

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

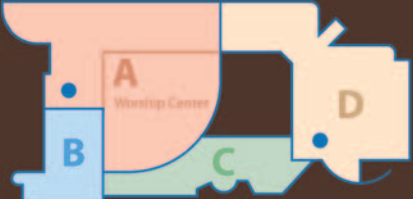
Are you experiencing grief, loneliness, illness, job loss or other life difficulties? The Pastoral Care Ministry provides free and confidential help through the Stephen Ministry. Call 713.957.6762 for assistance, or indicate your interests below:

- ☐ 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 more.

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

» Sergio and Laura Sanchez
Quán in the birth of their sons, Massimo Tate and Marco Paulsen Sanchez Quán.
Brother: Matteo Estuardo Sanchez Quán;
Grandparents: Paul and Cheryl Gahm;
Uncle & Aunt: Taylor and Stephanie Gahn;
Aunt & Uncle: Kim and Bill Elliott;
Cousins: Madison and Gunnar Elliott
» Nathan and Andrea Allen in the birth of their son, Spencer Michael Allen
» Henry and Christen Barrios in the birth of their daughter, Abigail Grace Barrios

Sympathies

» Family and Friends in the death of Chris Rogers
» Vicky Pickering in the death of her husband, John Pickering (Deacon)
» Margaret Pittman in the death of her husband, Travis Pittman (Deacon)
» Laura Haskins in the death of her husband, JB Haskins
» Josh Alexander (Staff) in the death of his grandmother, Florence Cherry

Decisions FEB 27, 2011
FOR BAPTISM

Jennifer Holloway	Hayley Shalley
Jason Jones	David Stewart
Pam Roper	Shezelle Ward

BAPTIZED
Jonathan Lumpkin Jason Wu
Candace McKenney

FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS
Walker Averitt Clint Carter
Dian Baker Mickey Castillo

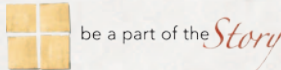
Randy Giveans
Corey Gregg
Parker Gregg
Lan Holloway
Brittney Humbach
Christian King
Donnie Mac Tavish
Leigh Mac Tavish
Marvin Nemec
Linda Nemec

BY STATEMENT Stacey Brown

Weekly Summary

ATTENDANCE, FEB 27, 2011	
Sunday Bible Study	4,038
Mission Bible Study	997
Weekday Bible Study	309
Total Bible Study	5,344
Wednesday MidLink	1201
GIVING, WEEK ENDING FEB 27, 2011	
Tithes & Offering	\$248,024
Weekly Requirements	\$315,839
Over/(Under)	(\$67,815)
Designated Gifts	\$31,719
Over/(Under) for Feb	\$36,363
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD	(\$81,186)

Capital Campaign



WEEK ENDING FEB 27, 2011
Donations Received \$17,312.05
TOTAL RECEIVED \$25,556,989

Weekend Worship

Mar 6, 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



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Meet the Pastor



Pastor Gregg Matte

Dear Church Family & Guests,

It's rodeo time in Houston! For three weeks, this modern metropolis that put man on the moon takes time to remember our western heritage—and to have a lot of fun, too! Native Texans and transplants alike enjoy the carnival, the food, the entertainment—and, of course, the rodeo action.

Today, professional bull riders Chance Smart and Kanin Asay are visiting with us while in town for the rodeo. Chance will share about his career and how the rodeo circuit gives him a unique platform to share his Christian faith. Please extend a “Howdy!” to Chance and Kanin and their wives.

If you visit the rodeo, be sure to notice the wonderful diversity of our city. God has literally brought the world to our backyard! Ask God to enable you to see the thousands of people just as He sees them—as His cherished, unique and loved creations. (That may help the lines seem shorter!)

Finally, 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 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.

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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

College Community

KARDIA

Thu, Mar 10 @ 8–10 pm – Chapel

Kardia is a citywide college worship gathering that meets every other Thursday for a time of music, prayer and fellowship. Bring a friend, make new ones and enjoy great conversation. Free coffee and dessert provided!

VISIT HoustonsFirst.org/CollegeGather.

CONTACT Nate.Stewart@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7673.

Summit Young Single Adults

SUMMIT CELEBRATES

Fri, Mar 11 @ 8 pm – Chapel

Young single adults are invited to an evening of worship, prayer and teaching. Don Munton, Minister to Young Single Adults, and Eric Reed, Minister to Men & New Christians, will speak on stewardship and investing your talents to maximize your gifts for God's glory. Stick around for coffee and fellowship afterwards.

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 at 7:45 am and a 5K Run/Walk at 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 \$25 thru Mar 27, \$35 from 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. Today we feature a few classes from our evening SBS hours:

- **After I Do @ 4:15 pm – Fellowship Ctr A/B**
For couples married 1–10 years
- **High Altitude @ 4:15 pm – Fellowship Ctr C/D**
For couples married 1–10 years
- **The Shelter @ 4:15 pm – Rm 263**
For adults ages 40–60
- **NewlyWed or Close @ 6:45 pm – Rm 249**
For couples engaged/married 1 year or less
- **Heartfire @ 6:45 pm – Rm 264**
For women of all ages
- **Night Light @ 6:45 pm – Fellowship Ctr A/B**
For single adults ages 30+

HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY



Wed, Mar 9 @ 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:

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

REGISTER at HoustonsFirst.org/MidLinkPeakNights.

CONTACT Candie.Gonzales@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7651.



Give Our Lives

Missions

MISSION TRIPS

Wed, Mar 2 & 9 @ 6–8 pm – Rm 362

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

- **East Asia (Jun 30–Jul 10)**
- **Chile (Aug 6–13)**
- **Russia (Oct 2011) – Interest Meeting**
Today @ 12:15 & 4:30 pm – Rm 249

Counseling

BUDDY TRAINING FOR ADOPTIVE FAMILY CAMP

Sat, Mar 26 @ 10 am–4 pm – Rm 602

Volunteers are needed to be “buddies” at Adoptive Family Camps on Apr 16 & 30. Assist with children and help encourage strong and healthy relationships within adoptive and foster families. This training will equip volunteers for the camps, as well as other similar missions activities such as visiting orphanages.

CONTACT Mary.Ring@HoustonsFirst.org.

REGISTER at HoustonsFirst.org/CounselingRetreats.

Fitness & Recreation

BLOOD DRIVE

Today @ 8 am–2 pm – Outside CLC

The Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center is hosting a blood drive located outside the CLC entrance. Give the gift of life and donate blood today!

CONTACT Debbie.Brown@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.6701.

Volunteering

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

- **Lunch Bunch (Culinary Services)**
CONTACT Lori.Smith@HoustonsFirst.org
- **Group Fitness Instructor (Fitness & Recreation)**
CONTACT Debbie.Brown@HoustonsFirst.org
- **Sunday Bible Study Ministry Team (First Kids)**
CONTACT Shawn.Howell@HoustonsFirst.org
- **Designers (Creative Services)**
CONTACT Sloane.Rinaldi@HoustonsFirst.org
- **Farm & Ranch Volunteer Team (Hunt Retreat)**
CONTACT Bill.Murrell@HoustonsFirst.org
- **Men's Prayer Team (Men's Ministry)**
CONTACT Eric.Reed@HoustonsFirst.org

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The High 5 Kids' Choir is growing faster than ever! Volunteers are needed to assist in Wednesday night rehearsals from 5:45-7 pm in Rm 301. If you have a heart for children and worshipping God through music, then we could use you on the team!

CONTACT Joy.Harris@HFBA.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.

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

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

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

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

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

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