

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

7-8:30p

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

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



Sat, Oct 15 @ 8-11a

Tickets to all six performances of *Celebration* go on sale in person Sat, Oct 15 at 8-11a in the Main Foyer and at 1p online at TheFirstChristmas.org! Performances are Dec 8-11 with 4 evening options (Thu/Fri/Sat/Sun @ 7p) and 2 matinee options (Sat/Sun @ 2p).

Visit TheFirstChristmas.org for additional information on how to get tickets to this amazing presentation of the spirit, the songs, and the story of Christmas.

This production wouldn't be possible without the help of many volunteers. 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. Complete a volunteer registration form online at TheFirstChristmas.org and join the *Celebration* team!

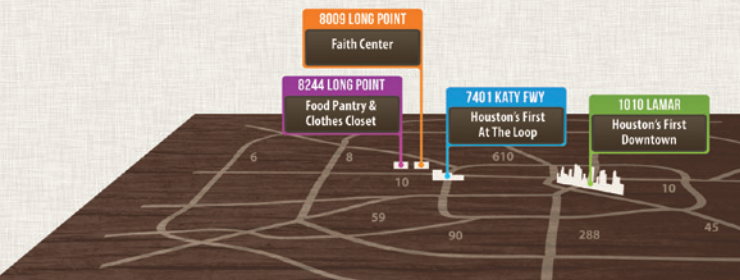


TheFirstChristmas.org



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TIMES, LOCATIONS & CONNECTIONS



SUNDAYS AT THE LOOP

Worship	9:30a • 11a • 5:30p
Life Bible Study	8a • 9:30a • 10:45a • 4:15p • 6:30p
Kids' Worship	9:30a • 11a • 5:30p

SUNDAYS DOWNTOWN

Worship 11a



FIRST THOUGHT WITH PASTOR GREGG



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The Lord's Supper reminds us of the sacrifice Christ made to open the way for our adoption as God's children. Today, we continue the tradition of taking a special offering when we observe this beloved ordinance. This time, donations will support the new Legacy685 Adoption Assistance Fund created to assist members with the process of adoption. The fund will help move families one step closer to bringing a child into their home and providing the child with a "forever family"—just as God did for us.

In Him,

Pastor Gregg

TODAY

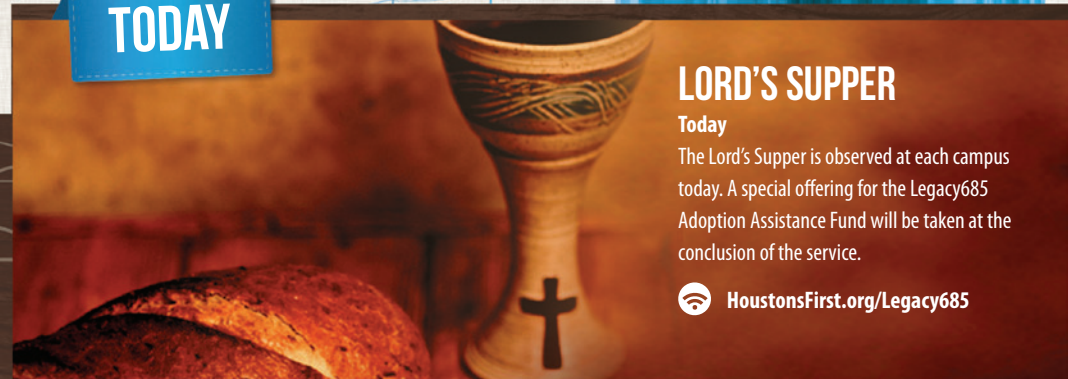
LORD'S SUPPER

Today

The Lord's Supper is observed at each campus today. A special offering for the Legacy685 Adoption Assistance Fund will be taken at the conclusion of the service.

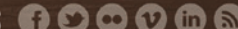


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CONNECT WITH US





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: @Ailee_Marie: & now for the highlight of every weekend ==@HoustonsFirst. Ready for some worship. Hoping we sing "Poderoso Para Salvar" again :)

XEE EVANGELISM TRAINING

Both Campuses

XEE is lifestyle witness training to equip believers to share the Gospel conversationally within the context of relationships. Offered At The Loop Sundays @ 4-5p (Rm 145) and Downtown Thursdays @ 7-8p (offsite). Register online.



HoustonsFirst.org/EvangelismEquipping

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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:

- **His Word** @ 8:20a, Rm 145, adults 65-75
- **3 Strands** @ 9:30a, Rm 334, couples married 2-3 years
- **Joint Heirs** @ 10:45a, Rm 274C, adults 40-60
- **Wellspring** @ 4:15p, Rm 158, single moms with children

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 needed, too.



HoustonsFirst.org/ThruTheRoof

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HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

Wed, Oct 12 @ 11:30a – 1010 Lamar (Tunnel Level)

Executive Pastor David Self speaks at this week's downtown Bible study at the location of our Downtown Campus. Lunch begins at 11:30a for \$8, and Bible study takes place from 12:10-12:40p.



HoustonsFirst.org/HighPoint

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CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Every Thu @ 6-9p – Oasis Rm (180)

Celebrate Recovery provides a safe, confidential place to break out of life's hurts, habits, and hang ups and into God's grace. Come for fellowship, worship, teaching, testimony and small groups.



HoustonsFirst.org/CelebrateRecovery

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MOTHERING WITH GRACE

Wed, Oct 19 @ 9:30-11:30a – Fellowship Center

Women—do you find you parent more with your vocal chords than your heart? At *Moms & Marty*, Marty Scholars, LPC, will talk about how to parent with grace from the heart. Register online.



HoustonsFirst.org/Women

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MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

Oct 21-23 – Lake Tomahawk Christian Retreat

Hey 6th-8th graders—come to a weekend at Lake Tomahawk to worship, study the Bible, play some awesome games, and just have fun! Cost is \$75. Register online.



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UNDER THE TEXAS SKY 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, live music, hayrides, calf roping, western games, and more. Cost is \$29 thru Oct 9; \$34 thru Oct 21. Register online.



SummitYoungSingles.org

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FIRST FEST

Mon, Oct 31 @ 5-8p – Fitness & Recreation Ctr

Don't miss this good ol' fashioned hootenanny with fun for the entire family! Enjoy games, inflatables, contests, live music, food, and—of course—LOTS of candy! Cost is \$5 for Houston's First members; guests are free.



HoustonsFirst.org/FirstFest

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COMING UP

OCT 08 - NOV 19 **Summit Flag Football**
Every Sat @ 10a-5p – FBA Athletic Complex
SummitYoungSingles.org

OCT 20 **Grief Share**
Meets every 1st & 3rd Thu
HoustonsFirst.org/GriefShare

OCT 23 **Missionary Prayer Time**
2-4p – Oasis Rm (180)
HoustonsFirst.org/Prayer

NOV 06 **Summit Young Singles**
New Year's & Ski Trip Unveiling Party
SummitYoungSingles.org

NOV 12 **Men: Pray**
8-10a – Fellowship Ctr
HoustonsFirst.org/MenPray

NOV 13 **Make It Your Church Orientation**
12:30p or 4p
HoustonsFirst.org/NewMember

NOV 13 **The Christmas Store**
Gift Collection Day
HoustonsFirst.org/FaithCenter

NOV 18, 20 **Thy Will Be Done Seminars**
Learn about having a will and planning for your future

FOUNDATION OF prayer

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

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