

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

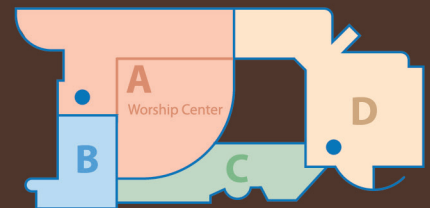
Are you experiencing grief, loneliness, illness, job loss or other life difficulties? The Pastoral Care Ministry provides free and confidential help through the Stephen Ministry. Call 713.957.6762 for assistance, or indicate your interests below:

- 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 Center

THE LINK
7-8 pm – Oasis Room
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
Orchestra - Worship Center (by audition)

JUST FOR KIDS!
MISSION FRIENDS
6-7 pm – Birth-4 yrs
6-8:30 pm – Birth-K
Check-in in 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

» Matthew and Megan Menefee Frisa in the birth of their son, Nathan Ryan Frisa; Grandfather: Tom Menefee, Jr.; Great-Grandparents: Tom and Jackie Menefee; Great Aunt: Carole Menefee

Sympathies

» Wayland Thornton in the death of his wife, Bessie Thornton
» Louis (Deacon) and Vicky Duck in the death of her mother, June Zinkgraf
» David and Brenda Parker, in the death of her father, Ned Beaman; Grandsons: Austin, James and Gary Parker
» Loretta Burt, in the death of her husband, Charles Burt (Deacon); Daughter: Linda Lazarine; Grandsons: Matthew and Brett Lazarine

Decisions MAR 13, 2011

FOR BAPTISM
Ian Blakley Lindsay Hull
Mayra Garcia Anne Vidal

BAPTIZED
Simaria Garcia Clark Reynolds
Morgan Goodie Cole Reynolds
Piccola Macerola Michelle Reynolds

BY STATEMENT
Erin Nelson

FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS
Vanessa Ferreira Jeff Lindenberger
Brandon Hull Misty Lindenberger

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



Weekly Summary

ATTENDANCE FOR MAR 13, 2011

Sunday Bible Study	3,430
Mission Bible Study	888
Weekday Bible Study	401
Total Bible Study	4,719
Wednesday MidLink	1,135

GIVING, WEEK ENDING MAR 13, 2011

Tithes & Offerings	\$293,786
Weekly Requirements	\$315,839
Over/(Under)	(\$22,053)
Designated Gifts	\$29,753
Over/(Under) for Mar	\$157,673
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD	\$75,240

Capital Campaign

be a part of the *Story*

WEEK ENDING MAR 13, 2011
Donations Received \$17,103
TOTAL RECEIVED \$25,611,360

Weekend Worship

Mar 20, 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

Mar 20 & 27 | Message Series by Gregg Matte | HoustonsFirst.org

Meet the Pastor



Pastor Gregg Matte

Dear Church Family & Guests,

It's great to be back with you as we continue our study of the Gospel of John in a new series called "Father Knows Best." I appreciate Afshin Ziafat for filling in for me last Sunday, and for his challenging message about living with a singular purpose. You can listen to it at HoustonsFirst.org or pick up a copy in Corner Books.

With Spring Break behind us, the last half of the semester for MidLink kicks off this week. MidLink is our Wednesday evening programming with activities for all ages. I encourage you to connect with your church family at MidLink: grab dinner at MidLink Café, attend The Link Bible Study, find a Milestones course, join the choir or singers, take the kids to High 5 Kids' Choir, browse through Corner Books, use the Fitness & Recreation Center. There is a lot to choose from each Wednesday night at Houston's First!

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.

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

College Community KARDIA

Thu, Mar 24 @ 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/Kardia.
CONTACT Nate.Stewart@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7673.

Single Parent Families OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

Sat, Mar 26 @ 6 pm – The Oasis
Take advantage of the beautiful spring weather and enjoy a movie outdoors! Join other single parent families at the Oasis, the outdoor garden and playground area at Houston's First. Dinner and lots of popcorn will be provided!
COST Free!
REGISTER HoustonsFirst.org/SingleParentFamilies.
CONTACT Amber.Willet@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.373.7797.

Fusion Married Young Adults PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Fri, Apr 1 @ 6:10 pm
Let the Preschool and Recreation Ministries take care of the kids while you enjoy a romantic date night, go out with friends, enjoy 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 Mar 27 at HoustonsFirst.org/ParentsNightOut.
CONTACT Candie.Gonzales@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7651.

SAVE THE DATE!

HOLY WEEK
APRIL 2011 A.D.

Apr 10-24 – Imago Art Show
Apr 17 – Spring Loaded
Apr 21 – Broken For You Service
Apr 24 – Easter Sunday

HOUSTONSFIRST.ORG/HOLYWEEK

How Can We Pray For You?

Share your requests the following ways and we'll add them to our online prayer database!

- Click "Find Help" at HoustonsFirst.org
- Text "PRAYFIRST [your name and requests]" to 41411
- Call our Prayerline at 713.335.6456
- Complete the attached "How Can We Help?" card
- Visit the Prayer, Missions & Connection Center

Need to Contact Us?

To contact HFBC staff, call 713.681.8000 (Mon-Fri, 8 am-4:30 pm) or email FirstName.LastName@HoustonsFirst.org.

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. Here's some to consider:

- **Blueprints @ 9:30 am – Rm 335**
For couples married 1 - 3 years
- **Covenant @ 9:30 am – Rm 252**
For adults ages 36 - 44
- **His Glory @ 10:30 am – Rm 274A**
For adults ages 52 - 60
- **Roots @ 6:45 pm – Gym (SW Corner)**
For single adults ages 25 - 32

HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

Wed, Mar 23 @ 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.

SBS LEADERSHIP LUNCHEON

Sun, Apr 3 @ 11:30 am-1:45 pm – CLC (Gym)
The Sunday Bible Study (SBS) Leadership Luncheon is for leaders and workers from ALL age divisions — plus anybody interested in serving! Lunch is provided. Activities and meals for children provided by registration for birth-5th grade. Lunch for 8:20 am leadership begins at 11:30 am and lunch for all others begins at noon with the main presentation at 12:30 pm.
REGISTER at HoustonsFirst.org/Events or SBS class.
CONTACT Jeanene.Andrus@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7601.

Give Our Lives

Missions MISSION TRIPS

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

- **East Asia (Jun 30-Jul 10)**
- **Lebanon (Jul 23 - Aug 1) - Interest Mtg Sun Mar 27 @ 12:15 & 4:30 pm - Rm 249**
- **Chile (Aug 13-20)**

JUSTICE MISSIONAL MILESTONE CLASS Every Wed, Mar 23-Apr 13 @ 6:30-7:30 pm Missions Office (Rm 144B)

This 4-week class is open to anyone interested in learning more about justice in our city and world, and how you can help. Taught by James Crabtree.
CONTACT James.Crabtree@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.5861.

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 fos-

ter families. This training will equip volunteers for camps, as well as other similar missions activities such as visiting orphanages.
CONTACT Mary.Ring@HoustonsFirst.org.
REGISTER at HoustonsFirst.org/CounselingRetreats.

Pastoral Care CANHOPE

Mon, Mar 21 @ 6:45 pm – Garden Rm
CanHope, ministering to families touched by cancer, will meet on Mon, Mar 21, for fellowship, prayer and testimony. An entree 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.

Volunteering

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

- **Sunday Bible Study Ministry Team (First Kids)**
CONTACT Shawn.Howell@HoustonsFirst.org
- **Front Desk Volunteer (Fitness & Recreation)**
CONTACT Debbie.Brown@HoustonsFirst.org
- **HFBC Medical Emergency Team (Systems)**
CONTACT Tracie.Bowman@HoustonsFirst.org
- **Food Pantry/Clothes Closet Team (The Faith Center)**
CONTACT Claudia.Reyes@HoustonsFirst.org
- **Creative Arts Team (Production)**
CONTACT Nick.Rosenbaum@HoustonsFirst.org

Worship Ministry KEYBOARD/B3 PLAYER

The Choir & Orchestra are looking for keyboard/B3 players to serve in the 9:30 am worship service.
CONTACT Jill.Hofer@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.5888 if interested in auditioning.

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

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 _____ 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 HoustonsFirst.org/Prayer.