

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 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	

D

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

Memorial Dr



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
» Charles and Beth Alvarez in the birth of their daughter, Addison Rebekah Alvarez; Siblings: Chandler, Nathan and Andrew Alvarez

Sympathies
» June Stephens in the death of her husband, Wayne Stephens; Son: Martin Stephens; Daughters: Beverley Woodman, Ginger Hansen, Carol Payne and Pat Stephens

Decisions APR 17, 2011
FOR BAPTISM
Jack Arnold Carissa Puckett
Larieki Fontenot Brock Wilson
Deborah Pelzer Laura Ann Wilson

SALVATION IN CHRIST
Katherine Lopez

BAPTIZED
Gabrielle Durocher Elizabeth Macklin
Matthew Fanning Michelle Murray
Lindsay Hull Trey Patillo
Daniel Jenkins Anne Vidal
Lisette Jenkins

FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS
Warren Alexander Nick Rosenbaum
Charlotte Blanford Rachel Rosenbaum
Mark Blanford Ellen Smith
Raymond Navarro, Jr. John Smith

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



Weekly Summary

ATTENDANCE FOR APR 17, 2011

Sunday Bible Study	4,066
Mission Bible Study	872
Weekday Bible Study	413
Total Bible Study	5,351
Wednesday MidLink	1,327

GIVING, WEEK ENDING APR 17, 2011

Tithes & Offerings	\$347,494
Weekly Requirements	\$315,839
Over/(Under)	\$31,655
Designated Gifts	\$172,629
Over/(Under) for Apr	\$160,241
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD	\$289,981

Capital Campaign

be a part of the *Story*

WEEK ENDING APR 17, 2011

Donations Received	\$40,528
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$25,768,851

Weekend Worship

Apr 24, 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

HE IS RISEN
HOLY WEEK 2011 A.D.

Meet the Pastor



Pastor Gregg Matte

Dear Church Family & Guests,

He is risen! Welcome to Houston's First as we celebrate Christ's victory over death and His complete payment for our sins. He is risen, indeed!

Whether you are a first time guest or a life-long member, a resident of Houston or a visitor from out

of town, I invite you to make Houston's First a part of your spiritual journey. This worship guide and our website, [HoustonsFirst.org](#), are filled with ways in which we gather our hearts, grow our souls and give our lives as a church. Take time to explore the many options we offer — Sunday Bible Studies and Milestones classes, retreats and camps, volunteer opportunities and mission trips, and much more.

If you already have a church home or live out of town, stay connected with Houston's First during our live webcasts each Sunday at 9:30 am, 11 am and 5:30 pm. Or, watch any of our on-demand videos of previous messages. All of these and more can be found at [HoustonsFirst.org/Media](#).

Finally, there is no time like the present. So, I invite you to come forward at the end of today's 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.



Latest News & Updates

BOOKSIGNING 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!

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](#).

National Day of Prayer

Thu, May 5 @ Noon-1 pm

Join other Houstonians as we recognize the 60th annual National Day of Prayer. Pastors and ministry leaders from across Houston will gather on the footsteps of Houston's City Hall to call upon the Name of the Lord for His forgiveness, mercy, and grace and for the salvation of our nation. City Hall is located at 900 Bagby. **CONTACT** [Charlotte.Hudson@HoustonsFirst.org](#), 713.335.6451.

Food Pantry Donations

Nearly 1,200 people are fed each month through the Food Pantry at HFBC's Faith Center. On the first Sunday of each month, food donations are collected here at Houston's First to support this vital ministry. Bring non-perishable items next Sunday, May 1, and leave them on collection tables in the CLC Lobby, the South Tower elevator lobby, or outside the Garden Room. **CONTACT** 713.554.8801.

Gather Our Hearts

Churchwide

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, arts, 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@HoustonsFirst.org](#), 713.957.7621.

NIGHT OF WORSHIP

FEATURING CBU CHOIR & ORCHESTRA

Sat, May 21 @ 6 pm – Worship Center

Houston's First will gather for a night of worship led by the electrifying Choir and Orchestra from California Baptist University with world-renowned and award-winning conductor Dr. Gary Bonner. John Bolin, our own Director of Worship — Choir & Orchestra, is a CBU alumnus and former student of Dr. Bonner. Free admission. **CONTACT** [Shelley.Steelman@HoustonsFirst.org](#), 713.957.5887.

Single Parent Families

A DAY AT RADEMACHER FARM

Sat, May 14 – Rademacher Farm near Round Top, TX

All single parent families are invited to Rademacher Farm to

enjoy spring in Texas! It's good, clean country fun with activities for everyone including a cook-out with hamburgers & hotdogs, a zipline, tree swing, volleyball, and a huge tree house! At the end of the day, gather for s'mores at the campfire, with a sing-a-long and devotional. Carpools available. **COST FREE! CONTACT** [Amber.Willet@HoustonsFirst.org](#), 713.373.7797.

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** [HoustonsFirst.org/MenPray](#) for resources and to RSVP. **CONTACT** [Eric.Reed@HoustonsFirst.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 [HoustonsFirst.org/BibleStudies](#) and explore the options on your own. Here's some to consider:

- **Jubilee @ 8:20 am – Rm 336**
For couples married 0-5 years
- **Opening the Bible @ 8:20 am – Rm 258**
For adults ages 60+
- **The Breakfast Club @ 9:30 am – Rm 264**
For adults ages 42-52
- **Epic @ 6:45 pm – Harbor Rm (179)**
For single adults ages 20-39

HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

Wed, Apr 27 @ 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, May 11 @ 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 May 11 you can take advantage of these one-night only classes:

- Parenting Through Technology
- How to Have a Family Devotion
- How to Give a Blessing
- Looking for God Moments
- Men: G6 Training in Accountability
- Created For a Purpose
- Marriage: He Said, She Said
- Rightly Relating to Others

VISIT [HoustonsFirst.org/MidLinkPeakNights](#) for details.

CONTACT [Candie.Gonzales@HoustonsFirst.org](#), 713.957.7651.

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)**
- **Kenya (Jul 13-30)**
- **Lebanon (Jul 23-Aug 1)**

HAMOREH KENYA BENEFIT DINNER

Sat, May 14 @ 7-9 pm – Fellowship Ctr

Everyone is invited to this dinner benefitting Hamoreh

Minsitries and their work in Kenya. Houston's First frequently partners with this great organization that trains and equips leaders in Africa to preach, teach, and share the Gospel.

RSVP is required by May 4. **COST** Free! **VISIT** [Hamoreh.org](#).

CONTACT [Jessica.VanSingel@RSVP@hamoreh.org](#) or 832.724.3266.

Counseling

FIRST HOPE JOB MINISTRY

Sat, May 7 @ 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:

- **Snap It Photographers (Women's Ministry)**
CONTACT [Carolyn.Oneal@HoustonsFirst.org](#)
- **Grief Share Support (Pastoral Care)**
CONTACT [Linda.Askin@HoustonsFirst.org](#)
- **Sunday Bible Study Ministry Team (First Kids)**
CONTACT [Shawn.Howell@HoustonsFirst.org](#)
- **Encouragers: Volunteers for H.O.P.E. (Counseling Center)**
CONTACT [Fay.Suitor@HoustonsFirst.org](#)
- **Prayer Ministry Team (Prayer, Missions & Connection Center)**
CONTACT [Charlotte.Hudson@HoustonsFirst.org](#)
- **Jail/Prison Ministry Team (Local Missions)**
CONTACT [DTrick3@comcast.net](#)

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 _____	School _____
Children living at home: _____	Grade _____
Name _____	

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

<input type="radio"/> Single	<input type="radio"/> Single parent
<input type="radio"/> Engaged (fiancé):	
<input type="radio"/> Married (since date):	
<input type="radio"/> Widowed	<input type="radio"/> Veteran (branch):

How Can We Help? (turnover)



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](#).