

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

C

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
2 Fellowship Center	3 Student Ministry
2 Fitness Center	1 Welcome Center
1 Garden Rm	

● Welcome Centers *Numbers next to location indicate floor

Congratulations Seniors!
Houston's First and the HUB Student Ministry congratulate our graduating High School seniors on their accomplishment!

Hannah Anderson	Hannah Holmes
Erika Aviles	Angelique Humcke
Paige Bays	John Hyder
Michael Bonner	William Ivy
Charles Boxie	Emily Jackson
Marisa Bustamante	Michael Karl
Miranda Butler	Christina Kaylor
Leborne Carty	Hugh Keller
James Casas	Anna Klein
Priya Chacko	Tyler Latch
Mary Clawson	Ryan Lloyd
Jonathan Clayton	Anastasia Lowe
Robyn Cloutier	Audrey Luecken
Carrie Craft	Amanda MacKenney
Lesly Cristino	Rachel Marshall
Elizabeth Davis	Sarah McLeod
Rebecca Driver	Trinity Montgomery
Michael Eason	Eddie Moya
Ashley Edwards	Aimee Muniz
Miranda Figueroa	Sarah Naderi
Seth Fleming	Christine Oldham
Lexi Flores	Ashley Oradat
Amanda Garza	James Pan
Austin Gates	Harrison Paret
Jonathan Gill	Rachel Pearce
Jonathan Goh	Naomie Pelzer
Katy Goodson	Madison Peveto
Kristen Gunn	Andrew Pogue
Selestina Guzman	Rayzha Quijada
Kara Haines	Ellie Quisenberry
Lee Hanley	Spencer Quisenberry
Daniel Hawk	Hannah Ralston
Peyton Head	Madison Redweik
Alex Hernandez	Shannon Rios
Joseph Hernandez	Pamela Rodriguez

continued	Zachary Townsend
Matthew Rojano	Allison Toy
Pat Sakaew	Mimi Vasquez
Brian Scheel	Leah Walker
Jason Shannon	Meredith Walker
David Sherron	Matt Walker
Leah Slavens	Dale Wallace
Zachary Sorgalla	Devaun Wells
Sarah Staggs	Charles Young
Austin Stow	

Births

- » Kelby and Laurie Reding in the birth of their son, Grant Aaron Reding
- » Trey and Tasha Perry in the birth of their daughter, Cadence Elizabeth Perry
- » Josh (Staff) and Joy Harris in the birth of their son, Timothy Kyle Harris

Sympathies

- » Family and Friends in the death of Billie Vassar
- » Murl Buck in the death of his wife, Belinda Buck
- » Family and Friends in the death of Betty Clapp
- » Bob (Deacon) and Carol Jackson in the death of his brother, Preston Kelley; Nephew: Andy Jackson and his wife, Kelly; Niece: Dana Wilburn and her husband, Steve; Great Nephews and Nieces: Mackenzie and Maddox Jackson and Avery and Jake Wilburn

Decisions APR 24, 2011

FOR BAPTISM	
Hunter Bowman	Christian Jacobson
Sarah Gilbert	Kimberly Pablano
Gabrielle Hajovsky	Ronald Wells
Madelyn Hajovsky	

BAPTIZED
Angela Brennan

FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS	
Cyndi Jacobson	Melody Jacobson
Keith Jacobson	Victoria Jacobson
Luke Jacobson	Beverly Kealey

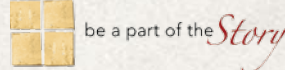
Weekly Summary

ATTENDANCE FOR APR 24, 2011	
Mission Bible Study	926
Weekday Bible Study	444
Total Bible Study	1,370
Wednesday MidLink	1,222

GIVING, WEEK ENDING APR 24, 2011

Tithes & Offerings	\$389,622
Weekly Requirements	\$315,839
Over/(Under)	\$73,783
Designated Gifts	\$56,616
Over/(Under) for Mar	\$234,024
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD	\$363,744

Capital Campaign



WEEK ENDING APR 24, 2011	
Donations Received	\$20,222
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$25,729,073

Weekend Worship

May 1, 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

May 1, 8 & 15

Shepherd & Sheep

Message series by
Gregg Matte



HOUSTON'S FIRST
BAPTIST CHURCH

Meet the Pastor



Pastor Gregg Matte

Dear Church Family & Guests,

When you hear the term "mission trip" your mind likely goes to images of foreign lands thousands of miles away. Houston's First sends mission trip teams to countries all over the world each year

— but our largest trip is right here at home.

This July, over 1,500 volunteers during the Houston Project will share God's love with children, youth and adults throughout our wonderfully diverse city. God has brought the world to Houston! You don't need a passport to serve a community unlike your own. Join the mission team and give your life away during the Houston Project this year.

Finally, 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.

a relevant biblical community • HoustonsFirst.org

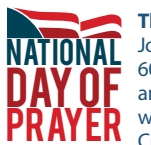


Houston's First Baptist Church is a relevant biblical community where we gather our hearts, grow our souls, and give our lives as we seek to fulfill the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20).



Houston Project Registration Now Open!

Over 1,500 members of the Houston's First family will share God's love with our own city the evenings of Jul 10-14. Choose from 14 ministry sites around town to serve with Vacation Bible Study, Youth Events, Adult Ministry, Evangelism, Prayer, Sports Ministry or Food Distribution. **COST** before Jun 12: \$30 adults; \$20 single parents & college students; free for kids under 18. **REGISTER** at HoustonsFirst.org/HoustonProject, in the Main Foyer, or stop by the Missions Office. **CONTACT** Charlotte.Hudson@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.335.6451.



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.



Downtown Campus Coming This Fall

Houston's First is going back to where it all began with a Downtown campus! Come to the Downtown Interest Meeting today in the Worship Center at 10 mins after the 11 am service to discover the vision, hear the plans and ask your questions about the new campus — and learn how you can play a role in this next chapter in the story of Houston's First.

Latest News & Updates

DEACONS MEETINGS

The Deacon Administrative Committee meets today at 2:30 pm in Rm 249. The entire Deacon body will meet at 3:30 pm in the Rehearsal Hall.

CHURCH CONFERENCE

This monthly gathering meets today at 4:30 pm in the Rehearsal Hall. The meeting covers church financial and membership reports, as well as other necessary information. Anybody may attend, but only members of HFBC may vote.

Gather Our Hearts

Churchwide HIGH 5 KIDS' CHOIR MUSICAL

Today @ 3-4 pm – Worship Ctr

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@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7621.

NIGHT OF WORSHIP

Sat, May 21 @ 6 pm – Worship Ctr

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.

College Community KARDIA

Thu, May 5 @ 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 will be provided at this last meeting of the semester! **VISIT** HoustonsFirst.org/CollegeGather. **CONTACT** Nate.Stewart@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7673.

Single Parent Families A DAY AT RADEMACHER FARM

Sat, May 14 – Rademacher Farm Near Round Top

All single parent families are invited to enjoy spring in Texas! It's good, clean country fun with activities for everyone including a cook-out with hamburgers & hotdogs, 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.

Worship SUMMER WEEK OF CHOIR

Jul 18-22 @ 9 am-3 pm – Houston's First

Registration begins today for Summer Week of Choir (SWOC) at Houston's First. Children (completed K-5th grade) will spend a week singing, playing, and learning about God and wrap it up with a performance Friday evening showcasing all they have learned! **COST** \$75 per child. **REGISTER** at HoustonsFirst.org/SWOC. **CONTACT** Shelley.Steelman@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.5887.

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:

- **Kingdom Service @ 8:20 am – Rm 259**
For adults ages 50-65
- **Morning Star @ 8:20 am – Oasis Rm**
For adults ages 67+
- **The Race @ 9:30 am – University Rm A/B**
For single adults ages 28-39
- **Newlywed or Close PM @ 6:45 pm – Rm249**
For couples engaged/married 1 year or less

HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

Wed, May 4 @ 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. On May 11, 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: GM6 Training in Accountability
- Created For a Purpose
- Marriage: He Said, She Said
- Rightly Relating to Others

REGISTER and learn more at HoustonsFirst.org/MidLinkPeakNights. **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)**
- **Lebanon (Jul 9-18)**
- **Kenya (Jul 13-30)**

HAMOREH KENYA BENEFIT DINNER

Sat, May 14 @ 7-9 pm – Fellowship Ctr

Everyone is invited to this dinner benefitting Hamoreh Ministries 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. **VISIT** Hamoreh.org. **CONTACT** Jessica.VanSingel@RSVP@Hamoreh.org or 832.724.3266.

Counseling FIRST HOPE JOB MINISTRY

Sat, May 7 @ 7-9 pm – Fellowship Ctr

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:

- **Children's Summer Kick-off Party (First Kids)**
CONTACT Angie.Savage@HoustonsFirst.org
- **Curator (Corner Books)**
CONTACT Nancy.Squires@HoustonsFirst.org
- **Spring Cleaning Team (Faith Center)**
CONTACT Peter.Lee@HoustonsFirst.org
- **Car Heroes (Adult Enrichment)**
CONTACT Tracie.Bowman@HoustonsFirst.org
- **Friendly Faces Greeters (Special Events)**
CONTACT Jacque.Killingsworth@HoustonsFirst.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.

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

Name

Address

Primary Phone #

Email

Children living at home: Name

City

St

Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)

Grade

Today's Date

Zip

School

Check all that apply:

☐ College student (school):

☐ Single

☐ Single parent

☐ Engaged (fiancé):

☐ Married (since date):

☐ Widowed

☐ Veteran (branch):

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