



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 Wed. The official launch takes place next week—Sun, Oct 2 @ 11a.

Downtown Campus Pastor Lee Hsia invites you to be a part of this exciting new chapter in the life of Houston's First! Just like the At the Loop Campus, enjoy coffee at Corner Books, get connected at the Welcome Center, and join a Downtown Life Bible Study.



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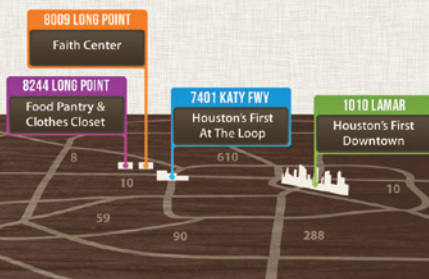
**Wed, Oct 5 @ Various evening times**

MidLink connects the church body on Wed nights with activities including MidLink Café, music rehearsals, programming for children and students, and great classes to grow your soul. Many classes are weeks long, but on Oct 5 you can take advantage of these one-night only options. Go online for details about each one!

- Adoption
- Looking for God Moments
- Giving a Blessing
- How to Have a Family Devotion
- Evangelism Through Social Media
- Time Alone With God
- GM6 Training
- Journaling 101
- Budget & Such
- Parents – The Primary Disciples (MS)
- Parents – The Primary Disciples (HS)

[HoustonsFirst.org/MidLinkPeakNights](http://HoustonsFirst.org/MidLinkPeakNights)  
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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



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On the first "soft launch" Sunday at the Downtown Campus two weeks ago, there were first time guests who had never been to Houston's First. They found out about the new campus by simply visiting [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org). Also among those gathered that day were natives of Chile and Ghana—and China-born Campus Pastor Lee Hsia, of course! Before the doors officially open, the new campus is reaching people with the Gospel. Pray for our Houston's First family members this week as they prepare for launch next Sunday and begin an exciting new journey for our church!

In Him,

*Pastor Gregg*

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## DOWNTOWN CAMPUS OFFICIAL LAUNCH

**Sun, Oct 2 @ 11a**

The Downtown Campus of Houston's First officially launches next Sunday at 1010 Lamar! See the back of this guide for more info.

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CONNECT WITH US







# 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:** @HoustonsFirst @GreggMatte We had a great time today downtown & are anticipating a new thing in all of us. We also had doughnuts. #FYI -- @Ulovebeth



## 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.)



[HoustonsFirst.org/ISFM](http://HoustonsFirst.org/ISFM)



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## LIFE BIBLE STUDIES

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

- **Compelled by Love** @ 8:20a, Rm 249, adults 40-58
- **Saved 2 Serve** @ 10:45a, Rm 335, couples married 3-8 years
- **Catacombs** @ 10:45a, Rm 143, adults 64+
- **Roots** @ 6:45p, Gym (SW Corner), single adults 25-32



## SPECIAL NEEDS LIFE BIBLE STUDIES

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

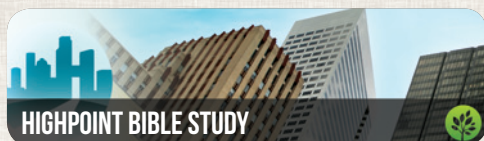
*Thru the Roof* Special Needs Ministry offers classes for 1st-5th graders and adults who need a different learning environment. Come to a class at 9:30a, 10:45a, or both. Volunteers are needed, too.



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## HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

**Wed, Sep 28 @ 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.



[HoustonsFirst.org/HighPoint](http://HoustonsFirst.org/HighPoint)



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## NOCHE DE ADORACIÓN

**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](http://HoustonsFirst.org/BibleStudies)



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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 or in Main Foyer.



[HoustonsFirst.org/EveryMan](http://HoustonsFirst.org/EveryMan)



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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.



[HoustonsFirst.org/FirstHopeJobMinistry](http://HoustonsFirst.org/FirstHopeJobMinistry)



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## SUMMIT HOEDOWN

**Sat, Oct 22 @ 6-11p – George Ranch Historic Park**

College students and young single adults are invited to Summit's 14th annual hoedown! Enjoy BBQ dinner, live band, hayrides, calf roping, western games, and more. Cost is \$29 thru Oct 9; \$34 thru Oct 21. Register online.



[SummitYoungSingles.org](http://SummitYoungSingles.org)



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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](http://TheFirstChristmas.org)



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# COMING UP

**SEP  
1-30**

### Fitness & Recreation Ctr Special

No registration fee (\$50 savings)  
[HoustonsFirst.org/Recreation](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Recreation)

**OCT  
9**

### Lord's Supper

Observed in all worship services  
Special benevolent offering received

**OCT  
14**

### Parents' Night Out

Register today  
[HoustonsFirst.org/ParentsNightOut](http://HoustonsFirst.org/ParentsNightOut)

**OCT  
15**

### Celebration Tickets Go on Sale

6 performances – Dec 8-11  
[TheFirstChristmas.org](http://TheFirstChristmas.org)

**OCT  
15**

### Single Parent Families: Fishing Tournament

10a-2p @ Hunt Retreat  
Register at [HoustonsFirst.org/SPF](http://HoustonsFirst.org/SPF)

**OCT  
20**

### Grief Share

Meets every 1st & 3rd Thu  
[HoustonsFirst.org/GriefShare](http://HoustonsFirst.org/GriefShare)

**OCT  
21-23**

### Middle School Retreat

Lake Tomahawk  
[HoustonsFirst.org/Students](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Students)

**OCT  
31**

### First Fest

Carnival for the whole family  
Fitness & Recreation Ctr



## FAITH CENTER FOOD PANTRY COLLECTIONS

**Sun, Oct 2 - Houston's First**

Bring non-perishable items and leave them on collections tables in the FRC Lobby, the Preschool elevator lobby, or outside the Garden Rm.



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Need more info? Call 713.681.8000 to get in touch with us. Connect with us online anytime at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org) or on [f](https://www.facebook.com/HoustonsFirst) [t](https://twitter.com/HoustonsFirst) [y](https://www.youtube.com/HoustonsFirst) [i](https://www.instagram.com/HoustonsFirst) [in](https://www.linkedin.com/HoustonsFirst) [s](https://www.snapchat.com/HoustonsFirst)

**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.