

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

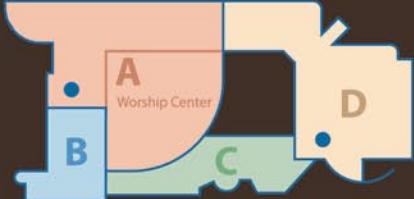
Are you experiencing grief, loneliness, illness, job loss or other life difficulties? The Pastoral Care Ministry provides free and confidential help through the Stephen Ministry. Call 713.957.6762 for assistance, or indicate your interests below:

- 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**
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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 |

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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



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

Births
» Reagan & Lillie O'Reilly in the birth of their son, Michael Patrick O'Reilly

» Chad (Staff) & Jennifer Hamm in the birth of their daughter, Karis Elizabeth Hamm; Brothers: Nathan & Daniel

» Kevin & Kari McNally in the birth of their daughter, Kelsey Ann McNally; Brother: Paxton McNally

» Jonathan & Natalie Sterne in the birth of their son, Ian Robert Sterne; Brother: Andrew Sterne

Sympathies

» Margaret Pittman in the death of her husband, Travis (Deacon)

» Laura Haskins in the death of her husband, JB

» Thomas Hosea in the death of his father, Wardell

» Dick & Diane Bagby (Staff) in the death of her mother, Irene Hamann; Grandsons: Josh, Titus, Steve & his wife, Shelly Bagby

» Vicki Cheek in the death of her step-father, Bill Wilson

» Louis Nassy & his wife, Natalie, and Martha Murphy & her husband, Michael, in the death of their mother, Marilyn Nassy; Grandchildren: Ava & Sydney Murphy

» Tariq & Karen Khan in the death of her grandfather, Eung Yun Kong; Great-grandchildren: David & Anya Kahn

» Ruth Hunter in the death of her husband, JD (Deacon); Daughter: Camilla Hunter (Staff)

» Patti Van Zandt in the death of her son, David

Decisions FEB 20, 2011

FOR BAPTISM
Candace McKenney

BAPTIZED
George Cassel Bob Deleon
Bryan Brooks Warren Kahle
Joanna Brooks Kevin Kieffner
Mayra Cardenas Sharon Lannen
Ella Chipponeri Walter Lannen
John Chipponeri Abby Leija-Cardenas
Zachary Griffiny Javier Leija-Diaz
Dan Hake Jamie Lucas
Lauren Heflin Doreen Melear
Will Hitt Kelli Schneeveiss
Jennifer Jackson Eva Whyte
Karen Jones Mike Whyte
Paul Jones

BY STATEMENT
Andrew Abbott Cris Stennett
Fred Go Kevin Stennett

Weekly Summary
ATTENDANCE, FEB 20, 2011

Sunday Bible Study	4,070
Mission Bible Study	947
Weekday Bible Study	1,066
Total Bible Study	6,083
Wednesday MidLink	818

GIVING, WEEK ENDING FEB 20, 2011

Tithes & Offering	\$359,039
Weekly Requirements	\$315,839
Over/(Under)	\$43,200
Designated Gifts	\$47,139
Over/(Under) for Feb	\$104,178
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD	(\$13,371)

Capital Campaign

WEEK ENDING FEB 20, 2011

Donations Received	\$26,713
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$25,539,677

Weekend Worship

Feb 27, 2011

Sunday Worship

9:30 am
11 am
5:30 pm

Sunday Bible Study

8:20 am
9:30 am
10:45 am
4:15 pm
6:45 pm

Sunday Kids' Worship

9:30 am
11 am
5:30 pm



HOUSTON'S FIRST
BAPTIST CHURCH

Have you found a place to grow your soul?

Visit the Welcome Center in the Main Foyer for Sunday Bible Study options or visit HoustonsFirst.org/BibleStudies.



Meet the Pastor



Pastor Gregg Matte

Dear Church Family & Guests,

Welcome to Houston's First! Today, our morning worship services are combined into two identical gatherings at 9:30 am and 11 am. Our regular schedule features the Choir and Orchestra leading worship at 9:30 am in the Worship Center with the Bands leading in the Chapel at the same hour. The Bands and Singers lead at the

11 am service in the Worship Center, and the Bands return to lead the 5:30 pm service in the Worship Center, too.

Houston's First offers Sunday Bible Studies (SBS) around each of these worship hours, so there are several ways in which you can plan out your day. Come to SBS at 8:20 am and worship in the Chapel or Worship Center at 9:30 am and beat the lunch crowd by at least an hour! Or, skip town for the weekend and drop in for "church for weekend warriors" with worship at 5:30 pm and SBS before or after at 4:15 pm or 6:45 pm.

No matter what your Sunday schedule may be, I encourage you to "grow your soul" with others in an SBS that's right for you. At the end of today's service, come forward or stop by the Connection Center to ask questions. Staff members and I are available to talk with you about becoming a Christian, being baptized, or joining our Houston's First – 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



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 & Married Young Adults CO-ED SOFTBALL

Every Sat, Feb 19-Mar 26 @ 11 am-3 pm
Community Park, Missouri City

Dust off your cleats, find your glove, and join other young adults for the most popular intramural event of the year! **COST** \$20 for season or \$5 per game. **VISIT** HoustonsFirst.org/Softball. **CONTACT** Ryan.McPhetridge@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7672.

Fitness & Recreation

AID SUDAN 5K RUN/WALK
Sat, Apr 2 @ 8 am – Bear Creek Park

Raise funds for Aid Sudan's ministry with a Kids' 1K @ 7:45 am and a 5K Run/Walk @ 8 am. Aid Sudan develops schools, medical clinics, and provides clean water to Sudanese communities to help them prosper in the name of Jesus Christ. **COST** Kids' 1K \$10; 5K Run/Walk \$25 thru Mar 27, \$35 Mar 28-Apr 2. **REGISTER** at HoustonsFirst.org/AidSudan.



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:

- **College Community @ 6:45 pm – Gym (NW Corner)**
For college students

- **HeartFire @ 6:45 pm – Rm 264**
For women
- **Paradigm @ 6:45 pm – Fellowship Ctr C/D**
For single adults ages 25-32
- **NewlyWed or Close @ 6:45 pm – Rm 249**
For couples engaged/married 1 year or less

EXPERIENCING GOD BIBLE STUDY

Every Sun, Feb 27-May 15 @ 4-5:30 pm – Rm 251

Learn to recognize where God is working, how to join Him in what He is doing, and be awakened to a radical, God-centered way of life. Taught by Roger Bridgwater. **CONTACT** Rochelle.Ferrada@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.5861.



HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

Wed, Mar 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@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.6781.

MIDLINK PEAK NIGHT

Wed, Mar 9 @ Various Evening Times

MidLink connects the church body on Wed nights with great classes to grow your soul. Many classes are weeks long, but on Mar 9 you can take advantage of these one-night only classes:

- **How to Have a Family Devotion**
- **How to Give a Blessing**
- **Looking for God Moments**
- **Power of a Praying Couple**
- **GM6: Training in Accountability (Men Only)**
- **Telling Your Story**

VISIT HoustonsFirst.org/MidLinkPeakNights for details. **CONTACT** Candie.Gonzales@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7651.

HUB Student Ministry PASSING ON PURITY MILESTONE COURSE

Wed, Mar 2 & 9 @ 6-8 pm – Rm 362

Parents of 7th-12th graders are invited to learn more about creating the value of purity in the life of your child. This 2-week course will be led by Doug Bischoff, Minister of Students, and registration is not required to attend. **COST** Free! **CONTACT** Susan.Newman@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7631.



Give Our Lives

Churchwide WORLD MISSION OFFERING

Nov 2010-Feb 2011

The WMO supports missionaries serving around the world, and has been extended through February. 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. **CONTACT** Rochelle.Ferrada@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.5861.

MISSION TRIPS

Visit HoustonsFirst.org/MissionTrips to learn about these opportunities to give your life on the mission field:

- **Spain** – Interest Mtg Today @ 12:15 pm – Missions Office
(Trip is May 25-Jun 6)
- **East Asia** – Interest Mtg Today @ 6:45 pm – Rm 145
(Trip is Jun 30-Jul 10)
- **Chile** – Interest Mtg Today @ 12:15 pm – Rm 149A
(Trip is Aug 13-20)
- **Russia** – Interest Mtg Sun, Mar 6 @ 12:15 pm & 4:30 pm
Rm 249 (Trip is Oct 2011)

MISSIONS CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT

Mon, Mar 7 @ 12:30 pm – BlackHorse Golf Club

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** HoustonsFirst.org/MissionsClassic. **CONTACT** Doug.Bischoff@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7631.

Counseling

FIRST HOPE JOB MINISTRY

Sat, Mar 9 @ 9 am-Noon – Rm 602

First HOPE seeks to help others procure employment. At this month's free meeting, discuss and learn tips on resume writing, interviewing, and networking and gain the necessary resources for obtaining employment. Most importantly, receive biblical encouragement specifically designed for the job seeker. **VISIT** HoustonsFirst.org/FirstHopeJobMinistry. **CONTACT** Hope@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.335.6471.

Volunteering

Visit HoustonsFirst.org/Volunteer for details about the following opportunities and nearly 100 ways you can serve His Kingdom:

- **K.I.L.N. - Keep It Like New (Facilities)**
CONTACT Ricky.Robinson@HoustonsFirst.org
- **Children's Church SBS Teachers (Faith Center)**
CONTACT Tracy.Collier@HoustonsFirst.org
- **Heart 2 Heart (Preschool & Kindergarten)**
CONTACT Sherry.Oradat@HoustonsFirst.org
- **Outdoor Adventure Crew (College)**
CONTACT Nate.Stewart@HoustonsFirst.org
- **Lord's Supper Preparation Team (Adult Enrichment)**
CONTACT msteen@fullbright.com
- **Healthy Helpers**
CONTACT Lisa.Lewis@FirstPlace4Health.com

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.

- Check all that apply:
- ☐ College student (school):

- ☐ Single
- ☐ Single parent
- ☐ Engaged (fiancé):
- ☐ Married (since date):
- ☐ Widowed
- ☐ Veteran (branch):

Contact Information () Check if this is a change of address.

Name	_____	Today's Date	_____
Address	_____	City	_____
Primary Phone #	_____	St	_____
Email	_____	Zip	_____
Children living at home:	_____	Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)	_____
Name	_____	Grade	_____
School	_____		_____

How Can We Help? (turnover)