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, 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

Summer Fun is in the Air

1 Reception Rm

2 Rehearsal Hall

1 Rms 143 & 145

3 Rms 330-336

4 Rms 400-408

5 Rms 500-508

1 Harbor Rm

3 Rms 362-366

*Numbers next to location indicate floor

701 N Post Oak

3 Student Ministry

1 Preschool Check-In 1 Worship Center

1 First Baptist Academy 1 Oasis Rm

1 Christian Life Center 2 Rms 249-270

1 Welcome Center

Campus Directory & Parking Map

1 Bookstore

1 Main Foyer

1 Connection Center

6 Counseling Center

1 FBA Primary School

1 Chapel

1 Library

3 The Loft

1 Pastoral Care

1 FBA Library

2 Crafts Rm (270)

2 Fitness Center

-- Post Oak Route -- Marq*E Route -- Walkway --- Off Site Parking

Guest Parking

Not HFBC Parking

1 Garden Rm

1 Fellowship Center

D 1 Café

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)

JUNE

1 Rms 100-108 Parents' Night Out 2 Rms 200-208

3 Rms 301-303, 319, 322-329 Children's Summer Kick-Off Party (1st-5th Graders)

RUSHAPALOOZA (Middle & High School Students)

9-12

Camp 456 (4th-6th Graders)

Vacation Bible School (K-5th Graders)

30-Jul 2

1 Welcome Center 3rd Grade Getaway

JULY

1st & 2nd Grade Family Fun Day

Summer Week of Choir (K-5th Graders)

23-30

RUSH Week (7th-12th Graders)

710 N Post Oak

Family Mission Trip (1st-5th Graders & their families)

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MESSAGES ON CD

before & after services.



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May 31 - Aug 19

Weekly Summary ATTENDANCE FOR MAY 15, 2011

Sunday Bible Study	3,890	
Mission Bible Study	873	
Weekday Bible Study	264	
Total Bible Study	5,027	
Wednesday MidLink	1,138	
GIVING, WEEK ENDING MAY 15, 2011		

FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS

Daley Sparacino

Mark Sullivan

Ashley Tufail

Silvano Paiva

Norma Powell

Ron Stuart

Margaret Stuar

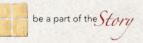
Heather Sullivan

Kimberly Poblano

Breanna Warden

Tithes & Offererings \$404,103 Weekly Requirements \$315,839 Over/(Under) \$88,264 \$57,996 **Designated Gifts** Over/(Under) for May \$196,883 Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD \$465,582

Capital Campaign



WEEK ENDING MAY 15, 2011

\$14,475 **Donations Received** TOTAL RECEIVED \$25,840,544

Weekend **Worship**

May 22, 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







HOUSTON'S FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sympathies

JoAnn Carson

Naomi Ward

FOR BAPTISM

John Hubbard

Juan Rodriguez

Susan Rodriguez

Shera Pate

BAPTIZED

Katie Burkhart

Brianna Crawford

Lisa Arzymanow

Mark Arzymanow

Rebecca Bowdoin

Christian Clark

Marta Paiva

Melanie Criswell

SALVATION IN CHRIST

Martha Ann Belcher

his mother, Alice Contreras;

Decisions May 15, 2011

George (Deacon) and Beverly

Shindler in the death of his sister,

» Roy Belcher in the death of his wife,

» Jose and Julie Contreras in the death of

Granddaughter: Audrey Contreras

» Family and Friends in the death of

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Dear Church Family & Guests,

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

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 guestions 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 joinin Houston's First—a relevant biblical community.

Partor Dregg

Latest News & Updates OFFSITE PARKING AT THE MARO*E GARAGE

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

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

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND SCHEDULE

On Sun, May 29, Houston's First will follow our normal schedule with worship services at 9:30 am, 11 am and 5:30 pm, and Sunday Bible Studies at 8:20 am, 9:30 am, 10:45 am, 4:15 pm and 6:45 pm. If you are out-of-town for the holiday weekend, gather with us online at HoustonsFirst.org/Webcast!

The Screwtape Letters

Aug 12 & 13 - Wortham Center

Houston's First members are offered discounts to this theatrical adaptation of C.S. Lewis' novel that reveals spiritual warfare from a demon's point of view. Starring Max McLean, the show is only in Houston for three performances. Additional discounts are available for groups of 10 or more! **VISIT** HoustonsFirst.org/Screwtape or stop by Corner Books for details. **NOTE** that tickets are not sold through the church or Corner Books.

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
- Kenva (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 ncraad@gmail.com.

Volunteering

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

- Baptism Photographer (Missions Ctr) CONTACT Jerrell.Altic@HoustonsFirst.org
- K.I.L.N. Keep It Like New (Facilities) CONTACT Ricky.Robinson@HoustonsFirst.og
- 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 vou 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.