

## 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](http://HoustonsFirst.org).

Add this request to the church's public prayer database.

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### Pastoral Care

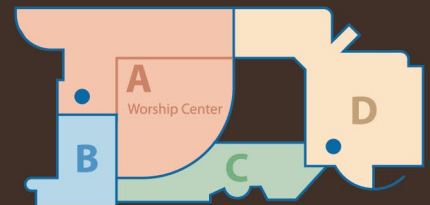
Are you experiencing grief, loneliness, illness, job loss or other life difficulties? The Pastoral Care Ministry provides free and confidential help through the Stephen Ministry. Call 713.957.6762 for assistance, or indicate your interests below:

- 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](http://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

### Sympathies

- » Bob (Deacon) and Cherie Young in the death of her brother, Gary Atkins
- » Fannie Pegg in the death of her brother, Arthur Faulkner
- » Dr. Joe and Phyllis Moody in the death of her father, Glenn Arthur Vaughan
- » Ben (Staff) and Kathy Pritchett in the death of her sister, Angela Quill

## Corner Books

- Sunday** 8 am-12:30 pm & 4-7 pm  
**Monday** Closed  
**Tuesday** 9 am-4 pm  
**Wednesday** 9 am-8 pm  
**Thursday** 9 am-4 pm  
**Friday & Saturday** Closed

**ECHOS** Each message that served as inspiration for pieces in the ECHOS art show is available on CD inside Corner Books. Pick up a copy and see how the message will inspire you!

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

**HOUSTONSFIRST.ORG**  
Open 24/7/365  
Ministry info, news, events & more!

### Decisions APR 10, 2011

**FOR BAPTISM**  
Shayla Andreas Albert Pena  
Tiffanie Conchola Michael Richardson  
Chad Knips

**FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS**  
Georgina Cardenas Hap Wood  
Christina Knips Lisa Wood  
Jacob Mumm Adam Wright  
Jessica Mumm Joy Wright

### Weekly Summary

**ATTENDANCE FOR APR 10, 2011**

Sunday Bible Study	3,932
Mission Bible Study	859
Weekday Bible Study	592
<b>Total Bible Study</b>	<b>5,383</b>
Wednesday MidLink	1,281

**GIVING, WEEK ENDING APR 10, 2011**

Tithes & Offerings	\$318,888
Weekly Requirements	\$315,839
Over/(Under)	\$3,049
Designated Gifts	\$60,405
Over/(Under) for Mar	\$128,586
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD	\$258,376

### Capital Campaign

be a part of the *Story*

**WEEK ENDING APR 10, 2011**

Donations Received	\$44,635
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$25,728,322</b>

## Weekend Worship

Apr 17, 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

# BROKEN FOR YOU



John Durham, speaker

Thu, Apr 21 @ 7 pm

See Holy Week section inside for details



HOUSTON'S FIRST  
BAPTIST CHURCH



## Meet the Pastor



Pastor Gregg Matte

### Dear Church Family & Guests,

Hosanna! Welcome to Houston's First as we celebrate Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem and look ahead to His sacrifice on the cross and His victory over death.

As this week unfolds, I invite you to gather

at the Broken For You worship service this Thursday, April 21, when we'll remember the Last Supper and Christ's suffering — His being broken for our sin. On Easter Sunday, we'll gather to rejoice over the empty tomb at four identical worship services. No matter what hour you attend, we look forward to celebrating the resurrection with you! See the Holy Week section in this worship guide or visit [HoustonFirst.org](http://HoustonFirst.org) for details about each of these special days.

Today, I invite you to come forward at the end of the worship service or to stop by the Connection Center. 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.



#### IMAGO Art Show

Apr 10-24 – Main Foyer



Sponsored by the IMAGO artist community, this art show features pieces echoing messages delivered at Houston's First in 2010. Copies of each message are available in Corner Books.

#### Broken for You Service

Thu, Apr 21 @ 7-8:15 pm



John Durham, pastor of FBC Irving and former Minister to Students at Houston's First, delivers the message as we commemorate the Last Supper and Christ's sacrifice on the cross. The Lord's Supper will be observed.

• **Birth-Kindergarten** – Preschool Ministry will provide special activities, crafts, music, and stories related to the cross and Jesus' love for our youngest children.

• **1st-5th Grades** – First Kids presents "The True Night Before Easter" with author Tim Pendland. Every child will receive an autographed copy of Tim's book by the same name.

#### Easter

Sun, Apr 24 @ 8 am, 9:30 am, 11 am & 5:30 pm



Houston's First will celebrate the empty tomb at four identical worship services, including an additional service at 8 am, all with Pastor Gregg speaking. Sunday Bible Studies will not meet. Childcare available through 4 years old.

a relevant biblical community • [HoustonFirst.org](http://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).

### 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](http://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](mailto:FirstName.LastName@HoustonFirst.org).

### Preschool Preview

**TODAY @ 9:30 am - 12:30 pm & 4:15 - 7 pm**

Come take a look at the expanded Preschool & Kindergarten Ministry facilities before they open for use on Easter Sunday! Stop by and see what your contributions to the *Be A Part Of The Story* capital campaign made possible.

**VISIT** [HoustonFirst.org/PreschoolSuiteRenovations](http://HoustonFirst.org/PreschoolSuiteRenovations)



### Latest News & Updates

#### BOOK SIGNING AND BOOK FAIR

Pastor Gregg will sign copies of his book, *Finding God's Will*, at Barnes & Noble (Westheimer and Voss) on Fri, Apr 29 @ 3:50-5:30 pm as part of First Baptist Academy's Book Fair taking place at the store Apr 29-30. Any time on those two days, tell the cashier your purchase is to benefit FBA and the school will receive a portion of the sale — no matter what you buy!



## Gather Our Hearts

### Churchwide SPRING LOADED



**TODAY @ 12:30-3 pm – Houston Christian HS**  
The Houston's First family will enjoy a day loaded with outdoor fun at Houston Christian High School, including egg hunts, inflatables, food and more! Admission is free.  
**VISIT** [HoustonFirst.org/SpringLoaded](http://HoustonFirst.org/SpringLoaded).

### HIGH 5 KIDS' CHOIR MUSICAL

**Sun, May 1 @ 3-4 pm – Worship Center**

This semester, kids from PreK to 5th grade have explored worship through solos, motion, instruments, art and drama. Along the way, they've learned to share the Gospel through the "Roman Road." Now, they will share what they've learned at their spring musical — and the entire church is invited!  
**CONTACT** [Josh.Harris@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:Josh.Harris@HoustonFirst.org), 713.957.7621.

### Women's Ministry CAPTIVATED TOGETHER

**Mon, Apr 18 @ 7-9 pm – Chapel**

Women ages 18 to early 30s are invited to this monthly gathering led by Tammie Head and the Captivated Together team. Be encouraged in your relationship with God through worship, Bible study, and small groups with other women your age.  
**VISIT** [CaptivatedTogether.com](http://CaptivatedTogether.com).

**CONTACT** [Jan.Butterfras@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:Jan.Butterfras@HoustonFirst.org), 713.957.7642.

### Men's Ministry MEN: PRAY

**Sat, Apr 30 @ 8-10 am – Fellowship Ctr**

Men of all ages will gather together to pray for our friends, families, homes, church, city, country and world. May we be faithful to make His house a House of Prayer as Men: Pray! Free



continental breakfast provided.  
**VISIT** [HoustonFirst.org/MenPray](http://HoustonFirst.org/MenPray) for resources and to RSVP.  
**CONTACT** [Eric.Reed@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:Eric.Reed@HoustonFirst.org), 713.957.7680.

## 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](http://HoustonFirst.org/BibleStudies) and explore the options on your own. Here's some to consider:

- **3 Strands @ 9:30 am – Rm 334**  
For couples married 1-3 years
- **Covenant @ 9:30 am – Rm 252**  
For adults ages 36-44
- **His Glory @ 10:45 am – Rm 274A**  
For adults ages 52-60
- **Night Light @ 6:45 pm – Fellowship Ctr A/B**  
For single adults ages 30+

### HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

**Wed, Apr 20 @ 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](mailto:Diane.Bagby@HoustonFirst.org), 713.957.6781.

## Give Our Lives

### Churchwide EASTER SUNDAY PRESCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

**Sun, Apr 24**  
The Preschool Ministry invites you to be a part of opening day of the new suite on Easter Sunday by serving as a volunteer!

Helpers will either escort parents to their child's room or take care of the children during the worship services. Volunteers are needed before and during the 9:30 am and 11 am services.  
**VISIT** [HoustonFirst.org/HolyWeek](http://HoustonFirst.org/HolyWeek) to sign up.  
**CONTACT** [Laura.Wallace@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:Laura.Wallace@HoustonFirst.org), 713.957.7611.

### Missions MISSION TRIPS

Visit [HoustonFirst.org/MissionTrips](http://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) – 5 spots left!**
- **Lebanon (Jul 23-Aug 1)**
- **Chile (Aug 13-20)**

### Prayer

#### MISSIONARY INTERCESSORY PRAYER TIME TODAY @ 2 pm – Oasis Rm

This time of prayer, led by Mary Ann Bridgwater of Pray the Word Ministries, is open to everyone! Join in God's work through our missionaries by interceding on their behalf through prayer.  
**CONTACT** [Pray the Word](http://PrayTheWord.org), 713.476.9514.

### Volunteering

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

- **Lord's Supper Preparation (Adult Enrichment)**  
**CONTACT** [MSteen@Fulbright.com](mailto:MSteen@Fulbright.com)
- **Children's Church Sunday School Teachers (The Faith Center)**  
**CONTACT** [Tracy.Collier@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:Tracy.Collier@HoustonFirst.org)
- **Imagineer (Creative Services)**  
**CONTACT** [Sloane.Rinaldi@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:Sloane.Rinaldi@HoustonFirst.org)
- **Special Events Team (Men's Ministry)**  
**CONTACT** [Eric.Reed@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:Eric.Reed@HoustonFirst.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.

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 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Children living at home: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_  
 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](http://HoustonFirst.org/Prayer).