

## 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

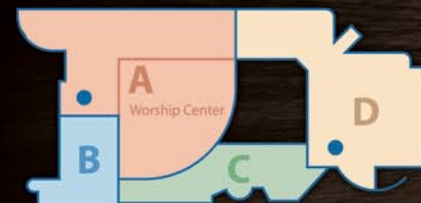
Are you experiencing grief, loneliness, illness, job loss or other life difficulties? The Pastoral Care Ministry provides free and confidential help through the Stephen Ministry. Call 713.957.6762 for assistance, or indicate your interests below:

- ( ) 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



- 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 |

- B**
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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             |                    |

● Welcome Centers \*Numbers next to location indicate floor



Wednesday Nights at Houston's First

**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 16, 2011

**FOR BAPTISM**  
 Chase Glotfelty Jong Lee  
 Logan Hart Sujung Lee  
 James Hearn

**BAPTIZED**  
 Lucas Bourgoyne Lauren Purcell  
 Allison Crosby Tara Schilling  
 Chelsea Gentle Lauren Trotti  
 Diego Gomez

**FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS**  
 Randi Bjornaas Cody Nicholson  
 Dusty Carpenter Kelly Nicholson  
 Seresa Carpenter Chris North  
 Annie Cho Debbie North  
 Ryan Cho Ann Pence

Rachel Curtis Britt Pence  
 Shawn Emerick Connor Pence  
 Shay Emerick Kyle Pence  
 Carol Hickey Jessica Roehrick  
 Michael Hickey Lora Springer  
 Ben Judd Erika Swanson  
 Katherine Kenner Ashley Whitsell  
 Emily King Cathy Whitsell  
 Charles McAnear Darlene Whitsell  
 Frances McAnear Lance Wimmer

**BY STATEMENT**  
 Cecil Schmidt Janet Schmidt

**Sympathies**  
 • Meg Anderson in the death of her husband, Herbert Anderson  
 • Mildred Coulter in the death of her daughter, Delores Jean Anderson; Sister: Karen and husband Gregg Gilmore, Nieces: Elise and Sydney Gilmore

• John and Dorothy Elam in the death of her sister, Marjorie Ruth Lamb  
 • Cheryl Haney-Roberts in the death of her husband, Lester Roberts  
 • Tracey Garrett in the death of her husband, Hershel Garrett; Sons: Jeff and John Garrett

### 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

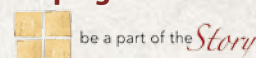
**ATTENDANCE, JAN 16, 2011**

Sunday Bible Study	4,010
Mission Bible Study	891
Weekday Bible Study	329
<b>Total Bible Study</b>	<b>5,230</b>
Wednesday MidLink	103

**GIVING, WEEK ENDING JAN 16, 2011**

Tithes & Offering	\$297,442
Weekly Requirements	\$315,839
Over/(Under)	(\$18,397)
Designated Gifts	\$22,263
Over/(Under) for Jan	(\$54,442)
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD	(\$20,287)

### Capital Campaign



The 3-year giving total will be revealed TODAY at each worship hour! Get ready to celebrate all that God has done!

## Weekend Worship

Jan 23, 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,**

What a day in the life of our church! Just over three years ago, we launched the Be A Part Of The Story capital campaign with the goal of raising \$20 million to fund various projects on our campus, in our city and around the world. The renovated Worship Center you're sitting in today is a result of contributions to the campaign.

Today, we celebrate all that God has done through the campaign. Besides the capital improvements and missions projects that were funded by your contributions, we celebrate the hearts that were opened, the faiths that were strengthened and the lives that were changed along the way.

If today is your first time to visit Houston's First, we invite you to be a part of the story by connecting with a Sunday Bible Study, attending a Milestones course, joining the church, or participating in the many ministries we offer. At the end of the worship service, come forward and meet with me and other staff members and learn more about Houston's First — a relevant biblical community.

In Him,

**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.

**NEW SUNDAY EVENING SCHEDULE**

Beginning Sun, Feb 13, the evening schedule at Houston's First changes—and expands! VISIT [HoustonFirst.org](http://HoustonFirst.org) or ask your Sunday Bible Study leaders for details.

- 4:15 pm **Sunday Bible Studies** for Preschool & Kindergarten, Children, Married Young Adults and Adults (40-60)
- 5:30 pm **Worship service** with Pastor Gregg and Band Kids'Worship for K-4th grades Childcare for Preschool & Kindergarten
- 6:45 pm **Sunday Bible Studies** for Young Single Adults, Married Young Adults and Women



**OPEN HOUSE FOR PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES**  
**Mon, Jan 24 @ 6-7:30 pm – Oasis Rm**  
 The Administrators and Faculty of First Baptist Academy invite families considering a private Christian education to attend their Open House for Prospective Families. Come discover what FBA offers children in early childhood through 8th grade! Light refreshments will be served. RSVP to Admissions, 713.290.2522.

**Latest News & Updates**

**HOUSTON MARATHON**

The Houston Marathon is next Sun, Jan 30. Please be aware of road closures that may affect your route to church, especially if you cross Woodway or Memorial Drives. Also, pray for those running!

**SUN, FEB 6 SCHEDULE**

To make a clean transition to the new evening schedule beginning Feb 13, the evening worship service and Sunday Bible Studies will not meet on Feb 6. If you typically attend "night church," come that morning to worship services at 9:30 or 11 and Sunday Bible Studies at 8:20, 9:30 or 10:45. (Feb 6 is also Super Bowl Sunday.)



**Gather Our Hearts**

**Summit Young Single Adults INDOOR SOCCER**

**Every Sun, Jan 9-30 @ 1 pm – Fitness & Recreation Ctr**  
 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** [HoustonFirst.org/IndoorSoccer](http://HoustonFirst.org/IndoorSoccer). **CONTACT** [Ryan.McPhetridge@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:Ryan.McPhetridge@HoustonFirst.org), 713.957.7672.

**HUB Student Ministry MOMS' HOMESCHOOL SUPPORT GROUP**

**Mon, Jan 31 @ 6:30-7:30 pm – Rm 362**  
 All moms who are homeschooling or considering homeschooling their children are invited for a time of fellowship and support. No children, please. **CONTACT** Alisa Redweik at 713.806.7265.

**Adults 60+ SENIOR ADULT BANQUET**

**Sat, Feb 5 @ 5 pm – Fellowship Ctr**  
 Join other senior adults for an evening of music with the Men of Praise of Sagemont Church and a message by Pastor Gregg. **COST** \$10. **REGISTER** in SBS Adult II departments, the Adult Enrichment Office, or at [HoustonFirst.org/Adults60Plus](http://HoustonFirst.org/Adults60Plus). **CONTACT** Tracie Bowman at 713.957.7661.

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

- **Opening The Bible @ 8:20 am – Rm 258**  
For adults ages 60+
- **Blueprints @ 9:30 am – Rm 335**  
For couples married 1-3 years
- **Joint Venture @ 10:45 am – Rm 258**  
For adults ages 40 -54
- **Paradigm @ 5:15 pm – Fellowship Ctr C/D**  
For single adults ages 25-32

**HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY**

**Wed, Jan 26 @ 11:30 am – 1010 Lamar (Lower Level)**  
 Malcolm Marshall, Associate Minister of Connection & Community, 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](mailto:Diane.Bagby@HoustonFirst.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** by Jan 24 at [HoustonFirst.org/MidnightMadness](http://HoustonFirst.org/MidnightMadness). **CONTACT** [Jeanene.Andrus@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:Jeanene.Andrus@HoustonFirst.org), 713.957.7601.

**ISRAEL JOURNEY**

**May 9-19, 2011**  
 Executive Pastor David Self and his wife Bonnie will make this journey along with Jim and Wanda Jean Hickey. The Hickeys have traveled to the Holy Land more than 30 times and are experts at coordinating trips. Optional extension to Petra, Jordan. Full payment of \$3,720 due by Feb 9. **VISIT** [HoustonFirst.org/IsraelJourney](http://HoustonFirst.org/IsraelJourney) for itinerary and details. **CONTACT** Jim & Wanda Jean, [jhickey3@comcast.net](mailto:jhickey3@comcast.net), 281.496.1525.

**HUB Student Ministry HAVING A HEART CONNECTION WITH YOUR SON/ DAUGHTER**

**Sun, Jan 30 @ 10:45 am-Noon – Rm 363 & 12:45-3pm – Fellowship Ctr**  
 Dr. Richard Ross, creator of True Love Waits and author of *Parenting with Kingdom Purpose*, will facilitate two events next Sunday. Parents of any age children can attend a seminar at 10:45 am about connecting with the heart of your child. At 12:15 pm, parents and their 6th-12th graders are invited to an interactive time with Dr. Ross. Box lunches available for \$5 per person. **RSVP** for lunch to [Susan.Newman@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:Susan.Newman@HoustonFirst.org), 713.957.7631.

**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 woman? 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 today; \$65/couple through Feb 3. **REGISTER** by Feb 3 at [HoustonFirst.org/CharlesLowery](http://HoustonFirst.org/CharlesLowery). **CONTACT** [Christen.Barrios@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:Christen.Barrios@HoustonFirst.org), 713.957.7681.

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

**2011 MISSION TRIPS**  
 Check out our upcoming 2011 Mission Trips around the world! Pray about where God may want you to go this year. **VISIT** [HoustonFirst.org/MissionTrips](http://HoustonFirst.org/MissionTrips). **CONTACT** [Rochelle.Ferrada@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:Rochelle.Ferrada@HoustonFirst.org).

**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** [HoustonFirst.org/FaithCenter](http://HoustonFirst.org/FaithCenter). **CONTACT** [Peter.Lee@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:Peter.Lee@HoustonFirst.org), 713.554.8804.

**Pastoral Care STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING**

**Applications Due Sun, Feb 6**  
 Stephen Ministers are church members trained to minister to people experiencing a crisis, facing a challenge, or simply going through a tough time. If you're interested in becoming a Stephen Minister, applications are due by Sun, Feb 6, to attend training in the spring. Contact the Pastoral Care Office for an application. **CONTACT** [Kelly.Laughlin@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:Kelly.Laughlin@HoustonFirst.org), 713.957.6762.

**Volunteering**

Visit [HoustonFirst.org/Volunteer](http://HoustonFirst.org/Volunteer) for details about the following opportunities and nearly 100 ways you can serve His Kingdom: English as a Second Language Team (The Faith Center), Encouragers – Volunteers for H.O.P.E. (Counseling Center), Prayer Ministry Team (Prayer, Missions & Connection Center), Farm & Ranch Volunteer Team (Hunt Retreat), Heart 2 Heart (Preschool & Kindergarten).

**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:

College student (school):

Single

Single parent

Engaged (france):

Married (since date):

Widowed

Veteran (branch):

**Contact Information**

Name

Address

Primary Phone #

Email

Children living at home: Name

Grade

School

Today's Date

City

St

Zip

Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)

Check all that apply:

Single

Single parent

Engaged (france):

Married (since date):

Widowed

Veteran (branch):



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 [HoustonFirst.org/Prayer](http://HoustonFirst.org/Prayer).