



Meet the Pastor



Pastor Gregg Matte

Dear Church Family & Guests,

Welcome to Houston's First as we gather our hearts to worship God today! You would have a difficult time finding anybody who has never wondered or asked a question about death. Beginning

when we are little children, we think about what happens when someone dies—be it a first pet, a loved one, or ourselves.

Those are great questions to have, and the Bible provides the answers. The “Hereafter” series that we begin today takes us to the story of Lazarus as we continue our study of the Gospel of John. This miracle of Jesus will open the door for us to talk about death with God’s Word as our source for truth.

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.

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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

Children

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**Jun 20-24 @ 9 am-12:30 pm – Houston's First**

Children entering Kindergarten—completed 5th grade are invited to the Big Apple Adventure. As kids explore the big city, they'll learn how to step out in faith and connect with Jesus. “Travel itinerary” includes Bible study, crafts, missions, music, recreation, and snacks. **CONTACT** Angie.Savage@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7621. **COST** Free! **REGISTER** at HoustonsFirst.org/VBS.

Summit & Fusion Ministries METROLIVE

**Every Thu, Jun 2-Aug 4 @ 7:30 pm (except Jul 14)**

MetroLIVE is for the 20s-30s generation, whether married, single, or in college. Join us in the Worship Center for impactful speaking, powerful worship, and great fellowship. Hear from various speakers including Ben Stuart, Afshin Ziafat, & Timothy Ateek and worship leaders including Charlie Hall, Tyler Dodds, & Aaron Ivey. **CONTACT** MetroLIVE@HoustonsFirst.org. **VISIT** MetroLIVE.org.

Fusion Ministries PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

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

Let the Preschool Ministry take care of the kids while you enjoy a date night, go out with friends or just do something without the kids! Only children birth-Kindergarten will be cared for this evening. (Children in 1st-5th grades will attend the free Children's Ministry's Summer Kick-Off Party.) **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. **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:

- **Just for Men @ 9:30 am – Rm 252F**  
For men of all ages
- **The Heights @ 9:30 am – Rm 263**  
For women of all ages
- **Oikos @ 10:45 am – Harbor Rm**  
For young single and married adults
- **The Junction @ 10:45 am – Rm 330**  
For couples married 3-12 years

HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

**Wed, May 25 @ 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.

Womens Ministry

SUMMER LOVIN'

**Wed, Jun 8 & 15 @ 9:30-11:30 am – Fellowship Ctr**

Women of all generations will enjoy small group discussions about “Lovin’ Yourself” (Shannon Bloodworth) and “Lovin’ His Word” (Nancy Taylor) with worship led by Ryan Langford and Amanda Murray. **REGISTER** for each session and for childcare at HoustonsFirst.org/Women. **CONTACT** Jan.Butterfras@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7642.



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) – 2 spots left**
- **Kenya (Jul 14-30) – 4 spots left**

MEDICAL FIRST NETWORK INTEREST MEETING

**Wed, Jun 1 @ 7 pm – Rm 259**

Do you have a medical or health professional skill that can be used in the mission field, or have an interest in medical missions? Come hear about upcoming events and how you can get involved! **CONTACT** Nayla Raad at nraad@gmail.com.

Volunteering

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

- **Baptism Photographer (Missions Ctr)**  
**CONTACT** Jerrell.Altic@HoustonsFirst.org
- **K.I.L.N. – Keep It Like New (Facilities)**  
**CONTACT** Ricky.Robinson@HoustonsFirst.org
- **Children's Summer Kick-Off Party (First Kids)**  
**CONTACT** Angie.Savage@HoustonsFirst.org
- **Celebrate Recovery Prep Team (Counseling)**  
**CONTACT** Huston.McComb@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.
- ☐ Send me info about Sunday Bible Studies.

- Check all that apply:
- ☐ College student (school):

or: ☐ I would like to speak to a minister about salvation, baptism, membership, ministries,

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

How Can We Help? (turnover)