

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

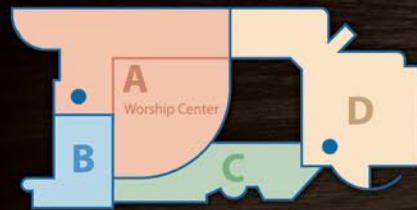
Are you experiencing grief, loneliness, illness, job loss or other life difficulties? The Pastoral Care Ministry provides free and confidential help through the Stephen Ministry. Call 713.957.6762 for assistance, or indicate your interests below:

- () 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



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 23, 2011

FOR BAPTISM
George Cassel Mike Wells
Tim Schubert Nancy Wells

BAPTIZED
Austen Blume Ellie McLeod
Eric Blume Augie Reuss
Noah Blume Matthew Schmidt
Lezlie Callaway Jeff Watters
Nathalia De La Torre Sandra Wells
Steve De La Torre

FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS
Ashton Binkley Kimberly Klecker
Brett Binkley Travis Klecker
Jordan Binkley Donna Maresh
Kirsten Binkley Andrew Mehrlinger
Robin Binkley Harry Molder
Josh Brewer Kristen Molder
Denis Cloutier Bradley Parkman
Katy Dunham Mindy Pattillo
Ben Fuller Michael Planer
Trish Fuller Ruth Rogers
Carl Hawkinson Steven Rogers
Dale Holcomb Emily Rykken
Uejin Kim

Sympathies

- Mary Gorham in the death of her nephew, Jimmy McIntyre
- Tobias Langoya and Alice Tobias in the death of his brother, Paul Langoya; Nieces/Nephews: Joyce, Godfrey, Emmanuel, David, and Elizabeth Tobias
- Jerry Kovaly and Virginia Wilhelm Kovaly in the death of her son, Larry Alan Wilhelm

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!

MESSAGES ON CD
Available in Corner Books before & after services.

Weekly Summary

ATTENDANCE, JAN 23, 2011	
Sunday Bible Study	4,196
Mission Bible Study	1,022
Weekday Bible Study	721
Total Bible Study	5,972
Wednesday MidLink	1,239
GIVING, WEEK ENDING JAN 23, 2011	
Tithes & Offering	\$301,237
Weekly Requirements	\$315,839
Over/(Under)	(\$14,602)
Designated Gifts	\$20,024
Over/(Under) for Jan	(\$69,044)
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD	(\$35,274)

Capital Campaign

be a part of the *Story*

WEEK ENDING JAN 23, 2011
Donations Received \$116,879
TOTAL RECEIVED \$25,435,542

Weekend Worship

Jan 30, 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



MISSIONS CLASSIC
GOLF TOURNAMENT

Mon, Mar 7
BlackHorse Golf Club



HOUSTON'S FIRST
BAPTIST CHURCH

Proceeds benefit high school & college mission trips. See "Give Our Lives" inside.





Pastor Gregg Matte

Dear Church Family & Guests,

Last week, we announced that over \$25.3 million was raised in the 3-year *Be A Part Of The Story* capital campaign, surpassing our goal of \$20 million. As a result, Houston's First is 100% debt free for only the third time since our founding in 1841. Praise the Lord!

Today, I am in Spain with a team ministering to a church in Grenada. They are one of more than 70 churches or ministries that we've supported with funds from the *Be A Part Of The Story* capital campaign. Please pray for Iglesia Evangelica Bautista as they spread the Gospel to Grenada and beyond.

Curtis Jones, a member of Houston's First and the Living Proof Ministries team, delivers the message today in our study of the Gospel of John. Curtis also leads The Link Bible study on Wednesday evenings from 7-8 pm in the Oasis Room. I appreciate his filling in for me, and I know that you will be challenged by his message.

Finally, I invite you to come forward at the conclusion of the worship service. Staff members are available to talk with you about becoming a Christian, being baptized, or joining our church—a relevant biblical community.

In Him, *Pastor Gregg*

NEW SUNDAY EVENING SCHEDULE

Beginning Sun, Feb 13, the evening schedule at Houston's First changes—and expands! VISIT 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



Baby Worship
Mighty God CD

CD AVAILABLE

Fill your child's heart through uplifting renditions of today's top worship songs. Featuring our own Star Smith and created by Touch The World Media, proceeds benefit organizations who proclaim the Gospel around the world by providing clean water, fighting HIV/AIDS, preventing hunger, and more. **PURCHASE** a copy for \$12 in Corner Books or the Main Foyer today. **VISIT** TouchTheWorldMedia.com.

Latest News & Updates

SUN, FEB 6 SCHEDULE

To make a clean transition to the new evening schedule on 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 services at 9:30 or 11 and Bible Studies at 8:20, 9:30 or 10:45.



Gather Our Hearts

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.

Married Young Adults PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Fri, Feb 11 @ 6-10 pm
Let the Preschool and Recreation Ministries take care of the kids while you enjoy a romantic date night, 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 Feb 6 at HoustonFirst.org/ParentsNightOut. **CONTACT** Christen.Barrios@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7681.

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. **CONTACT** Tracie.Bowman@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7661.

SENIOR ADULT REVIVAL Feb 14-16 @ 10:30 am-Noon - Chapel

Be uplifted and encouraged with a message by Rev. Jerry Thorpe and music by John Bolin and the HFBC Revival Choir. Invite your friends, family, and neighbors to join us in this effort to revive spiritual awareness and activity in adults 60+. **COST** Free! **VISIT** HoustonFirst.org/Adults60Plus. **CONTACT** Tracie.Bowman@HoustonFirst.org, 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 and explore the options on your own. Here's some to consider:

- **New Every Morning @ 8:20 am - Rm 334**
For adults ages 60-75
- **As One @ 9:30 am - Rm 331**
For couples married 1-3 years
- **Pit Stop Crew @ 9:30 am - Rm 258**
For adults ages 40-60
- **Oikos @ 10:45 am - Harbor Rm**
For single and married adults

HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY Wed, Feb 2 @ 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.

ISRAEL JOURNEY May 9-19, 2011

Take a life-changing tour of Israel and Jordan! Executive Pastor David Self and his wife, Bonnie, will make this journey with Jim and Wanda Jean Hickey. The Hickeys have traveled to the Holy Land 30+ times and are experts at coordinating trips. Join them on this wonderful pilgrimage! **VISIT** HoustonFirst.org/IsraelJourney. **CONTACT** Jim and Wanda Jean Hickey at JHickey3@comcast.net, 281.496.1525.

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** \$65/couple. **REGISTER** by Feb 3 at HoustonFirst.org/CharlesLowery. **CONTACT** 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/WorldMissionOffering. **CONTACT** Rochelle.Ferrada@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.5861.

HUB Student Ministry MISSIONS CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT

Mon, Mar 7 @ 12:30 pm - BlackHorse Golf Club, Cypress
Support high school and college missions projects around the world by playing a round of golf! Plus, make a hole-in-one on the featured hole and win a brand new car from Honda of Clear Lake. Partners and Underwriters needed, too! **REGISTER** HoustonFirst.org/MissionsClassic. **CONTACT** Doug.Bischoff@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7631.

Missional Milestones DISCOVERING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS Every Wed, Feb 2 - Mar 2 @ 6:30-7:30 pm - Rm 145

Have you ever wondered what you can do to make a lasting

difference in the lives of others? This self-discovery process will bring about life transformation with an exploration of your unique gifts and talents. Completion of the Spiritual Gifts Assessment (HoustonFirst.org/Volunteer) is required before the class begins. **CONTACT** Malcolm.Marshall@HoustonFirst.org, 713.335.6453.

XEE CONNECT LIFE & SHARE LIFE Every Sun, Feb 13-Mar 27 @ 4-5 pm - Rm 145 Connection Ctr

This evangelism course teaches you how to share the story of the gospel within the context of your relationships. XEE will equip you to build intentional friendships for the sake of introducing people in your life to Jesus and sharing your faith effectively, relationally, and non-confrontationally. **CONTACT** Dan.Rieke@HoustonFirst.org.

Pastoral Care STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING Applications Due Sun, Feb 6

Stephen Ministers minister to people experiencing a crisis, facing a challenge, or simply going through a tough time. If you're interested in serving, applications are due by Sun, Feb 6, to attend training this spring. **CONTACT** Kelly.Laughlin@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.6762 in the Pastoral Care Office for an application.

Volunteering

Visit HoustonFirst.org/Volunteer for details about the following opportunities and nearly 100 ways you can serve His Kingdom: Snap It (Women's Ministry), Explore (Children's Recreation), International Student Friendship Ministry Team (Local Missions), R.A.T.S. - Ready Able Task Servants (Facilities), Food Pantry Team (The Faith Center), Sunday School Leadership (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.

I would like to speak to a minister about salvation, baptism, membership, ministries, or:

College student (school):

Single

Single parent

Engaged (fiance):

Married (since date):

Widowed

Veteran (branch):

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 _____ School _____

Children living at home: _____ Grade _____

Name _____

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 HoustonFirst.org/Prayer.