### **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!

### Campus Directory & Parking Map



1 Reception Rm

2 Rehearsal Hall

1 Rms 143 & 145

3 Rms 330-336

1 Rms 100-108

2 Rms 200-208

4 Rms 400-408

5 Rms 500-508

3 Rms 301-303, 319, 322-329

1 Welcome Center

1 Bookstore 1 Chapel 1 Connection Center 1 Library 1 Main Foyer 1 Preschool Check-In 1 Worship Center

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 Harbor Rm 1 Christian Life Center 2 Rms 249-270 2 Crafts Rm (270) 3 Rms 362-366 1 Fellowship Center 3 Student Ministry 2 Fitness Center 1 Welcome Center

1 Garden Rm

= = Post Oak Route

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Off Site Parking

Guest Parking

Not HFBC Parkin

\*Numbers next to location indicate floor

Zafayette Garage 701 N Post Oak

Missions Pastoral

720 N Post Oak

710 N Post Oak

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PROPOSED CHURCH BUDGET

The church applies undesignated tithes and offerings toward The Great Commission Fund (operating budget), which is voted on by the church body every year. The Finance Committee of the church meets on a monthly basis to review the church's financials. A summary of the church's monthly financials is presented to the Deacons and the church body at the monthly church conference. For the fiscal year beginning July 2011 and ending June 2012, The Great Commission Fund has been set at \$18,580,904.

A listing of ministries and departments under each of the categories can be found at HoustonsFirst.org/Financial. This operating budget will be presented for approval at the monthly church conference on Sun, Jun 5, at 4:45p in the Chapel. Everyone is invited to attend, but only members of the church may cast a vote. The allocations among ministries and areas of operation are as follows:



\$2,720,36 \$2,856,25 \$1,169,01 \$1,218,6 Worship & Production \$3,872,54 Admin & Personnel Benefits \$695,76 \$4,347,276

### Births

» Trip and Sarah Larzelere in the birth of their daughter, Emily Francis Larzelere; Siblings: Charlotte and Henry Larzelere

» Rick and Holly Gil in the birth of their son, Luka Eulalio Gil

### Sympathies

Augie and Jenny Reuss in the death of his father, Theodore A. Reuss III and in the death of his grandmother, Beverley Reuss; Granddaughter: Addisen Reuss

### **Decisions** May 22, 2011 FOR BAPTISM

Daniel Blazei **Erienne Lewis** Marcia Grota Sheila Norman Drake Heller Nicole Sheldon John Ingham

### BY STATEMENT

Jake Omer Kay Omer

### BAPTIZED

Alana Chapa-Sendejas Autumn Crowl

### FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS

Natalie Blazei Andrew Foreman **Bobbie Chun** Ginny Grainger Steven Chun

### **MESSAGES ON CD**

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Sunday 8a-12:30p & 4-7p Monday Closed Tuesday 9a-4p Wednesday 9a-4p Thursday 9a-4p Friday &

### **Weekly Summary ATTENDANCE FOR MAY 22, 2011**

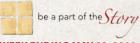
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Sunday Bible Study 3.902 Mission Bible Study Not Available Weekday Bible Study 295 **Total Bible Study** 4,197 Wednesday MidLink 274

### **GIVING, WEEK ENDING MAY 22, 2011**

Tithes & Offererings \$253,407 \$315,839 Weekly Requirements Over/(Under) (\$62,432) \$50,203 **Designated Gifts** Over/(Under) for May \$134,451 Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD \$402,485

### **Capital Campaign**



**WEEK ENDING MAY 22, 2011 Donations Received** 

\$25,856,576 TOTAL RECEIVED



May 29, 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



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### **Dear Church** Family & Guests,

we began the lereafter message ries, 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 teachingand 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.

Partor Dregg



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

**Church Work Rules** 

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, HOUSTON'S FIRST percussion, photography, dance, and more. Plus, register in the month

of June, and the \$25 registration fee will be waived. VISIT HoustonsFirst.org/SoFA for details and to register. CONTACT Nancy Pollard, 713.957.5889, 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, Wij, water games, Webkinz, free camp tuitions and more. Just snacks are provided, so eat dinner before you come! COST Free! VISIT 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 CONTACT Linda.Sproule@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7631

### **Summit & Fusion Ministries** METROLIVE

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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. 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. 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:

- 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. 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 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. CONTACT HOPE@HoustonsFirst.org. 713.335.6471.

### 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 @ 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** Navla Raad at ncraad@gmail.com.

### Volunteering

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

- English as a Second Language Team (The Faith Ctr) **CONTACT** Peter.Lee@HoustonsFirst.org
- Winsome People (Adult Enrichment) **CONTACT** Tracie.Bowman@HoustonsFirst.og
- 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

### 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.