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!

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Campus Directory & Parking Map

1 Bookstore 1 Chapel 1 Connection Center 1 Library 1 Main Foyer

1 Preschool Check-In 1 Worship Center 3 The Clubhouse 6 Counseling Center 1 FBA Primary School 3 The Loft

1 Pastoral Care 5 Rms 500-508 1 First Baptist Academy 1 Oasis Rm

1 FBA Library

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

1 Garden Rm

*Numbers next to location indicate floor

1 Reception Rm

2 Rehearsal Hall

1 Rms 143 & 145

3 Rms 330-336

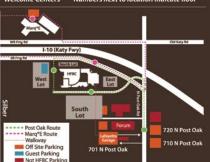
1 Rms 100-108

2 Rms 200-208

4 Rms 400-408

3 Rms 301-303, 319, 322-329

1 Welcome Center



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 today, Sun, Jun 5, at 4:30p in the Rehearsal Hall. Everyone is invited to attend, but only members of the church may cas a vote. The allocations among ministries and areas of operation are as follows:



Missions \$2,720,368 \$2,856,259 \$1,169,01 Pastoral Worship & Production \$1,218.64 \$3,872,54 Admin & Personnel Benefits Operations \$4,347,27 apital Reserve

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Births

» Mark and Lisa Arzymanow in the birth of their daughter, Emma Kate Arzymanow; Brother: Ethan Arzymanow

» Joey and Amber Cessac in the birth of their daughters, Eden Allison and Noelle Kathryn Cessac

Sympathies

» Family and friends of Betty Blakely

» William (Staff) and Nancy Taylor in the death of his father, Bill Taylor; Grandchildren: Will Taylor and Sarah

Decisions May 29, 2011 FOR BAPTISM

Clif Dickerson, III Amye Dickerson

BAPTIZED

Luke Kliphon

FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS

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MESSAGES ON CD Available in Corner Books before & after services.

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CornerBooks

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

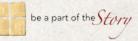
Weekly Summary ATTENDANCE FOR MAY 29, 2011

Sunday Bible Study 3,179 Mission Bible Study 864 Weekday Bible Study 155 **Total Bible Study** 4,198 Wednesday MidLink

GIVING, WEEK ENDING MAY 29, 2011

Tithes & Offerings \$240,680 Weekly Requirements \$315,839 (\$75,159) Over/(Under) **Designated Gifts** \$81,757 Over/(Under) for May \$59,292 Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD \$326,926

Capital Campaign



WEEK ENDING MAY 29, 2011

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\$10,747 **Donations Received TOTAL RECEIVED** \$25,867,324

Weekend **Worship**



HOUSTON'S FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Gather

Grow

Give

Make It Your Church

Orientation

See "Latest News" inside

Sun, Jun 12







On any given Sunday, the Worship Center and Chapel re filled with first time quests and life-long members Some of you have been here since you were born, and some of you set foot in the building for

the first time today. No matter what your story is, I'm glad to have you worshipping at Houston's First.

If you do not have a church home of your own, I invite you to attend Make It Your Church Orientation next Sun, Jun 12, You'll meet staff members and learn what it means to be a member of Houston's First, Even if you've attended our church for a long time but have never joined, I invite you to this orientation and we'll provide the food! See the "Latest News & Updates" section for details.

Finally, you can always come forward at the end of a worship service or stop by the Connection Center to meet with staff members about having a relationship with Jesus Christ or joining Houston's First—a relevant biblical community.

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Latest News & Updates "HEREAFTER" CD GIFT SETS

The CD gift set of the "Hereafter" message series is available today in Corner Books for \$7. Pick up a copy for vourself and one to share with a friend, too!

MAKE IT YOUR CHURCH ORIENTATION

Whether you've recently joined or just visited Houston's First, come learn what it means to be a part of a relevant biblical community on Sun, Jun 12. Meet staff members over lunch at noon (Fellowship Center) or light snacks at 4p (Rm 145). REGISTER at HoustonsFirst.org/NewMember. CONTACT Malcolm.Marshall@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.335.6453.

DEACON'S MEETING

The Deacon Administrative Committee meets today at 2:30p in Rm 249. The entire Deacon body will meet at 3:30p in the Rehearsal Hall.

CHURCH CONFERENCE

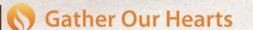
This monthly gathering meets today at 4:30p in the Rehearsal Hall. This month, the Great Commission Fund (operating budget) for FY12 will be up for approval. Anybody may attend, but only individuals who are members of Houston's First may vote.



SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS

Registration for the SoFA Fall 2011 SOFA semester has begun! 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 for details and to register. CONTACT Nancy Pollard, 713.957.5889, SoFA@ HoustonsFirst.org.



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A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S THING

Wed, Jun 29 @ 6:30-8:15p - Houston's First

Reconnect with your church family this summer and have some plain ol'fun! There's something for every member of the family that night—from preschoolers through adults and dinner is available, too, from 4:45-6:15p, COST Free to attend. Gourmet burgers for adults \$6, sliders for kids \$4. VISIT HoustonsFirst.org/MidsummerNight.

Children **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Jun 20-24 @ 9a-12:30p - 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. COST Free! REGISTER HoustonsFirst.org/VBS. CONTACT Angie.Savage@ HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7621.

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. 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:

- 212° @ 9:30a Gym (SE Corner) For single adults ages 25-31
- · InJoy The Journey @ 9:30a Rm 333 For couples ages 30+ married 1-3 years
- In the Beginning @ 10:45a Craft Rm (270) For adults ages 49-65
- · Covenant Keepers @ 10:45a Rm 259 For adults ages 69-79

HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

Wed, Jun 8 @ 11:30a – 1010 Lamar (lower level) Ministries Pastor Jason Swiggart 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, teaching on Jun 8 and 15. CONTACT Jason.Swiggart@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7650.

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.

NO OTHER GODS

Every Tue, Jun 14-Aug 16 @ 9:30-11:30a - Rm 249 Tired of just putting a bandage on the things in life that seem to pull you down? Join Becky Kiser as she leads women through the book No Other Gods: Confronting our Modern Day Idol by Kelly Minter. Sessions include large and small discussions, and childcare is available by registration. No class on Jun 21 or Jul 5. VISIT HoustonsFirst.org/Women. CONTACT Jan.Butterfras@ HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7642.



Give Our Lives

Churchwide **HOUSTON PROJECT**

Jul 10-14

Preparations for Houston Project are in full swing. Come to the initial site meeting on Sun, Jun 12 @ 2p at Houston's First to meet with your site leaders and fellow volunteers! Then, join over 1,500 volunteers as we share God's love with our 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. COST before Jun 12: \$30 adults; \$20 single parents & college students; free for kids under 18. **REGISTER** at HoustonsFirst.org/HoustonProject, in the

Missions Office, or in the Welcome Center today, CONTACT Charlotte.Hudson@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.335.6451.

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

Fitness & Recreation BLOOD DRIVE

Sun, Jun 12 @ 8a-2p - Outside Fit & Rec Center

The Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center will host a blood drive located outside the Fitness & Rec Center (CLC) entrance. Give the gift of life and donate blood on Sun, Jun 12! CONTACT Debbie.Brown@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.6701.

Volunteering

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

- Prayer Ministry Team (Prayer, Missions & Connection Center) CONTACT Charlotte.Hudson@HoustonsFirst.org
- Sunday School Leadership -(Preschool & Kindergarten) CONTACT Melinda.Scurlock@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.

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 Fover. 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.