

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

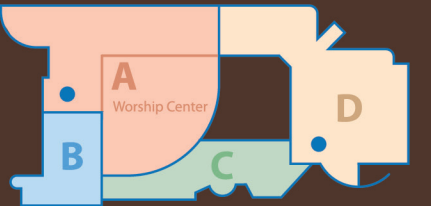
Are you experiencing grief, loneliness, illness, job loss or other life difficulties? The Pastoral Care Ministry provides free and confidential help through the Stephen Ministry. Call 713.957.6762 for assistance, or indicate your interests below:

- 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



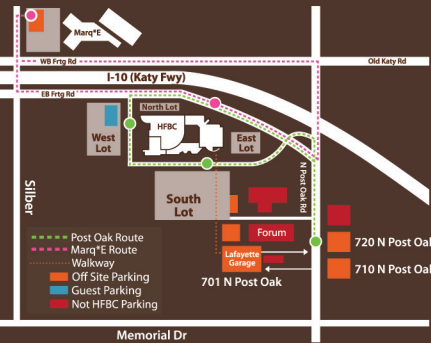
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| 1 Bookstore | 1 Reception Rm |
| 1 Chapel | 2 Rehearsal Hall |
| 1 Connection Center | 1 Rms 143 & 145 |
| 1 Library | 3 Rms 330-336 |
| 1 Main Foyer | 1 Welcome Center |
| 1 Preschool Check-In | 1 Worship Center |

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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 (open)
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

» Augie and Jenny Reuss in the birth of their daughter, Julia Faith Reuss; Sister: Addisen Reuss

Sympathies

» Kevin and Becky Parker in the death of her grandmother, Gladys Ray; Great-grandchildren: Laurel and Samuel Parker
» Jim and Sue Caldwell in the death of her sister, Patricia Orcutt; Nephews: Jordan and James Caldwell and his wife, Leslie
» Esther Stewart in the death of her husband, Cam Stewart

Decisions MAR 20, 2011

FOR BAPTISM
Roy Barrera Johnny Knoff, Jr.
Katie Burkhardt Anthony LaPietra
Christina Crane Amber Moncla
Stephen Crane

SALVATION IN CHRIST

Mohamad Saleh

BAPTIZED

Jonathan Mayes Savannah Smith
Lauren Raschke Cade Stockstill
Megan Rios

BY STATEMENT

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FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS

Brian Burkhardt Jackie Morrison
Kurt Fehlis Angela Parker
Art Jones Laura Rivers
Kenny Martin Wayne Shelton
Brandon Moncla



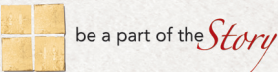
Weekly Summary
ATTENDANCE FOR MAR 20, 2011

Sunday Bible Study	3,755
Mission Bible Study	951
Weekday Bible Study	276
Total Bible Study	4,982
Wednesday MidLink	177

GIVING, WEEK ENDING MAR 20, 2011

Tithes & Offerings	\$399,380
Weekly Requirements	\$315,839
Over/(Under)	\$83,541
Designated Gifts	\$29,654
Over/(Under) for Mar	\$241,214
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD	\$158,581

Capital Campaign



WEEK ENDING MAR 20, 2011
Donations Received \$23,952
TOTAL RECEIVED \$25,635,313

Weekend Worship

Mar 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

See inside for more information

HOLY WEEK
APRIL 2011 A.D.

Meet the Pastor



Pastor Gregg Matte

Dear Church

Family & Guests,
Preparations are underway for Holy Week at Houston's First. Here, you'll find a variety of ways our church family will gather to commemorate Christ's sacrifice on the cross and celebrate His victory over death and the eternal life we have available through Him and Him alone. I invite you to make Houston's First a part of your Easter celebration this year.

In the meantime, I also invite you to come forward at the end of today's worship service or to 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*

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 HoustonFirst.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@HoustonFirst.org.

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 • HoustonFirst.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).

Latest News & Updates

LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper will be observed in all three worship services next Sun, Apr 3. When the Lord's Supper is observed at Houston's First, a special benevolence offering for the needy is taken at the conclusion of the service as we exit.

MAKE IT YOUR CHURCH ORIENTATION

Sun, Apr 10 @ Noon & 4 pm

Whether you've recently joined or just visited Houston's First, come learn what it means to be a part of a relevant biblical community. Meet Pastor Gregg and other staff members over lunch at noon (Fellowship Ctr) or light snacks at 4 pm (Rm 145). **REGISTER** at HoustonFirst.org/newmember. **CONTACT** Malcolm.Marshall@HoustonFirst.org, 713.335.6453.

Gather Our Hearts

HUB Student Ministry SENIOR CELEBRATION

Sun, May 1 @ 12:15-2:15 pm – Fellowship Ctr

All graduating high school seniors and their families are invited to this formal banquet, as we celebrate and tell our graduates how proud we are of their accomplishments. Gifts will be given to seniors plus enjoy a short word from Pastor Gregg. **REGISTER** by Apr 10 at HoustonFirst.org/SeniorCelebration. **CONTACT** Susan.Newman@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7631.

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 Christ. **COST** Kids' 1K \$10; 5K Run/Walk \$25 thru today, \$35 on Apr 2. **REGISTER** at HoustonFirst.org/AidSudan today or at the event on Sat, Apr 2.



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:

- **Comunitas @ 9:30 am – Rm 336**
For couples married 1 - 5 years
- **Palabras De Vida (Spanish) @ 9:30 am – Rm 602**
For adults of all ages
- **In The Beginning @ 10:45am – Rm 270**
For adults ages 49 - 65
- **Oikos @ 10:45 am – Harbor Rm (179)**
For single and married adults

HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

Wed, Mar 30 @ 11:30 am – 1010 Lamar (lower level)

Pastor Gregg 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.

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! 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 HoustonFirst.org/Events or SBS class. **CONTACT** Jeanene.Andrus@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7601.

Counseling

ADOPTION/FOSTER FAMILY CAMP

Sat, Apr 16 & Sat, Apr 30 – Rm 602

Legacy685 and Houston's First Counseling Ctr are excited to offer their 3rd family camp for adoptive and foster families. This camp will provide attachment education and tools to help your child build healthy connections that will last a lifetime. Space is limited. **COST** \$150/family includes 3 parent-only seminars + 2 full days of family camp. **CONTACT** Greg.Cumutte@HoustonFirst.org, 713.335.6465. **REGISTER** at HoustonFirst.org/CounselingRetreats.



Give Our Lives

Missions

MISSION TRIPS

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

- **East Asia (Jun 30-Jul 10)**
- **Kenya (Jul 13-30) – Interest Mtg**
Sun, Apr 10 @ Noon – Garden Rm (158)
- **Lebanon (Jul 23-Aug 1) – Interest Mtg**
Today @ 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@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.5861.

MEDICAL FIRST NETWORK INTEREST MEETINGS

Sun, Apr 10 @ 12:15 pm or 4:30 pm – Rm 249

Do you have a medical or health professional skill that can

be used in the mission field, or simply have an interest in medical missions? Come to one of these interest meetings to hear about upcoming events and how you can get involved! **CONTACT** Nayla.Raad@nccraad@gmail.com.

Counseling

FIRST HOPE JOB MINISTRY

Sat, Apr 2 @ 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** HoustonFirst.org/FirstHopeJobMinistry. **CONTACT** Hope@HoustonFirst.org, 713.335.6471.

Volunteering

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

- **Connection Center Team (Prayer, Missions & Connection Center)**
CONTACT Jerrell.Altic@HoustonFirst.org
- **English as a Second Language Team (The Faith Center)**
CONTACT Peter.Lee@HoustonFirst.org
- **Production Assistants (Production)**
CONTACT Sarah.Cobb@HoustonFirst.org
- **Sunday Bible Study Ministry Team (First Kids)**
CONTACT Shawn.Howell@HoustonFirst.org

Worship Ministry

KEYBOARD/B3 PLAYER

The Choir & Orchestra are looking for keyboard/B3 players to serve in the 9:30 am worship service. Schedule an audition. **CONTACT** Jill.Hofer@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.5888.

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. ☐ I would like to speak to a minister about salvation, baptism, membership, ministries, or: ☐ College student (school):

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 _____

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

How Can We Help? (turn over)

FOUNDATION of prayer

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.