

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO SERVED  
MEMORIAL DAY 2011



Meet the Pastor



Pastor Gregg Matte

**Dear Church Family & Guests,**  
Last week, as we began the *Hereafter* message series, we talked about how to grieve, pointing out that when we do we should grieve toward God—leaning into Him and turning to Him for comfort.

On this Memorial Day weekend, if you’ve lost a loved one in service to our country, I pray that you would grieve toward God. Loss is real, and so is He. Allow the God who comforts to comfort you.

Today, our Executive Pastor, Dr. David Self, delivers the message at each worship hour as we continue the *Hereafter* series in our study of the Gospel of John. I am always encouraged by David’s wisdom, his knowledge of God’s Word and his gift for teaching—and I’m sure you will be, too.

Finally, I invite you to come forward at the end of the worship service or to stop by the Connection Center. Staff members 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).



**Church Work Rules**  
In *Church Work Rules*, Executive Pastor Dr. David Self shares insights from the interim period he led at Houston’s First and the lessons he’s learned from years of ministry—including ones passed along from his father. The book is a great resource for anyone in a ministry leadership position. Pick up a copy today in Corner Books!

Latest News & Updates



**SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS**  
Registration for the SoFA Fall 2011 semester begins Wed, Jun 1! Lessons are available for piano, voice, guitar, percussion, photography, dance, and more. Plus, register in the month

of June, and the \$25 registration fee will be waived. **VISIT** [HoustonsFirst.org/SoFA](http://HoustonsFirst.org/SoFA) for details and to register. **CONTACT** Nancy Pollard, 713.957.5889, [SoFA@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:SoFA@HoustonsFirst.org).



Gather Our Hearts

Children

**SUMMER KICK-OFF PARTY**  
**Fri, Jun 3 @ 6-10p – Fitness & Recreation Center**  
Children 1st-5th grade will have some fun as we kick off the summer with Lasertag, games and giveaways! Kids can win gift cards, DVD players, Wii, water games, Webkinz, free camp tuitions and more. Just snacks are provided, so eat dinner before you come! **COST** Free! **VISIT** [HoustonsFirst.org/ChildrensEvents](http://HoustonsFirst.org/ChildrensEvents). **CONTACT** Angie.Savage@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7621

HUB Student Ministry

**RUSHAPALOOZA**  
**Fri, Jun 3 @ 8p–Sat, Jun 4 @ 8a**  
Calling all completed 6th-12th graders! Load up on some

caffeine because Rushapalooza is an all night lock-out where the Student Ministry invades the city of Houston. The best thing about Rushapalooza? It’s a surprise! You don’t know what is coming next. You won’t want to miss this night full of fun, food and games. **COST** \$50 online today; \$65 at the door. **REGISTER** [HoustonsFirst.org/Rushapalooza](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Rushapalooza). **CONTACT** Linda.Sproule@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7631.

Summit & Fusion Ministries

**METROLIVE**  
**Every Thu, Jun 2-Aug 4 @ 7:30p (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](mailto:MetroLIVE@HoustonsFirst.org). **VISIT** MetroLIVE.org.

Worship

**SUMMER WEEK OF CHOIR**  
**Jul 18-22 @ 9a-3p – 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](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:

- **Titus 2 @ 8:20a – Rm 259F**  
For women of all ages
- **Chairos @ 9:30a – Craft Rm (270)**  
For single adults with children
- **The Victory Class @ 10:45a – Rm 263**  
For adults ages 63-80
- **High Altitude @ 4:15p – Fellowship Ctr C/D**  
For couples married 1-10 years

HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

**Wed, Jun 1 @ 11:30a – 1010 Lamar (lower level)**  
Executive Pastor David Self will speak at this week’s downtown Bible study. Lunch begins at 11:30a for \$8 and Bible study takes place from 12:10-12:40p. **CONTACT** Diane.Bagby@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.6781.

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

**Every Wed, Jun 1-Aug 10 @ 7-8p – Garden Rm**  
Connect with the Houston’s First family during the week this summer! This Bible study for all ages begins with Rick Jones, Minister of Pastoral Care, kicking things off on Jun 1, 8 and 15. **CONTACT** Jason.Swiggart@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7650.

HUB Student Ministry

**RUSH GROUPS**  
**Begin Thu, Jun 9 @ 2-4p – Rms 363/364**  
Hey students—there’s no excuse for being bored this summer! Led by Student Ministry staff and interns, RUSH Groups provide a place to have fun, build relationships and grow closer to God. Groups gather in the Student Ministry area and are divided by grade and gender. The gaming area opens at 1p so come early if you want! **CONTACT** Susan.Newman@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7631.

Women’s Ministry

**SUMMER LOVIN’**  
**Wed, Jun 8 & 15 @ 9:30-11:30a – 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](http://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 13 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](http://HoustonsFirst.org/HoustonProject) or stop by the Missions Office. **CONTACT** Charlotte.Hudson@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.335.6451.

FIRST HOPE JOB MINISTRY

**Sat, Jun 4 @ 9a-Noon – Rm 602**  
First HOPE seeks to help others procure employment. At this month’s free meeting, discuss and learn tips on resume writing, interviewing, and networking and gain the necessary resources for obtaining employment. Most importantly, receive biblical encouragement specifically designed for the job seeker. **VISIT** [HoustonsFirst.org/FirstHopeJobMinistry](http://HoustonsFirst.org/FirstHopeJobMinistry). **CONTACT** [HOPE@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:HOPE@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.335.6471.

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

MEDICAL FIRST NETWORK INTEREST MEETING

**Wed, Jun 1 @ 7p – 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](mailto:ncraad@gmail.com).

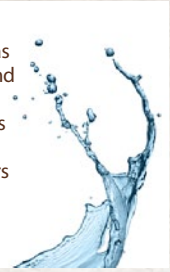
Volunteering

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

- **English as a Second Language Team (The Faith Ctr)**  
**CONTACT** Peter.Lee@HoustonsFirst.org
- **Winsome People (Adult Enrichment)**  
**CONTACT** Tracie.Bowman@HoustonsFirst.org
- **Outdoors Unlimited (Men’s Ministry/Fitness & Rec)**  
**CONTACT** Eric.Reed@HoustonsFirst.org
- **Children’s Summer Kick-off Party (First Kids)**  
**CONTACT** Angie.Savage@HoustonsFirst.org
- **International Student Friendship Ministry Team (Local Missions)**  
**CONTACT** [Downings@flash.net](mailto:Downings@flash.net)

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](mailto: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 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	_____
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Email	_____	Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)	_____
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).