



## HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

**Wed, Aug 24 @ 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.



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## SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES

Visit the Welcome Center for help finding a Sunday Bible Study, or visit [HoustonsFirst.org/BibleStudies](http://HoustonsFirst.org/BibleStudies). Here are some to consider:

- **Kingdom Service 2** @ 8:20a, Rm 259, adults 50-65
- **The Big Time** @ 10:45a, Rm 336, couples married 3-10 years
- **Cornerstone** @ 10:45a, Rm 252, adults 64+
- **Epic** @ 6:45p, Rm 179, single adults 20s-30s

Want to learn how to evangelize through Facebook, how to be a better spouse, how to have a family devotion, or better manage your finances? Whatever season of life you're in, Milestones offers something for you! Choose from Bible studies, seminars, support groups, and more to grow in your faith and connect with others—either at a 1-day event or in a semester-long course. Opportunities begin this week!



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FALL MILESTONES BEGIN THIS WEEK

## TIMES, LOCATIONS & CONNECTIONS



# FIRST THOUGHT WITH PASTOR GREGG



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Howdy, church family! This small space isn't big enough for me to fully share how excited I am to be back with you. I greatly appreciate your willingness to allow me to go on sabbatical, and I'm thankful for your prayers for me and my family. During these past few weeks, I prayed for you daily—and for the year ahead at Houston's First. I look forward to continuing our study of John, launching the Downtown Campus, and so much more that the Lord has in store for Houston's First.

In the spirit of Back To School Sunday—Go Team, Go!

*Pastor Gregg*

## COMING

## MIDLINK RETURNS THIS WEEK!

**Wed, Aug 24-Nov 16**

MidLink provides opportunities to gather, grow and give each Wed evening. Eat at MidLink Café, attend a Milestones class, go to music rehearsals, take the kids to age-specific gatherings, and more!



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# NEWS + UPDATES



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.



**TWEET OF THE WEEK:** I'M GETTING BAPTIZED! Sunday, Sept 4th, 2011, so incredibly excited and honored to have Malcolm Marshall baptize me @HoustonFirst! – @aliciaressmann



## DOWNTOWN CAMPUS PREPARES TO LAUNCH

**Today @ 5:30p – Chapel**

The Downtown Campus launches this fall at 1010 Lamar. See what it'll be like at this preview service in the Chapel. On Sun, Aug 28, Downtown Campus leaders will be commissioned in all 3 worship services.



[HoustonFirst.org/Downtown](http://HoustonFirst.org/Downtown)



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## BE A STEPHEN MINISTER

**Applications Due Today**

Stephen Ministers are church members trained to minister to people experiencing a crisis or going through a tough time. Want to be one? Pick up an application in the Welcome Center.



[HoustonFirst.org/StephenMinistry](http://HoustonFirst.org/StephenMinistry)



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## WOMEN: BIBLE STUDIES BEGIN SOON

**Various Dates This Fall**

Ladies, go online to explore this fall's offerings! With options during weekdays and evenings, you're sure to find one just right for you. Invite a friend, too! Some studies begin this week.



[HoustonFirst.org/Women](http://HoustonFirst.org/Women)



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## KARDIA COLLEGE COMMUNITY OFF-CAMPUS

**Thu, Aug 25 @ 8-10p – Chapel**

Kardia is a citywide college gathering every other Thursday with music, prayer, and fellowship. Bring a friend, make new ones, and enjoy great conversation. Free coffee and dessert provided!



[HoustonFirst.org/Kardia](http://HoustonFirst.org/Kardia)



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## MEN: HEAR A LIVING WAR HERO & WARRIOR

**Sat, Aug 27 @ 7-8:30p – Worship Center**

Men are invited to hear a WWII POW share lessons from his remarkable life at *Man To Man: An Evening with Louis Zamperini*. His story is told in the book *Unbroken*, available in Corner Books. Tickets are \$8-\$18.



[HoustonFirst.org/ManToMan](http://HoustonFirst.org/ManToMan)



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## WHAT'S YOUR PERSPECTIVE?

**Every Wed, Aug 31-Dec 14 @ 6:30-9:30p – Oasis Rm**

In *Perspectives on the World Christian Movement*, learn how you can take part in God's work all over the world. Cost is \$250 for Certificate level and \$450 for College Graduate level. Register online.



[HoustonFirst.org/Perspectives](http://HoustonFirst.org/Perspectives)



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## EVERY MAN: MEN'S RETREAT

**Sep 3-Oct 1 – Camp Cho-Yeh**

Men: enlist for an action-packed time of adventure, inspiration, and connection with session leader Steve Farrar, author of *Point Man*. Super Early Bird discounted registration underway until Aug 22.



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## GROW YOUR MARRIAGE

**Sep 9-10 – Houston's First**

At the True Partnership Conference, married and engaged couples will hear Dr. Charles Lowery talk about the key to joy-filled relationships and what makes a marriage work. Cost is \$55/couple thru Aug 28.



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## MAKE IT YOUR CHURCH ORIENTATION

**Sun, Sep 18 – Houston's First**

Whether you've recently joined or just visited Houston's First, learn what it means to be a part of a relevant biblical community over lunch at noon (Fellowship Center) or light snacks at 4p (Rm 144). Register online.



[HoustonFirst.org/NewMember](http://HoustonFirst.org/NewMember)



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# COMING UP

**AUG 25**

### Celebrate Recovery

Meets every Thu @ 6p  
[HoustonFirst.org/CelebrateRecovery](http://HoustonFirst.org/CelebrateRecovery)

**SEP 1**

### GriefShare

Meets every 1st & 3rd Thu @ 6:30p  
[HoustonFirst.org/GriefShare](http://HoustonFirst.org/GriefShare)

**SEP 4**

### Labor Day Weekend

Full worship schedule with Sunday Bible Studies

**SEP 9-11**

### Single Parent Family Camp

Lake Tomahawk  
[HoustonFirst.org/SingleParentFamilies](http://HoustonFirst.org/SingleParentFamilies)

**SEP 11**

### A Day of Hope

10th anniversary of 9/11 attacks

**SEP 16**

### Summit Celebrates

Worship for young single adults  
[HoustonFirst.org/SummitNews](http://HoustonFirst.org/SummitNews)

**SEP 25**

### SBS Leadership Luncheon

For all Sunday Bible Study leaders  
[HoustonFirst.org/BibleStudies](http://HoustonFirst.org/BibleStudies)

**OCT**

### Downtown Campus Grand Opening

[HoustonFirst.org/Downtown](http://HoustonFirst.org/Downtown)

# FOUNDATION of prayer

Remember to pray for the thousands of names written on the foundations of the Worship Center and children's building.

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**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: re-enter 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.