

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 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**

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

- C**

1 First Baptist Academy

1 FBA Library

1 Oasis Rm

- D**

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



Decisions DEC 19, 2010

FOR BAPTISM

- Bob Deleon

Marianne Dublado

Christine Filczer
- Summer Lee

Kim McLaney

BAPTIZED

- Charles Gipson

Eddie Chen

Laura Clawson

Mark Clawson

Melinda Conley
- Kelly Pedlar

Mack Galloway

Christopher Harrington

Melissa Harrington

George McLaney

Decisions DEC 26, 2010

FOR BAPTISM

- Steve De La Torre
- Jehu Portillo

BAPTIZED

- Lauren Barrett

Mary Clawson

Oliver Clawson

Makenna Cooper

Phuong Nguyen
- Sydney Normand

Lexie Peveto

Josh Roberts

Danielle Williams

FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS

- Jackie Harman

Decisions JAN 2, 2011

FOR BAPTISM

- Cameron Dean

Chelsea Gentle
- Kendra Moon

Morgan Stanley

BAPTIZED

- Allison Cardenas

Mia Evans

Andrea Sum
- Julie Tucker

Eva Vela

FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS

- Elaine Allbritto

Shirley Applo

Dan Bell
- Amber Porter

Adela Rushing

Jim Snelson

- Donna Bell

Steve Bell

Derrick Brown

Jennifer Brown

Martha Ethridge

Lauren Goss

Nat Heston

James Huber
- Ramiro Torres

Donna Treu

Harrison Treu

Hayden Treu

Hudson Treu

Mike Treu

Brandice Wells

Greg Winter

Births

- Travis and Jamie Ledford in the birth of their daughter, April Renee Ledford

• Rich and Carolina Myers in the birth of their son, Joshua Holden Myers; Sister: Cara Myers

• Brandon and Beth Clarke in the birth of their daughter, Elaina Catherine Clarke

Siblings: Rebecca, Cooper and Harrison Clarke

Sympathies

- Mark (Deacon) and Danielle Miranda in the death of his brother, Robert Miranda; Nephews/Nieces: Aaron, Bethany, Caleb, Elisabeth, and Benjamin Miranda

• John and Karen Hull (Staff) in the death of her father, Walter Haire

• Larry and Joy Sharon in the death of his father, Oral Sharon; Grandchildren: Matthew and Mark Sharon

• Jerry Kovaly and Virginia Wilhelm Kovaly in the death of her niece, Heather Dorris

• Tracey Garrett in the death of her husband, Hershel Garrett; Son: Jeff Garrett

• Irene Chapman in the death of her husband, John Chapman

- Barbara Casarez in the death of her husband, Guadalupe “Lupe” Casarez

• Art (Deacon) and Peggy Nicholson in the death of her father, Oscar Richardson; Grandchildren: Cody Nicholson and his wife, Kelly and Hannah Nicholson

• Michael and Lovina Essa in the death of her son, Michael McHale

• Bill and Doris White in the death of their son, James White



MESSAGES ON CD

Available before & after services in Corner Books.

Weekly Summary

ATTENDANCE, JAN 2, 2011

- Sunday Bible Study

Mission Bible Study

Weekday Bible Study

Total Bible Study

Wednesday MidLink
- 3,197

884

No Bible Study

4,081

No MidLink

GIVING, WEEK ENDING JAN 2, 2011

- Tithes & Offering

Weekly Requirements

Over/(Under)

Designated Gifts

Over/(Under) for Jan

Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD
- \$361,201

\$315,839

\$45,362

\$115,670

\$45,362

(\$161,074)

Capital Campaign



be a part of the *Story*

On Sun, Jan 23, the 3-year giving total will be revealed at each worship hour. Be here to celebrate all that God has done!



Weekend Worship

Jan 9, 2011

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



Pastor Gregg Matte

Dear Church Family & Guests,

A new year, a new semester, a new month. January brings a lot of “newness” to our lives, and it’s no different at Houston’s First. As 2011 gets underway, take advantage of what the church has to offer in the weeks ahead. Today’s Fitness Expo, this week’s MidLink Mall, and next Sunday’s Giving Life Away Expo are just a few of the ways you can discover upcoming opportunities to gather, grow and give.

Today, we resume our study of the Gospel of John. Our first semester was great, and I look forward to the one just getting underway. Continue to pray that our study would serve as an “anchor” to ground our faith, and as a “reach” to equip and inspire us to share the Good News with others.

Finally, 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@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.



Gather Our Hearts

Churchwide

PASTOR GREGG’S BOOK SIGNING

Wed, Jan 12 @ 5-7 pm – Main Foyer

Come celebrate the release of Pastor Gregg’s book *Finding God’s Will* and have him personally sign your copy! Purchase the book in Corner Books, on Amazon.com and at Barnes & Noble stores and website. **VISIT** HoustonsFirst.org/CornerBooks.

MIDLINK MALL

Wed, Jan 12 @ 5-7 pm – Main Foyer

Browse the MidLink Mall for a preview of what’s offered on Wednesday nights this semester. From Milestones courses to programs for kids and more, see where you can gather, grow or give at Houston’s First. MidLink Café will serve dinner from 4:45-6:30 pm in the Fellowship Center. **VISIT** HoustonsFirst.org/MidLink for the full MidLink schedule.

Summit Young Single Adults

INDOOR SOCCER

Sun, Jan 9-30 @ 1 pm - Fitness & Recreation Center

Get out of the cold and join us for coed soccer matches each Sunday afternoon in January. Our season offers double-header matches and it’s a great way to “kick” off the new year! **COST** \$20 for the season or \$5 per game. **VISIT** HoustonsFirst.org/IndoorSoccer. **CONTACT** Ryan.McPhetridge@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7672.



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:

- **His Word @ 8:20 am – Fellowship Ctr A/B**
For adults ages 65-75
- **Covenant @ 9:30 am – Rm 334**
For adults ages 40-46
- **212° @ 9:30 am – Gym (SE Corner)**
For single adults ages 25-32
- **After I Do @ 5:15 pm – Rm 249**
For couples engaged/married less than 5 years

HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

Wed, Jan 12 @ 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.

MIDNIGHT MADNESS

Fri, Jan 28 @ 5:30 pm-Midnight

This Sunday Bible Study Leadership equipping event is for current and potential leaders. Come away with a clear vision, effective strategies, and a renewed passion for seeing lives changed for Christ. Dinner included. **COST** Free! **CONTACT** Jeanene.Andrus@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7601.

Counseling

FATHER TO THE FATHERLESS

Begins Jan 25, Every Tue @ 8:30-10 am or 5:30-7 pm
Counseling Ctr

A professional counselor leads women dealing with father wounds through Father Hunger by Robert S. McGee (available in Corner Books). Learn how your relationship with your father affects your emotional style, your relationships, and the way you think about God. A pre-screening interview is required by Jan 17. **COST** \$40 per session + purchase of book. **CONTACT** Katie.Comer@HoustonsFirst.org.



Give Our Lives

Churchwide

WORLD MISSION OFFERING

Nov 2010-Jan 2011

The WMO supports missionaries serving around the world. Our church’s goal is to raise \$400,000 above our regular tithes. To give, use a WMO envelope in the Worship Center and Chapel seatbacks or go to HoustonsFirst.org/WorldMissionOffering. All donations to the WMO are tax-deductible. **CONTACT** Rochelle.Ferrada@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.5861.

GIVING LIFE AWAY EXPO 2011

Sun, Jan 16 @ 8:30 am-1 pm & 4-8:30 pm – Main Foyer

Stop by this all-day missions event where you can give, go, or pray locally or internationally. Learn more about Houston’s First’s mission trips and opportunities such as adopting a missionary, taking a stand to stop human trafficking, or actively aiding in clean water. **CONTACT** Rochelle.Ferrada@HoustonsFirst.org.

MISSIONARY INTERCESSORY PRAYER TIME

Sun, Jan 16 @ 3-5 pm – Oasis Rm

This time of intercession led by Mary Ann Bridgwater of Pray the Word Ministries is open to everyone. After stopping by the Giving Life Away Expo, come as a response as we lift up missionaries, their families, and their ministry. **CONTACT** Pray the Word at 713.476.9514.

HUB Student Ministry

AS WE GO MISSION CONFERENCE

Jan 14-15 – Houston’s First

Hey 7th-12th graders—spend a weekend focusing on missions! Warren Samuels of Next Worldwide Ministries will speak on “Helping the Sick,” looking at diseases and our role as Christians. Worship leader: Zach Dodd. **COST** \$50. **REGISTER** HoustonsFirst.org/HUBMissions. **CONTACT** Susan.Newman@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7631.

Worship Ministry

CHOIR KICK OFF

Wed, Jan 12 @ 7 pm – Rehearsal Hall

Be a part of this worship-leading ministry in the 9:30 am Worship Center service! Rehearsals are every Wed night and auditions are not required. **CONTACT** Shelley.Steelman@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.5887.

SINGERS KICK OFF

Wed, Jan 12 @ 7 pm – Rm 337 (Creative Suite)

Join the Singers—the choir that sings with the band in the 11 am service. Rehearsals are every Wed night and auditions are not required. **CONTACT** Elizabeth.Trask@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.5891.

Volunteering

Visit HoustonsFirst.org/Volunteer for details about the following opportunities and nearly 100 ways you can serve His Kingdom: Enrichment Team (Married Young Adults), English as a Second Language Team (The Faith Center), Prayer Ministry Team (Prayer, Missions & Connection Center), Heartland Volunteers (Preschool & Kindergarten) & Offsite Shuttle Hosts (Welcome Team).

Fitness & Recreation

JANUARY SPECIAL

Join the Fitness & Recreation Center before Jan 31 and pay no enrollment fee—a savings of \$50! Memberships are \$25 per month—no contract required!

FITNESS EXPO

Today @ Noon-2 pm – Fitness & Recreation Ctr (Gym)

Resolved to get in shape? See how the Fitness & Recreation Ministry can help! Preview new classes, get tips, tour the facilities, and win great door prizes! Free food from My Fit Foods for the first 200 people, and free lunch for the first 60 kids, too. **COST** Free! **CONTACT** Debbie.Brown@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.

() 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: _____ School _____

Name _____ Grade _____

Check all that apply:

() College student (school):

() Single

() Single parent

() Engaged (fiancé):

() Married (since date):

() Widowed

() Veteran (branch):

How Can We Help? (turn over)



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**.