

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

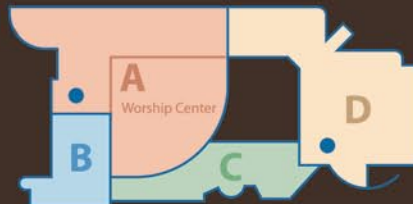
Are you experiencing grief, loneliness, illness, job loss or other life difficulties? The Pastoral Care Ministry provides free and confidential help through the Stephen Ministry. Call 713.957.6762 for assistance, or indicate your interests below:

- I would like a Stephen Minister to call me.
 I am interested in serving as a Stephen Minister.

Don't forget the "Get Connected" section on the other side!

Get Connected *(turn over)*

Campus Directory & Parking Map



- A**
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| 1 Bookstore | 1 Reception Rm |
| 1 Chapel | 2 Rehearsal Hall |
| 1 Connection Center | 1 Rms 143 & 145 |
| 1 Library | 3 Rms 330-336 |
| 1 Main Foyer | 1 Welcome Center |
| 1 Preschool Check-In | 1 Worship Center |
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| 3 The Clubhouse | 1 Rms 100-108 |
| 6 Counseling Center | 2 Rms 200-208 |
| 1 FBA Primary School | 3 Rms 301-303, 319, 322-329 |
| 3 The Loft | 4 Rms 400-408 |
| 1 Pastoral Care | 5 Rms 500-508 |
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| 1 First Baptist Academy | 1 Oasis Rm |
| 1 FBA Library | |
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| 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 | |

Welcome Centers **Numbers next to location indicate floor*



Summer Fun is in the Air!

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
20-24 Vacation Bible School (K-5th Graders)
22 Activities & Dinner (HUB)
27 Schlitterbahn Trip (HUB)
29 A Midsummer Night's Thing (all ages)
30-Jul 2 3rd Grade Getaway

JULY
6 Amazing Race Night (HUB)
9 1st & 2nd Grade Family Fun Day
10-14 HOUSTON PROJECT
18-22 Summer Week of Choir (K-5th Graders)

20 RUSH Week Rally & Prayer (HUB)
23-30 RUSH Week (7th-12th Graders)
29 Family Mission Trip (1st-5th Graders & their families)

Births

» Marvin McNeese, Jr. (Deacon) and Melanie McNeese in the birth of their son, Gabriel Scott McNeese; Siblings: Marvin and Lydia McNeese

Sympathies

» Family and Friends of Hazel Strathdee

Decisions Jun 12, 2011

BY STATEMENT
Zac Orr

FOR BAPTISM

Joshua Castillo Melanie Moreno
Tomas Martinez

BAPTIZED

Austin Alvarez Amye Dickerson
Sarah Alvarez Kyle McLeod
Hailey Barnes Jackson Watkins

FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS

Rickie Belt Maria Guilarte
Daniel Brown Marc King
Kimberly Callegari Cindy Smith
Charles Couch Aimee Woodard
Tracie Couch Seth Woodard
Fernando Guilarte

MESSAGES ON CD

Available in Corner Books before & after services.

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Ministry info, news, events & more!



Weekly Summary

ATTENDANCE FOR JUN 12, 2011

Sunday Bible Study	3,730
Mission Bible Study	874
Weekday Bible Study	377
Total Bible Study	4,981
Wednesday MidLink	288

GIVING, WEEK ENDING JUN 12, 2011

Tithes & Offerings	\$261,531
Weekly Requirements	\$315,839
Over/(Under)	(\$54,308)
Designated Gifts	\$54,568
Over/(Under) for Jun	\$22,088
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD	\$349,014

Capital Campaign

be a part of the *Story*

WEEK ENDING JUN 12, 2011
 Donations Received \$8,808
TOTAL RECEIVED \$25,893,042

Weekend Worship

June 19, 2011

Sunday Worship

9:30a
11a
5:30p

Sunday Bible Study

8:20a
9:30a
10:45a
4:15p
6:45p

Sunday Kids' Worship

9:30a
11a
5:30p



HOUSTON'S FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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Pastor Gregg Matte

Dear Church Family & Guests,

Welcome to Houston's First! It's great to be back with you after being in Phoenix last Sunday for the Pastor's Conference at the Southern Baptist Convention's Annual Meeting. I appreciate your prayers and words

of encouragement as I had the honor of delivering a message to my peers from around the nation.

Today, we begin a new series called "Heavenomics" as we start to wrap-up the first year of our two-year study of the Gospel of John. Much attention has been paid to our nation's economy in recent years, with countless experts chiming in on how to make things better. But in God's economy, we often see our conventional wisdom turned upside down. We gain by losing and we keep what we give away. As we look at God's Word in this message series, we'll see that it doesn't take a panel of experts to grasp the concepts upon which He operates.

Finally, if you have any questions about our church or getting to know Jesus Christ, come forward at the end of the worship service or visit the Connection Center. Staff members and I would love to hear your questions and talk about whatever is on your heart.

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.

How Can We Pray For You?

Share your requests the following ways and we'll add them to our online prayer database!

- Click "Find Help" at HoustonFirst.org
- Text "PRAYFIRST [your name and requests]" to 41411
- Call our Prayerline at 713.335.6456
- Complete the attached "How Can We Help?" card
- Visit the Prayer, Missions & Connection Center

Need to Contact Us?

To contact HFBC staff, call 713.681.8000 (Mon-Fri, 8a-4:30p) or email FirstName.LastName@HoustonFirst.org

Vacation Bible School

Jun 20-24 @ 9a-12:30p – Houston's First

Children entering Kindergarten – completed 5th grade are headed on a 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. Walk-ins welcome! Come to the Main Foyer during VBS hours to register. **COST** Free! **CONTACT** Angie.Savage@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7621.

Latest News & Updates

DOWNTOWN CAMPUS RALLY

Sun, Jun 26 @ 5p – Chapel at Houston's First
Planning on attending Houston's First's downtown campus opening this fall, or interested in learning more about it? Come to this gathering and hear Campus Pastor Lee Hsia's vision, worship with the downtown worship band, and get informed on news and upcoming events. **VISIT** HoustonFirst.org/Downtown. **CONTACT** Lee Hsia at Downtown@HoustonFirst.org.



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** HoustonFirst.org/MidsummerNight.

**Children
3RD GRADE GETAWAY**

Jun 30-Jul 2 – Trinity Pines Conference Center
All children who just completed 3rd grade are invited to a weekend of swimming, zip lining, rock wall climbing, crazy camp games, worship and more! **COST** \$125. **REGISTER** HoustonFirst.org/3rdGradeGetaway. **CONTACT** Rae.Edwards@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7622.

**HUB Student Ministry
SCHLITTERBAHN TRIP**

Mon, Jun 27 – New Braunfels, TX
The HUB Student Ministry has fun activities going on all summer long, including a day trip to Schlitterbahn! Students — you won't want to miss this day of tube chutes, endless rivers, uphill water coasters, swimming, and just hanging out with your friends. **COST** \$50 in advance, \$60 at the door. **REGISTER** HoustonFirst.org/RushExperience. **CONTACT** Susan.Newman@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7631.

**Men's Ministry
MAN TO MAN: AN EVENING WITH LOUIS ZAMPERINI**

Sat, Aug 27 @ 7-8:30p - Worship Center
Men from all around Houston are invited to spend an evening with Louis Zamperini, a man whose life brought him from the 1936 Olympics to POW camps during WWII. His inspiring story

is told in the book *Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption*, and on Sat, Aug 27, Louis will tell his tale in person at Houston's First Baptist Church. **VISIT** HoustonFirst.org/ManToMan for information and to buy tickets. **TICKETS** Reserved seats for \$8-\$18. **CONTACT** Eric.Reed@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7680.

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 HoustonFirst.org/BibleStudies and explore the options on your own. Here's some to consider:

- **The Refiners @ 10:45a – Rm 249**
For adults ages 65-77
- **Dayspring @ 10:45a – Garden Rm**
For women of all ages
- **After I Do @ 4:15p – Fellowship Center A/B**
For couples married 1-5 years
- **Night Light @ 6:45p – Fellowship Center A/B**
For single adults ages 30+

HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

Wed, Jun 22 @ 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@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.6781.

**HUB Student Ministry
RUSH GROUPS**

Every Thu thru Aug 4 @ 2-4p – Student Ministry Area
Middle School and High School students—looking for something to do during the hot afternoons this summer? Gather each Thu in the cool A/C with our even cooler

summer interns to connect, grow in God's Word and just have a great time. (No gathering on Jul 28 due to Rush Week.) **CONTACT** Susan.Newman@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7631.

**Women's Ministry
NO OTHER GODS**

Every Tue thru 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** HoustonFirst.org/Women. **CONTACT** Jan.Butterfras@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.7642.

Give Our Lives

**Churchwide
HOUSTON PROJECT**

Jul 10-14
Join in the mission trip to our city as we share God's love the evenings of Jul 10-14! Choose from 13 ministry sites around town to serve with Vacation Bible School, 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 crayons at the Missions Office. **COST** \$40 adults; \$30 single parents & college students; free for kids under 18. **REGISTER** at HoustonFirst.org/HoustonProject or in the Welcome Center today. **CONTACT** Charlotte.Hudson@HoustonFirst.org, 713.335.6451.

**Missions
CHILD SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

Houston's First is partnering with Chandigarh Baptist School in Northern India to provide Christian educa-

tions for their 1200 students! Sponsor a child's education for \$30 per month, or a one-time sponsorship of \$360 for one year. **CONTACT** Rochelle.Tucker@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.5861, or stop by the Missions Office to pick up an info packet.

**Fitness & Recreation
FREE PREVIEW CLASSES**

Thu, Jun 23 @ 6-8p & Fri, Jun 24 @ 9:30-11:30a – University Rm
Everyone is invited to preview these amazing group exercise classes for free! Train for a spiritual and physical battle through kickboxing and karate with *Fight* on Jun 23 @ 7-8p and Jun 24 @ 10:30-11:30a. Then propel yourself to peak cardio levels with *Adrenaline* on Jun 23 @ 6-7p and Jun 24 @ 9:30-10:30a. **VISIT** HoustonFirst.org/Recreation. **CONTACT** Debbie.Brown@HoustonFirst.org, 713.957.6701.

Volunteering

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

- **Car Heroes (Adult Enrichment)**
CONTACT Tracie.Bowman@HoustonFirst.org
- **Connection Center Team (Prayer, Missions & Connection Center)**
CONTACT Jerrell.Altic@HoustonFirst.org
- **Imagineer (Creative Services)**
CONTACT Sloane.Rinaldi@HoustonFirst.org
- **Group Fitness Instructor (Fitness & Recreation)**
CONTACT Debbie.Brown@HoustonFirst.org
- **Faith Center Computer Ministry (The Faith Center)**
CONTACT JeffH@att.net
- **Grief Share (Pastoral Care)**
CONTACT Linda.Askin@HoustonFirst.org

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:

- College student (school):

Contact Information () Check if this is a change of address.

Name _____ Today's Date _____
 Address _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____
 Primary Phone # _____ Birthdate (mm/dd/yy) _____
 Email _____ School _____
 Children living at home: _____ Grade _____
 Name _____

- Single
- Single parent
- Engaged (fiancé):
- Married (since date):
- Widowed
- Veteran (branch):



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 HoustonFirst.org/Prayer.