski trip! Due to popular demand, we're returning to Winter Park Resort, one of the premier ski destination in North America. VISIT HoustonsFirst.org/SnowJam for details. CONTACT Ryan.McPhetridge@HoustonsFirst.org.

Fusion Young Married Adults PARENTS' NIGHT OUT Fri, Dec 3 @ 6-10 pm Let the Preschool and Recreation Ministries take care of the kids while you enjoy a romantic date night, go out with friends, enjoy an activity with your Bible study class—or just do something fun without the kids! COST 1 child \$10, 2 children \$15, 3 children \$20, 4+ children \$25. REGISTER by Sun, Nov 28 at HoustonsFirst.org/ParentsNightOut. CONTACT Christen.Barrios@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7681.

Single Parent Families CHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTRY Sat, Dec 4 @ 2 pm - Hunt Retreat Celebrate the Christmas season with a fun-filled afternoon at Hunt Retreat in Brookshire! Activities include gift making

stations for children, hayrides, BBQ, sing-a-long, s'mores, hot chocolate, and the Christmas story and a family devotion led by Mr. Chad! Plus each family will receive a special gift for the season. REGISTER by Mon, Nov 29 at HoustonsFirst.org/SingleParentFamilies. CONTACT Holly.Crain@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7674.

Women's Ministry CHRISTMAS BANQUET Thu, Dec 2 @ 6:30 pm - Fellowship Ctr All women are invited to the "Dine by Your Design" Christmas Banquet as we build community and celebrate this joyous season together. Prizes awarded for the best table with all proceeds benefiting C.H.A.R.M. Prison Ministries. Speakers include Kelly Matte, Nancy Monarch, and Wanda Jean Hickley, with worship led by Kasi Bachelder. REGISTER at HoustonsFirst.org/ChristmasBanquet2010. CONTACT Becky Kiser at BeckyJKiser@gmail.com.

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:

- Titus 2 @ 8:20 am - Rm 252 For women of all ages
- Just for Men @ 9:30 am - Rm 252 F For men of all ages
- The Junction @ 10:45 am - Rm 330 For couples married 3-12 years
- New Summit class @ 5:15 pm - Gym (NW Corner) For single adults ages 25-32

HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY Wed, Nov 24 HighPoint will not meet this week due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Join us again on Wed, Dec 1! CONTACT Diane.Bagby@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.6781.

MIDNIGHT MADNESS Fri, Jan 28, 2011 @ 5:30 pm-Midnight Save the date for the annual Sunday Bible Study Leadership equipping event, Midnight Madness! Whether you currently serve in a SBS or are interested in exploring more about serving, you will come away with a clear vision, effective strategies, and a renewed passion for seeing lives changed for Christ. Dinner is included. COST Free! CONTACT Jeanene.Andrus@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7601.

Give Our Lives

Fitness & Recreation BLOOD DRIVE Today @ 8 am-2 pm - Outside CLC The Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center will host a blood drive located outside the CLC (Gym) entrance. Give the gift of life and donate blood! CONTACT Debbie.Brown@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.6701.

Missions CHRISTMAS STORE Sat, Dec 4 @ 10 am-4:30 pm - Faith Ctr (8009 Long Point Rd) The Christmas Store provides Christmas gifts for families within our community. At least 500 volunteers are needed to make the Christmas Store possible! New unwrapped gifts can be dropped off in the Missions Office or at the Faith Center up until the day of the event. VISIT HoustonsFirst.org/TheChristmasStore. CONTACT Tracy.Collier@HoustonsFirst.org.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD Today - Missions Office Provide a gift-filled shoebox to be sent to hurting children around the world! Today is the final day that the Missions Office will serve as a drop-off point. VISIT Samaritans-Purse.org for suggested toys and other details. CONTACT Rochelle.Ferrada@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.5861.

Summit Young Single Adults SUMMIT SERVES Today & Wed, Nov 24 This Thanksgiving, come together with other young singles through two different opportunities to serve our city. Summit Sunday Bible Study classes will coordinate serving at a Houston Project site today and at the Faith Center on Wed, Nov 24. CONTACT your Sunday Bible Study Missions Coordinator for more information.

Volunteering Visit HoustonsFirst.org/Volunteer for details about the following opportunities and nearly 100 ways you can serve His Kingdom: Kids Praise Him Team (Children's Ministry), College Outdoor Adventure Crew (College Ministry), Children's Church Sunday School Teachers (The Faith Center), Connection Center Team (Prayer, Missions & Connection Center), Office Aide (Young Single Adults).

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

FOUNDATION of prayer Remember to pray for the thousands of names written on the floor of the Worship Center and the renovated preschool and children's wing. 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.
Contact Information Name, Address, City, State, Zip, Birthdate, Today's Date, Children living at home: Name, Grade, School

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