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.				
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Pastoral Care

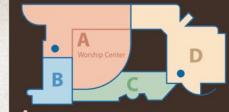
Are you experiencing grief, loneliness, illness, iob loss or other life difficulties? The Pastoral Care Ministry provides free and confidential help through the Stephen Ministry. Call 713.957.6762 for assistance, or indicate your interests below:

I would like a Stephen Minister to call me. I am interested in serving as a Stephen

Don't forget the "Get Connected" section on the other side!

Get Connected (turn over

Campus Directory & Parking Map



1 Bookstore 1 Chapel

1 Connection Center 1 Library

3 Rms 330-336 1 Main Foyer 1 Welcome Center 1 Preschool Check-In 1 Worship Center

B 3 The Clubhouse 6 Counseling Center 1 FBA Primary School

3 The Loft 1 Pastoral Care

1 First Baptist Academy 1 Oasis Rm 1 FBA Library

D 1 Café

1 Garden Rm

1 Harbor Rm 1 Christian Life Center 2 Rms 249-270 2 Crafts Rm (270)

1 Fellowship Center 2 Fitness Center

Not HFBC Parking

3 Rms 362-366

3 Student Ministry 1 Welcome Center

*Numbers next to location indicate floor



Summer Fun is in the Air

Kids and parents, visit HoustonsFirst.org/Summer2011 to learn more or sign up for the following!

MAY 31-Aug 19

Daycation: Summer Day Camp (K-8th Graders)

Parents' Night Out 1 Rms 100-108

2 Rms 200-208 3 Rms 301-303, 319, 322-329

4 Rms 400-408

5 Rms 500-508

1 Reception Rm

2 Rehearsal Hall

1 Rms 143 & 145

RUSHAPALOOZA (Middle & High School Students)

Children's Summer Kick-Off Party

9-12

(1st-5th Graders)

Camp 456 (4th-6th Graders)

20-24

Vacation Bible School (K-5th Graders)

30-Jul 2

3rd Grade Getaway

JULY

1st & 2nd Grade Family Fun Day

Summer Week of Choir (K-5th Graders)

23-30

RUSH Week (7th-12th Graders)

HoustonsFirst.org

Family Mission Trip

(1st-5th Graders & their families)

| Sympathies

» John Wilmore in the death of his wife, Zilah Wilmore; Sons: Spencer and Adam Wilmore; Mother-in-law: Ethel Wilmore

» Family and friends in the death of Mary Lynn » Blaine (Deacon) and Vicky Streeter in

the death of his father, Don Streeter Grandchildren: Kristen and Kimball Streete

Denise Miller in the death of her husband, Johnny Miller

Ray (Deacon) and Laura VanNorman in the death of his mother, Doralene VanNorman: Grandchildren: Luke and Olivia Van Norman

Diana Craft in the death of her mother. Nell Shelton: Grandsons: Mark and Bryan Craft

» Charlotte Long in the death of her daughter, Barbara Long: Brother: Tim and his wife, Rebecca Long; Nieces / Nephew: Lauren and Mathew Long Rene and her husband, James Hall: Great Niece/Nephew: Elisabeth and Hunter Hall

» Gary and Sherry Oradat in the death of his sister-in-law. Sharon Oradat

Lee and Lois Hadley in the death of her sister, Mary Matcik: Niece: Brenda and her husband, Mark Reed

Daniel and Lissette Jenkins in the death of his grandfather, Buddy Smith

Linda Askin (Staff) in the death of her sister-in-law, Barbara Westbrook Carter

Decisions May 8, 2011 FOR BAPTISM

Tv Baker Diana Tejeda

Facebook.com/HoustonsFirst

Claire Chen

SALVATION IN CHRIST Michelle Feux Sandy Casas

BAPTIZED

Word Atkins Carissa Puckett Hannah Revnolds Lauren Block Lindsav Block Matthew Revnolds Michael Richardson Mason Jolink

Carol Young

FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS

Laura Dovle Drew Gustafson Michael Dovle Joan Nicholes Elias Fernandez Tony Rosella Valerie Fernandez Jane Thomas **Evelyn Garanton** William Thomas Maria Garanton Micah Young

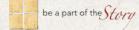
Weekly Summary ATTENDANCE FOR MAY 8, 2011

Sunday Bible Study 3,650 Mission Bible Study 945 Weekday Bible Study 459 **Total Bible Study** 5,054 Wednesday MidLink 993

GIVING. WEEK ENDING MAY 8, 2011

\$358,986 Tithes & Offerings \$315,839 Weekly Requirements \$43,147 Over/(Under) \$70,477 Designated Gifts \$108,619 Over/(Under) for May Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD \$382,338

Capital Campaign



WEEK ENDING MAY 8, 2011 \$21,768 **Donations Received TOTAL RECEIVED** \$25,826,069

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Weekend **Worship**

May 15, 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

NIGHT WORSHIP

SAT, MAY 21 @ 6 PM





Welcome to Houston's First! Whether you're a life-long member or a first-time quest, I am glad you're here today as we gather our hearts, grow our souls and give our lives.

Today's message from the Gospel of John in our "Shepherd

& Sheep" message series looks at the assurance of our salvation in Jesus Christ. That's a fancy way of saving that once someone is saved, they are saved for good. When we accept His payment for our sins, our debt is paid in full. We have eternal life.

Have you accepted His offer? I'll explain it more in the message today. At the end of the worship service, I invite you to come forward 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.

Partor 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 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.



"SHEPHERD & SHEEP" CD GIFT SETS

CD gift sets of the "Shepherd & Sheep" series, including today's message, are available in Corner Books for \$7. Pick one up for yourself and one to share with a friend!

Latest News & Updates MARO*E PARKING MOVING TO GARAGE

Beginning Sun, May 22, offsite parking at the Marg*E Center is moving to their garage—just in time for the hot Houston summer! Here's what you need to know:

- Cars may park on levels 3-5 of the garage
- Use stairs or elevators to reach the ground level
- Shuttles run from 7:30 am-2 pm every Sunday
- At Marg*E, shuttles pick up & drop off between garage and backside of Café Adobe
- At church, shuttles pick up & drop off outside Garden Room entrance
- Two uniformed security guards will monitor the parking garage

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 \$84 thru May 19, \$89 at the door. REGISTER HoustonsFirst.org/Impact, CONTACT Ryan.McPhetridge@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7672.

Fusion Ministries PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Fri, Jun 3 @ 6-10 pm - Houston's First

Let the Preschool and Recreation Ministries take care of the kids while you enjoy a romantic date night, go out with friends, enjoy an activity with your Bible study class—or just do something fun without the kids! Space is limited. COST 1 child \$10, 2 children \$15, 3 children \$20, 4+ children \$25. REGISTER by May 30 at HoustonsFirst.org/ParentsNightOut. CONTACT Laura.Wallace@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7611.

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 at HoustonsFirst.org/SWOC. Space is limited! CONTACT Shelley.Steelman@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.5887.



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:

- The Bridge @ 9:30 am Fellowship Ctr A/B For adults ages 40-53
- The Rising @ 10:45 am Rm 333 For couples married 2-15 years
- Crown @ 10:45 am Chapel For adults ages 70-90
- Roots @ 6:45 pm Gym (NW Corner) For single adults ages 25-32

HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

Wed, May 18 @ 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.



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. Drop off donated supplies including white poster board, Sharpie markers, pens, glue sticks, and yarn at the Missions Office. COST before Jun 12: \$30 adults; \$20 single parents & college students; free for kids under 18. **REGISTER** at HoustonsFirst.org/HoustonProject or stop by the Missions Office. CONTACT Charlotte. Hudson@HoustonsFirst.org. 713.335.6451.

DISCOVERING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Every Wed, May 25-Jun 22 @ 6:30-8 pm -Connection Ctr (Rm 145)

Discover the spiritual gifts God has given you in this 5-week class facilitated by Malcolm Marshall, Associate Minister of Connection & Community, COST \$10. **REGISTER** at HoustonsFirst.org/MissionalMilestones CONTACT Malcolm.Marshall@HoustonsFirst.org. 713.335.6453.

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)

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 for details about the following opportunities and nearly 100 ways you can serve

- HFBC Medical Emergency Team (Systems) CONTACT Lee.Phillips@HoustonsFirst.org
- Men's Prayer Team (Men's Ministry) CONTACT Eric.Reed@FirstPlace4Health.com
- High 5 Kids' Choir (Children's Ministry) CONTACT Josh.Harris@HoustonsFirst.org
- Group Fitness Instructor (Fitness & Recreation) **CONTACT** Debbie.Brown@HoustonsFirst.org
- Children's Summer Kick-off Party (First Kids) **CONTACT** Angie.Savage@HoustonsFirst.org
- Spring Cleaning Team (Faith Center) CONTACT Peter.Lee@HoustonsFirst.org

Baptism

Baptism is a joyous time of celebration as you acknowledge Jesus' death, burial and resurrection with the testimony of your • life. Have you followed through with this first step of obedience after salvation? Do you have questions, concerns or fears about being baptized? If so, we're here to help. **CONTACT** Malcolm.Marshall@ HoustonsFirst.org, 713.335.6453.

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.





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.