

## 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

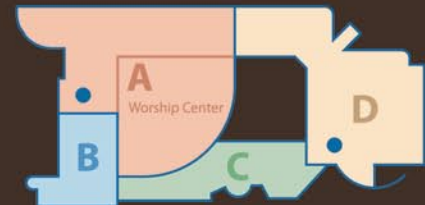
Are you experiencing grief, loneliness, illness, job loss or other life difficulties? The Pastoral Care Ministry provides free and confidential help through the Stephen Ministry. Call 713.957.6762 for assistance, or indicate your interests below:

- 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 |

- B**
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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**
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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



## Summer Fun is in the Air!

Kids and parents, visit [HoustonsFirst.org/Summer2011](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Summer2011) to learn more or sign up for the following!

**MAY**  
**31-Aug 19**  
 Daycation:  
 Summer Day Camp (K-8th Graders)

**JUNE**  
**3**  
 Parents' Night Out  
**3**  
 Children's Summer Kick-Off Party (1st-5th Graders)

**3-4**  
 RUSHPALOOZA (Middle & High School Students)  
**9-12**  
 Camp 456 (4th-6th Graders)

**20-24**  
 Vacation Bible School (K-5th Graders)  
**30-Jul 2**  
 3rd Grade Getaway

**JULY**  
**9**  
 1st & 2nd Grade Family Fun Day  
**18-22**  
 Summer Week of Choir (K-5th Graders)  
**23-30**  
 RUSH Week (7th-12th Graders)  
**29**  
 Family Mission Trip (1st-5th Graders & their families)

### Sympathies

- » Doug (Staff) and Wendy Bischoff in the death of his mother, Carlene Bischoff; Grandchildren: Lucas, Bailey, Micah and Ruthie Bischoff
- » Gloria Morrill in the death of her mother-in-law, Edith Morrill; Granddaughter: Michelle Tormo
- » Barbara Wiseman in the death of her father, Roy Patterson
- » Doug and Karen Willingham in the death of his parents, Donald and Helen Willingham; Grandchildren: Lisa, Mark, Elisa and Drew Willingham

### Decisions May 1, 2011

**FOR BAPTISM**  
 Stefanie Gerdes Kyle McLeod  
 Jonathan Kirk Devhen Murdock

**SALVATION IN CHRIST**  
 Nora Gomez-Diaz Sarah Reina

**BAPTIZED**  
 Kris Fisher Sloane Rinaldi  
 Jason Jones Christy Woods  
 Richard Rinaldi

**FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS**  
 Shari Berger Jeffrey Gray  
 Holly Elliott Sandy Lewelling  
 Jake Freels Serey Lorn  
 Sarah Freels Jana Nelms  
 Brian Gerdes Phillip Nelms  
 Katie Gold Scott Rogers  
 Mark Gold Brandi Sikes

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



### Weekly Summary

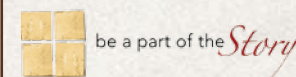
#### ATTENDANCE FOR MAY 1, 2011

Sunday Bible Study	3,880
Mission Bible Study	902
Weekday Bible Study	405
<b>Total Bible Study</b>	<b>5,187</b>
Wednesday MidLink	843

#### GIVING, WEEK ENDING MAY 1, 2011

Tithes & Offerings	\$381,311
Weekly Requirements	\$315,839
Over/(Under)	\$65,472
Designated Gifts	\$33,461
Over/(Under) for May	\$65,472
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD	\$339,216

### Capital Campaign



**WEEK ENDING MAY 1, 2011**  
 Donations Received \$15,228  
**TOTAL RECEIVED \$25,804,301**

## Weekend Worship

May 8, 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







Pastor Gregg Matte

**Dear Church Family & Guests,**

Happy Mother's Day! We thank God for these women in our lives as we celebrate all forms of "motherhood" in our midst—expectant first-time mommies, adoptive moms, single moms, empty-nester moms, grandmothers, and every stage in between.

As we celebrate motherhood, Houston's First also remembers women who desire to have children and those who have lost a child. If that is your story, we have resources and ministries to walk with you—including others who have or are experiencing the very same thing. Contact our Women's Ministry, Counseling Center or Legacy685 Adoption & Orphan Care Ministry for information and support.

Finally, I invite anyone 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,

**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.



**Gather Our Hearts**

**Churchwide 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.

**Summit Young Single Adults SPRING RETREAT: IMPACT**

**May 20-22 – Trinity Pines at Lake Livingston**  
Young single adults are invited to spend a weekend at the lake with teaching from Jerrell Altic, Eric Reed, and Malcolm & Stacey Marshall on what stops us from making an impact in our world, and how to begin making one. Worship led by Tyler Dodds. **COST** \$74 thru May 9, \$84 thru May 19, \$89 at the door. **REGISTER** [HoustonsFirst.org/Impact](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Impact). **CONTACT** Ryan.McPhetridge@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7672.

**Single Parent Families MOTHER'S DAY PICNIC IN THE PARK**

**TODAY @ 12:30 pm – Hedwig Village Park**  
All single parent families (moms AND dads) are invited to a picnic after the 11 am worship service today. Lunch is provided and all moms will receive a special gift! The park is at 930 Corbindale (77024), adjacent to the Spring Branch Library. (Rain-out plan: lunch in Oasis Rm.) **CONTACT** Holly.Crain@HoustonsFirst.org, 832.247.4787.

**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 is open 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** Space is limited! [HoustonsFirst.org/SWOC](http://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](http://HoustonsFirst.org/BibleStudies) and explore the options on your own. Here's some to consider:

- **Paradigm @ 6:45 pm – Fellowship Ctr C/D**  
For single adults ages 25-32
- **Newlywed or Close PM @ 6:45 pm – Rm 249**  
For couples engaged/married 1 year or less
- **The Shelter @ 4:15 pm – Rm 263**  
For adults ages 40-60
- **Heartfire @ 6:45 pm – Rm 264**  
For women of all ages

**HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY**

**Wed, May 11 @ 11:30 am – 1010 Lamar (lower level)**  
Malcolm Marshall, Associate Minister of Connection & Community, 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](http://HoustonsFirst.org/MidLinkPeakNights). **CONTACT** Candie.Gonzales@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7651.

**Give Our Lives**

**Churchwide HOUSTON PROJECT Jul 10-14**

Join over 1,500 members of the Houston's First family as we 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](http://HoustonsFirst.org/HoustonProject) or stop by the Missions Office. **CONTACT** Charlotte.Hudson@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.335.6451.

**Missions MISSION TRIPS**

Visit [HoustonsFirst.org/MissionTrips](http://HoustonsFirst.org/MissionTrips) to learn about these opportunities to give your life on the mission field:

- **East Asia (Jun 30-Jul 10)**
- **Lebanon (Jul 1-18)**
- **Kenya (Jul 13-30)**

**Pastoral Care CANHOPE**

**Mon, May 16 @ 6:45 pm – Garden Rm**  
CanHope ministers to individuals and families touched by cancer. Uldine Bisagno is the guest speaker at the next gathering, speaking on nutrition. The entrée is provided; please bring a salad, vegetable or dessert to serve 6 people. Everyone is welcome! **CONTACT** Pastoral Care, 713.957.6761.

**Volunteering**

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

- **Creative Arts Team: Camera Operator (Production)**  
**CONTACT** Nick.Rosenbaum@HoustonsFirst.org
- **Healthy Helpers (First Place)**  
**CONTACT** Lisa.Lewis@FirstPlace4Health.com
- **Children's Summer Kick-off Party (First Kids)**  
**CONTACT** Angie.Savage@HoustonsFirst.org
- **College Outdoor Adventure Crew (College Ministry)**  
**CONTACT** Nate.Stewart@HoustonsFirst.org
- **Spring Cleaning Team (Faith Center)**  
**CONTACT** Peter.Lee@HoustonsFirst.org
- **Heart 2 Heart Team (Preschool & Kindergarten)**  
**CONTACT** Sherry.Oradat@HoustonsFirst.org

**Downtown Campus Coming This Fall**

Visit [HoustonsFirst.org/Downtown](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Downtown) to learn more and complete an interest survey.

**Houston Project Registration Now Open!**  
Jul 10-14  
Share God's love with our city!  
Register now at [HoustonsFirst.org/HoustonProject](http://HoustonsFirst.org/HoustonProject)

**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](http://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](mailto:FirstName.LastName@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.
- I would like to speak to a minister about salvation, baptism, membership, ministries, or:
- 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: \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

**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](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Prayer).