

Meet the Pastor



Pastor Gregg Matte

Dear Church Family & Guests,

Welcome to Houston's First! Whether you're a life-long member or a first-time guest, 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 saying 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.

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.

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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).



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.



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:

- **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 His Kingdom:

- **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.



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: ☐ College student (school): ☐ Single ☐ Single parent ☐ Engaged (fiancé): ☐ Married (since date): ☐ Widowed ☐ Veteran (branch):

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

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How Can We Help? (turnover)