

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) – Clubhouse (Rm 303)

7-8p

Mission Friends (Birth-Kindergarten) – Preschool Suite

Preschool Suite

CHILDREN

6-7p

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

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



Houston's First is going back to where it all began with a new Downtown Campus! We're gathering on the tunnel level of 1010 Lamar (@ Fannin—the space where HighPoint Bible Study takes place each Wednesday). "Soft openings" will include worship, prayer, fellowship and special training leading up to the official launch and grand opening on Oct 2. Downtown Campus Pastor Lee Hsia invites you to be a part of this exciting new chapter in the life of Houston's First!

TODAY @ 11A SOFT OPENING @ 1010 LAMAR

SEP 25 @ 11A SOFT OPENING @ 1010 LAMAR

OCT 2 @ 11A GRAND OPENING @ 1010 LAMAR

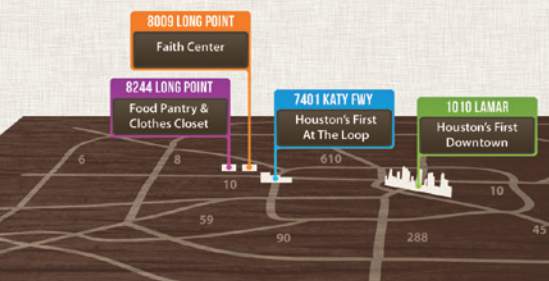


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TIMES, LOCATIONS & CONNECTIONS



SUNDAYS AT THE LOOP

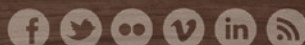
Worship 9:30a • 11a • 5:30p

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



SEP
18
2011

Hey men, the poet John Donne wrote, "No man is an island entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main." There is biblical truth in that well-known line. Paul reminded an early church that they "are the Body of Christ, and each one of you is part of it." (1 Corinthians 12:27) The desire of our Men's Ministry is for every man to recognize his unique role and live it out with encouragement from other men. Are you isolated? Don't be. Connect with other men and be part of something bigger—the Body of Christ.

In Him,

Pastor Gregg

COMING

WITH STEVE FARRAR



MAN UP!
LIVE LIKE IT MATTERS
EVERY MAN
MEN'S RETREAT
BAND OF BROTHERS
MEN'S MINISTRY

MEN'S RETREAT

Sep 30-Oct 1 – Camp Cho-Yeh

Men: Visit the Main Foyer today or go online to enlist in this action-packed weekend! See inside for details.



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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: Enjoying being with the @HoustonsFirst family this morning! Great life in this house! - @chriscullins



OPEN YOUR HEART & HOME

Apply Today!

Through the International Student Friendship Ministry, open your heart and home to University of Houston international students by sharing meals, holidays, sporting events, etc. (Not a live-in exchange program.)



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LIFE BIBLE STUDIES

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

- **Chairos** @ 9:30a, Rm 270, single adults with children
- **Fellowship of Believers** @ 9:30a, Rm 265, adults 40-60
- **Joint Heirs** @ 10:45a, Rm 274C, adults 60+
- **High Altitude** @ 4:15p, Fellowship Ctr C/D, couples married 3-10 years



SPECIAL NEEDS LIFE BIBLE STUDIES

Every Sun @ 9:30a-Noon – Rm 324 (Kids) & 326 (Adults)

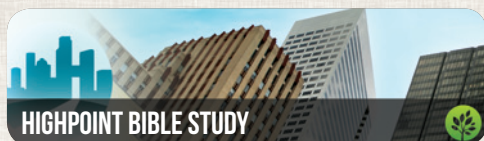
Thru the Roof Special Needs Ministry offers classes for 1st-5th graders and adults who need a different learning environment. Come to a class at 9:30a, 10:45a, or both. Volunteers are needed, too.



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HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

Wed, Sep 21 @ 11:30a – 1010 Lamar (tunnel level)

Executive Pastor David Self speaks 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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LBS LEADERSHIP LUNCHEON

Sep 25 @ 11:30a-1:45p – Fitness & Recreation Ctr

Life Bible Study Leaders from all divisions will gather for inspiration and vision-casting, a message from Jason Swiggart, and free lunch! Those interested in serving in LBS leadership are welcome, too. Register by Sep 21.



HoustonsFirst.org/LBSLuncheon



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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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FIND HOPE & GET HIRED!

Sat, Oct 1 @ 9a-Noon – Rm 602

Looking for a job? Attend the First HOPE Job Ministry's free meeting for tips on resume writing, interviewing, and networking, and receive biblical encouragement specifically designed for job seekers.



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NOCHE DE ADORACION

Fri, Sep 30 @ 7:30p – Chapel

The Houston's First familia is invited to a night of worship hosted by the Palabras De Vida Life Bible Study with worship and preaching in Spanish. Palabras De Vida meets every Sunday at 9:30a in Rm 602.



HoustonsFirst.org/BibleStudies



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BE A PART OF CELEBRATION!

Dec 8-11

Join the Celebration team by volunteering for our church's annual Christmas musical! Whatever your skills, there is a place for you on stage, behind the scenes, during the show or in the months leading up to it!



TheFirstChristmas.org



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COMING UP

**SEP
1-30**

Fitness & Recreation Ctr Special

No registration fee (\$50 savings)
HoustonsFirst.org/Recreation

**OCT
9**

Lord's Supper

Observed in all worship services
Special benevolent offering received

**OCT
14**

Parents' Night Out

Registration begins Mon, Sep 19
HoustonsFirst.org/ParentsNightOut

**OCT
15**

Celebration Tickets Go on Sale

6 performances – Dec 8-11
TheFirstChristmas.org

**OCT
15**

Single Parent Families: Fishing Tournament

10a-2p @ Hunt Retreat
Register at HoustonsFirst.org/SPF

**OCT
20**

Grief Share

Meets every 1st & 3rd Thu
HoustonsFirst.org/GriefShare

**OCT
21-23**

Middle School Retreat

Lake Tomahawk
HoustonsFirst.org/Students

**OCT
31**

First Fest

Carnival for the whole family
Fitness & Recreation Ctr



GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE!

Blood Drive
Today @ 8a-12:30p
Outside Fitness & Recreation Ctr

Need more info? Call 713.681.8000 to get in touch with us. Connect with us online anytime at HoustonsFirst.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.