

Meet the Pastor



Pastor Gregg Matte

Dear Church Family & Guests,

On any given Sunday, the Worship Center and Chapel are filled with first time guests 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.

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

Churchwide

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**
- **Kenya (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 His Kingdom:

- **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.



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.

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

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

Contact Information

Name _____

Address _____

Primary Phone # _____

Email _____

Children living at home: _____

Name _____

() Check if this is a change of address.

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Birthdate (mm/dd/yy) _____

Grade _____

School _____

Today's Date _____

☐ Single

☐ Single parent

☐ Engaged (fiancé):

☐ Married (since date):

☐ Widowed

☐ Veteran (branch):

How Can We Help? (turnover)