

MILESTONES

Essential classes and events offered throughout the semester on Wednesdays (and other days). Visit HoustonsFirst.org/Milestones for full schedule.

CHURCHWIDE

4:45-6:30p

MidLink Café – Fellowship Center

7-8p

The Link – Bible Study with Chad Chambers – Garden Rm

WORSHIP/MUSIC

7-8:30 pm

Band – Chapel

Singers – Rm 337 (Studio)

Choir – Rehearsal Hall

Orchestra – Worship Center (by audition)

PRESCHOOL

6-7p

Wee Praise (Babies-1s) – Preschool Suite

W.O.W. – Worship Our Way Choir (2s & 3s) – Preschool Suite

High 5 Choir (4s & 5s) – Heartland

7-8p

Mission Friends (Birth-Kindergarten) – Preschool Suite

CHILDREN

6-7p

High 5 Choir (1st-5th grade) – Rm 301/303 (Loft/Clubhouse)

7-8:30p

Breakout (1st-5th grade) – Fitness & Rec Center (Gym)

STUDENTS

6:30-8p

Wired (Middle School) – Rm 364

7-8:30p

Amp (High School) – Rm 363

TIMES, LOCATIONS & CONNECTIONS



Houston's First is going back to where it all began with a new Downtown Campus! We'll gather on the tunnel level of 1010 Lamar at Fannin—the space where HighPoint Bible Study takes place each Wednesday. In September, three “soft openings” will include worship, prayer, fellowship and special training leading up to the official launch and grand opening on Oct 2. Come meet Downtown Campus Pastor Lee Hsia and other campus leaders—and be a part of this exciting new chapter in the life of Houston's First!

Sun, Sep 11 @ 11a – Soft Opening

Sun, Sep 18 @ 11a – Soft Opening

Sun, Sep 25 @ 11a – Soft Opening

Sun, Oct 2 @ 11a – Grand Opening!

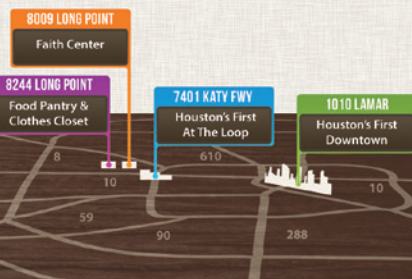


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SUNDAYS AT THE LOOP

Worship 9:30a • 11a • 5:30p

Bible Study 8a • 9:30a • 10:45a • 4:15p • 6:30p

Kids' Worship 9:30a • 11a • 5:30p

SUNDAYS DOWNTOWN

Worship 11a (Launching Oct 2)



FIRST THOUGHT WITH PASTOR GREGG



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A small but visionary group of 16 men and women gathered on the banks of Buffalo Bayou to form Houston's First Baptist Church in 1841—just five years after Texas won its independence from Mexico. Today, we commission members of our church who have committed to going back to where it all began at our new Downtown Campus this fall. Pray that they would be as impactful as that dedicated group of believers was 170 years ago. Houston has changed a lot since then, but its need for Jesus Christ has not!

In Him,

Pastor Gregg

TODAY



DOWNTOWN CAMPUS COMMISSIONING

At each worship service today, we commission Houston's First family members going to the Downtown Campus this fall. See the back of this Weekly Guide for the Downtown Campus launch schedule!



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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: Houston ranked #5 college town! We are focused on ministering to college students. - @HFBCDowntown



MILESTONES

Opportunities Begin This Week!

Milestones are courses and events for all seasons of life. 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.



HoustonFirst.org/Milestones



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SENIOR ADULTS: SHARE YOUR LEGACY

Thu, Sep 8, 15, 29 @ Noon-2p – Rm 252

Published author and instructor Martha Rogers will lead this class on writing your legacy and testimony to share your story. Call the Upcoming Events Hot-line to hear more: 713.957.7665.



HoustonFirst.org/Adults60plus



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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 Ctr) or light snacks at 4p (Rm 144). Register online.



HoustonFirst.org/NewMember



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HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

Wed, Aug 31 @ 11:30a – 1010 Lamar (tunnel 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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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 today.



HoustonFirst.org/TruePartnership



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EVERY MAN: MEN'S RETREAT

Sep 30-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*. Cost is \$95-\$115 depending on room arrangements. Register online.



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WHAT'S YOUR PERSPECTIVE?

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

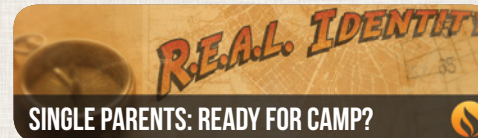
In *Perspectives on the World Christian Movement*, learn how you can take part in God's work all over the world. Cost is \$250 for Certificate level and \$450 for College Graduate level. Register online.



HoustonFirst.org/Perspectives



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SINGLE PARENTS: READY FOR CAMP?

Sep 9-11 – Lake Tomahawk

Single parent families are invited to a fun weekend at the lake! Malcolm Marshall and Chad Overton will speak, plus enjoy swimming, boating, a big water trampoline, and more! Register online.



HoustonFirst.org/SingleParentFamilies



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LIFE BIBLE STUDIES

Visit the Welcome Center for help finding a Life Bible Study, or visit HoustonFirst.org/BibleStudies. Here are some to consider:

- **Compelled By Love** @ 8:20a, Rm 249, adults 40-58
- **Quest** @ 9:30a, Gym (SE Corner), single adults 21-28
- **Crossing the Jordan** @ 10:45a, Fellowship Ctr A/B, adults 44-60
- **After I Do** @ 4:15p, Fellowship Ctr A/B, couples married 1-5 yrs

COMING UP

SEP 4

Labor Day Weekend

Full worship schedule with Life Bible Studies

SEP 11

A Day of Hope

10th anniversary of 9/11 attacks

SEP 16

Summit Celebrates

Worship for young single adults
HoustonFirst.org/SummitNews

SEP 25

LBS Leadership Luncheon

For all Life Bible Study leaders
HoustonFirst.org/LBSLuncheon

OCT 1

First HOPE Job Ministry Meeting

9a-Noon – Rm 602
HoustonFirst.org/FirstHopeJobMinistry

OCT 9

Lord's Supper

Observed in all worship services
Special benevolent offering received

OCT 21-23

Middle School Retreat

Lake Tomahawk
HoustonFirst.org/Students

TODAY

Deacons Meetings

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

Church Conference

This monthly gathering meets today at 4:30p in the Rehearsal Hall to discuss financials, membership reports, etc. Anybody may attend, but only church members may vote.

Need more info? Call 713.681.8000 to get in touch with us. Connect with us online anytime at HoustonFirst.org or on



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.