

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

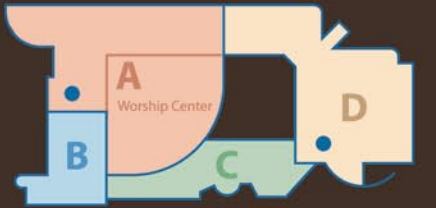
Are you experiencing grief, loneliness, illness, job loss or other life difficulties? The Pastoral Care Ministry provides free and confidential help through the Stephen Ministry. Call 713.957.6762 for assistance, or indicate your interests below:

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

- C**
- 1 First Baptist Academy
 - 1 FBA Library
 - 1 Oasis Rm

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

☒ 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!

- JULY**
- 6** HUB Student Ministry – Amazing Race Night (6:30-8:30p)
 - 9** 1st & 2nd Grade Family Fun Day
 - 11** 6th Grade One-Day Project
 - 10-14** HOUSTON PROJECT
 - 18-22** Summer Week of Choir (K-5th Graders)
 - 20** HUB Student Ministry – Rush Week Rally & Prayer (6:30-8:30p)
 - 21** MetroLive
 - 23-30** RUSH Week (7th-12th Graders)
 - 28** MetroLive
 - 29** Family Mission Trip (1st-5th Graders & their families)

- AUGUST**
- 4** MetroLive (20s/30s)
 - 6** The Response (prayer gathering at Reliant Stadium)
 - 15** Captivated Together (Women)
 - 20** Back to School Bash (Single Parent Families)
 - 21** Back to School Sunday
 - 24** MidLink begins
 - 26** Parents' Night Out

Births

» Matt and Emily Voeltner in the birth of their daughter, Madison Claire Voeltner; Grandparents: Russ and Sandy Wright

Sympathies

» Nicki Rubio in the death of her husband, Mark Rubio
» Michael and Cindy Morgan in the death of her great aunt, Lois Flournoy

Decisions Jun 26, 2011

FOR BAPTISM
Elizabeth Elliott Carmen Strittmatter
Jason Mathers Kevin Weaver
Laura Pearce

BY STATEMENT
David Funk Amanda Glasshof

BAPTIZED
Nancy Wells

FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS
Leslie Mathers Yvonne Neiman
Diana Meek Grant Parkman
John Meek David Pearce
Derek Nease Jeff Strittmatter
Gary Neiman Kinsye Weaver

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Ministry info, news, events & more!

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

THE RESPONSE:
a call to prayer for a nation in crisis

Sat, Aug 6 @ 10a-5p – Reliant Stadium
Thousands of people will gather on Aug 6 for The Response, a day of fasting and prayer for our nation. Pastor Gregg and Houston's First look forward to our church family participating with believers from around the country. To register and learn more about The Response, visit TheResponseUSA.com.

Weekly Summary

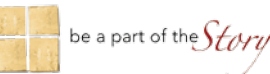
ATTENDANCE FOR JUN 26, 2011

Sunday Bible Study	3,811
Mission Bible Study	898
Weekday Bible Study	75
Total Bible Study	4,784
Wednesday MidLink	281

GIVING, WEEK ENDING JUN 26, 2011

Tithes & Offerings	\$259,483
Weekly Requirements	\$315,839
Over/(Under)	\$(56,356)
Designated Gifts	\$49,639
Over/(Under) for Jun	\$(23,078)
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD	\$303,098

Capital Campaign



WEEK ENDING JUN 26, 2011
Donations Received \$9,437
TOTAL RECEIVED \$25,990,230

Weekend Worship

July 3, 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

Meet the Pastor



Pastor Gregg Matte

Dear Church Family & Guests,

Welcome to Houston's First—and happy Independence Day! This weekend, Americans will celebrate our 235th birthday with picnics, parades, and—where it's not too dry—fireworks. We have much to be thankful for and many reasons to celebrate.

Of course, the freedom we have as Americans pales in comparison to the freedom made available to us through Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross. That may be a cliché in church circles. However, it's the Truth that inspired our Founding Fathers and upon which our nation was established. As an American, you are free. But, are you free in Jesus Christ?

I invite you to come forward at the end of today's worship service or to stop by the Connection Center. Staff members and I are available to talk with you about freedom in 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.



School of Fine Arts



Registration is open for the SoFA Fall 2011 semester! Lessons are available for piano, voice, guitar, percussion, photography, dance, and more. **VISIT** HoustonsFirst.org/SoFA for more information and to

register. **CONTACT** Nancy Pollard at 713.957.5889, or SoFA@HoustonsFirst.org.

FBA Openings



First Baptist Academy has limited Kindergarten-8th grade openings for the 2011-2012 school year, and financial aid is available for qualified families. **CONTACT** Allison.Smith@HFBA.org, 713.290.2522. **VISIT** FBAHouston.org.

Latest News & Updates

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED JULY 4

Today, Houston's First follows our normal schedule with worship services at 9:30a, 11a, and 5:30p with Sunday Bible studies at 8:20a, 9:30a, 10:45a, 4:15p and 6:45p. The church building and offices will be closed tomorrow (Monday, Jul 4) including the Fitness & Recreation Center.

DEACON ORDINATION

Next Sun, Jul 10, four men will be ordained as new Deacons during the two morning worship services: Jeremiah Pearce & Lynn Cain (9:30a); and Lincoln Goodwin & Robert Redweik, Jr. (11a). Previously ordained Deacons, Douglas Branham (9:30a) & Ray Lewis (11a), will also be recognized. Pray for these men and their families as they continue their service to our church in this new role.

Gather Our Hearts

Children

1ST & 2ND GRADE FAMILY FUN DAY

Sat, Jul 9 @ 10a-2p – Hunt Retreat, Brookshire, TX Completed 1st and 2nd graders—bring your families out for a day of fun! Activities include water games, face painting, hot dogs, and more. **COST** Free! **REGISTER** HoustonsFirst.org/FamilyFunDay. **CONTACT** Angie.Savage@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7626.

Men's Ministry

MEN:PRAY

Sat, Jul 9 @ 8-10a – Fellowship Center

Men of all ages are invited to join Eric Reed, William Taylor, Jerrell Altic and others for a special gathering to pray for our families, homes, church, city, country and world. A light breakfast will be provided. **COST** Free! **REGISTER** HoustonsFirst.org/MenPray. **CONTACT** Eric.Reed@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7680.

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** HoustonsFirst.org/ManToMan

for information and to buy tickets. **TICKETS** Reserved seats for \$8-\$18. **CONTACT** Eric.Reed@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7680.



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 Kindergarten-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! Space is limited! **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:

- **Blueprints @ 9:30a – Rm 335**
For couples married 1-3 years
- **Covenant @ 9:30a – Rm 252**
For adults ages 36-44
- **Oikos @ 10:45a – Harbor Rm**
For young singles & married adults
- **Catacombs @ 10:45a – Fellowship Ctr C/D**
For adults ages 64+

HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

Wed, Jul 6 @ 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.

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@HoustonsFirst.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 Jul 5. **VISIT** HoustonsFirst.org/Women. **CONTACT** Jan.Butterfras@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7642.



Give Our Lives

Churchwide

HOUSTON PROJECT KICK-OFF RALLY

Wed, Jul 6 @ 6:30p – Worship Center

Be there this Wed night when Houston Project kicks off with a huge rally! Afterward, meet with your site groups for one last meeting before Houston Project begins. If you haven't signed up for Houston Project, it's not too late! This is the mission trip to our city as we share God's love the evenings of July 10-14! **COST** \$40 adults; \$30 single parents & college students; free for kids under 18. **REGISTER** HoustonsFirst.org/HoustonProject or in the Main Foyer on Sundays. **CONTACT** Charlotte.Hudson@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.335.6451.

Missions

CHILD SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Houston's First is partnering with Chandigarh Baptist School in Northern India to provide Christian educations 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@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.5861, or stop by the Missions Office to pick up an info packet.

Children

FAMILY MISSION TRIP

Fri, Jul 29 @ 7:30a-6:30p – Galveston

Children K-5th grade and their families are invited to a mission day trip to Galveston! Serve together with your family by rebuilding a local church and homes in the area, and sharing the love of Christ with others. **COST** \$30/person, max \$120/family. **REGISTER** at HoustonsFirst.org/ChildrensEvents. **CONTACT** Amanda.Westberry@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7621.

HUB Student Ministry

6TH GRADE ONE-DAY PROJECT

Mon, Jul 11 @ 9:30a-2p – Meet at Houston's First

Calling all completed 6th graders! Grab your friends and meet at the church on Mon, Jul 11, then head out for a one-day mission project serving the Macedonian Call Foundation. This ministry provides transportation for missionaries. **COST** \$20 includes lunch. **CONTACT** Susan.Newman@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7631. **VISIT** HoustonsFirst.org/6thGrade.

Volunteering

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

- **Lord's Supper Preparation Team (Adult Enrichment)**
CONTACT MSteen@Fulbright.com
- **Men's Prayer Team (Men's Ministry)**
CONTACT Eric.Reed@HoustonsFirst.org
- **Faith Center Computer Ministry (The Faith Center)**
CONTACT JeffH@att.net

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):

☐ Single
☐ 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	_____
Primary Phone #	_____	St	_____
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.