

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

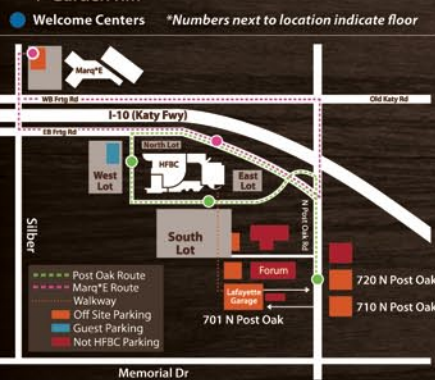


- A**
  - 1 Bookstore
  - 1 Chapel
  - 1 Connection Center
  - 1 Library
  - 1 Main Foyer
  - 1 Preschool Check-In
- 1 Reception Rm
  - 2 Rehearsal Hall
  - 1 Rms 143 & 145
  - 3 Rms 330-336
  - 1 Welcome Center
  - 1 Worship Center

- 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



**MIDLINK CAFÉ**  
**4:45–6:45 pm – Fellowship Ctr**  
**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 337 (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 JAN 9, 2011**  
**SALVATION IN CHRIST**  
Natasha Migueles  
**FOR BAPTISM**  
Luke Delgadillo Christopher Hawkins  
Alicia Elias Leslie Murray  
Chad Elias Bethany Sirry  
Eric Figueroa Cade Stockstill  
Allie Gorder

**FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS**  
Bethany Alicie Rosalind Linley  
George Barlow Lauren Mertins  
Melinda Barlow Josh Minton  
Tara Chandler Jessica Parks  
Tracy Dieterich Jimmy Parks  
Faith Figueroa Robert Pratt  
Miranda Figueroa Ashley Richardson  
Vita Figueroa Rachel Richardson  
Jimena Floyd Vonda Richardson  
Chase Gentry Madeline Varilla  
Jacki Habetz Katie Wise  
**BY STATEMENT** Ed Everett

**Births**  
• Jeremy and Nancy Pearce in the birth of their daughter, Grace Constance Pearce  
Brother: Caleb Pearce  
• Allen and Sara-Nell Howard in the birth of their son, Gabriel Dean Howard  
• Bryce and Lauren Haskett in the birth of their daughter, Sadie Cameron Haskett

**Sympathies**  
• Travis (Deacon) and Erin Herzog in the death of her grandmother, Doris Gordon  
Great-grandchildren: Caleb and Luke Herzog  
• Jeff and Debbie Connor in the death of

his mother, Helen Connor  
• Doug and Shelley Brough in the death of her father, Dr. Michael Golben  
Grandson: Michael Brough  
• Gary and Cindi Humphrey in the death of her father, Charles William Ormond  
• David and Noelia Dillingham in the death of her brother, Horacio Laurel  
• Family and Friends of Dorothy Warren

**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!

**Weekly Summary**  
**ATTENDANCE, JAN 9, 2011**

Sunday Bible Study	3,711
Mission Bible Study	874
Weekday Bible Study	159
<b>Total Bible Study</b>	<b>4,744</b>
Wednesday MidLink	122

**GIVING, WEEK ENDING JAN 9, 2011**

Tithes & Offering	\$234,432
Weekly Requirements	\$315,839
Over/(Under)	(\$81,407)
Designated Gifts	\$46,238
Over/(Under) for Jan	(\$36,045)
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD	(\$176,476)

**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 16, 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



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GIVING  
LIFE  
AWAY  
EXPO

TODAY

IN MAIN FOYER  
@ 8:30 AM-1:30 PM & 4-8:30 PM

PREACH. PROCLAIM. RELEASE.  
LUKE 4:18-19



Meet the Pastor



Pastor Gregg Matte

Dear Church Family & Guests,

At Houston's First, we gather our hearts, grow our souls and give our lives as we seek to fulfill the Great Commission. Today, we turn our attention to giving our lives at the Giving Life Away Expo in the Main Foyer. Discover different ways you can give your life in service to Him through volunteering, mission work

and other opportunities. The Missions staff has provided an amazing display that will educate and inspire you.

One way we give our lives at Houston's First is by parking offsite on Sunday mornings. Though not as sacrificial as becoming a career missionary, the act of parking offsite does make it possible for somebody to hear the Gospel. Rather than driving away in frustration over a lack of parking, guests are able to walk away with a biblical message because somebody parked offsite and made room for them on campus. It's a simple act with a huge impact. Thank you to those of you who faithfully park offsite each week.

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*

**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

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](http://HoustonsFirst.org/IndoorSoccer). **CONTACT** [Ryan.McPhetridge@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Ryan.McPhetridge@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.957.7672.

SUMMIT CELEBRATES

**Fri, Jan 21 @ 8 pm – The Chapel**  
Young single adults are invited to an evening of prayer, testimony, and song to worship the Lord and celebrate a new year. Stick around for coffee and fellowship afterwards. **CONTACT** [Ryan.McPhetridge@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Ryan.McPhetridge@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.957.7672.

Pastoral Care CANHOPE

**Mon, Jan 17 @ 6:45 pm – Garden Rm**  
CanHope, ministering to families touched by cancer, will meet for a time of testimony, prayer, and fellowship. An entrée is provided; please bring a salad, vegetable, or dessert to share. Everyone is invited! **CONTACT** Pastoral Care at 713.957.6761 or 713.957.6762.



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](http://HoustonsFirst.org/BibleStudies) and explore the options on your own. Here's some to consider:

- **The Race @ 9:30 am – University Rm A/B**  
For single adults ages 28-39
- **The Difference @ 9:30 am – Rm 249**  
For adults ages 50-62
- **The Rising @ 10:45 am – Rm 333**  
For couples married 2-15 years
- **The Victory Class @ 10:45am – Rm 263**  
For adults ages 63-80

HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

**Wed, Jan 19 @ 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](mailto: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! **REGISTER** at [HoustonsFirst.org/MidnightMadness](http://HoustonsFirst.org/MidnightMadness). **CONTACT** [Jeanene.Andrus@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Jeanene.Andrus@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.957.7601.

Women's Ministry

**LIVING PROOF WITH BETH MOORE**  
**Every Tue, Jan 18-Mar 8 @ 6:30 pm - Worship Ctr**  
Women of all ages are invited to Beth Moore's Bible study on the life and book of James. Registration not required, and childcare is not available. Doors open at 6 pm. Cafe opens at 4:45 pm. **VISIT** [LProof.org/Events](http://LProof.org/Events) for details.

Married Young Adults

**TRUE PARTNERSHIP CONFERENCE**  
**Fri, Feb 4 @ 7-10 pm & Sat, Feb 5 @ 8-11:30 am**  
**Houston's First**  
What makes a relationship work between a man and a wom-

an? Married and engaged couples of all ages will explore this question as Dr. Charles Lowery talks about the key to a joy-filled relationship. **COST** \$55/couple through Jan 23; \$65/ couple through Feb 3. **REGISTER** by Feb 3 at [HoustonsFirst.org/CharlesLowery](http://HoustonsFirst.org/CharlesLowery). **CONTACT** [Christen.Barrios@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Christen.Barrios@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.957.7681.

HUB Student Ministry

**HAVING A HEART CONNECTION WITH YOUR SON/ DAUGHTER**  
**Sun, Jan 30 @ 10:45 am-3 pm – Rm 363 & Fellowship Ctr**  
Students and their parents are invited to this free seminar led by Dr. Richard Ross, creator of True Love Waits and author of *Parenting with Kingdom Purpose*. It includes a parents-only session at 10:45am, followed by a session with parents and students together from 12:15-3pm. Lunch will be available for \$5 per person. **RSVP** to [Susan.Newman@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Susan.Newman@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.957.7631.

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](mailto: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/World-MissionOffering](http://HoustonsFirst.org/World-MissionOffering). **CONTACT** [Rochelle.Ferrada@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Rochelle.Ferrada@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.957.5861.

GIVING LIFE AWAY EXPO 2011

**Today @ 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](mailto:Rochelle.Ferrada@HoustonsFirst.org).

MISSIONARY INTERCESSORY PRAYER TIME

**Today @ 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](mailto:Pray the Word at 713.476.9514).

Faith Center

**VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED**  
The Faith Center of Houston's First is in need of drivers to help transport youth on Saturday mornings to and from the Faith Center. A Commercial Driver's License with an Air Brakes Endorsement is preferred, but not mandatory. **VISIT** [HoustonsFirst.org/FaithCenter](http://HoustonsFirst.org/FaithCenter). **CONTACT** [Peter.Lee@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Peter.Lee@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.554.8804.

Volunteering

Visit [HoustonsFirst.org/Volunteer](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Volunteer) for details about the following opportunities and nearly 100 ways you can serve His Kingdom: Adult Youth Leaders (Student Ministry), Children's Church Sunday School Teachers (The Faith Center), Connection Center Team (Prayer, Missions & Connection Center), Imagineer (Creative Services), Phase II (Pastoral Care).

**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	Grade	School	
Children living at home:			
Name			

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