

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



Tickets to all six performances of *Celebration* are on sale now! Performances are Dec 8-11 with 4 evening options (Thu/Fri/Sat/Sun @ 7p) and 2 matinee options (Sat/Sun @ 2p).

Tickets can be purchased at TheFirstChristmas.org, in Corner Books during normal business hours, at the self-serve kiosk in the Main Foyer, and at 1.888.695.0888 (\$2 fee per ticket by phone). Visit TheFirstChristmas.org for information on 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 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

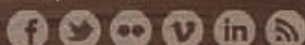


SUNDAYS AT THE LOOP

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

Life Bible Study 9:30a
Worship 11a



FIRST THOUGHT WITH PASTOR GREGG



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"Pneumawhat?" Pneumatology. It's probably an unfamiliar word even if you've been going to church for a long time. On top of that, it refers to the study of the Holy Spirit—the member of the Trinity who is sometimes the least talked about. Our new message series will change that. Today, we come to the point in the Gospel of John when Jesus promises His disciples that the Holy Spirit is coming. This unseen Counselor will teach them and remind them of everything Jesus had said to them—just like the Holy Spirit does with us today.

Pastor Gregg

TICKETS



Celebration

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Six performances Dec 8-11

See the back of this weekly guide for more details!



TheFirstChristmas.org



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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: @Isand2: Went to the opening of @HFBCDowntown yesterday. It's 5 miles from the med center, next to Metro Rail/Main. Talk about relevant!

LIFE BIBLE STUDIES

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

- **CrossTalk** @ 8:20a, Rm 259, adults 50-65
- **Fellowship of Believers** @ 9:30a, Rm 265, adults 60+
- **The Rising** @ 10:45a, Rm 333, couples married 2-15 years
- **Paradigm** @ 6:45p, Fellowship Ctr C/D, single adults 25-32

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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HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

Wed, Oct 19 @ 11:30a – 1010 Lamar (tunnel level)

Downtown Campus Pastor Lee Hsia speaks at this week's 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.



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KARDÍA COLLEGE STUDENT GATHERING

Thu, Oct 20 @ 8-10p – Chapel

Kardia is a citywide college worship gathering every other Thursday with music, prayer, and fellowship. Bring a friend, make new ones, and enjoy great conversation. Enjoy free Chick-Fil-A meals from 7-8p, and coffee & dessert!



HoustonsFirst.org/CollegeGather

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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 \$34 thru Oct 21; \$39 at the door. Register online.



SummitYoungSingles.org

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STUDENTS: PREPARE FOR COLLEGE

Sun, Oct 23 @ 12:15-3p – Rm 362

Juniors, Seniors, and their parents will discuss the college transition, deciding what college to attend and reasons for going there. Led by Derek Melleby of the College Transition Initiative. Lunch \$5.



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PRAY FOR MISSIONARIES

Sun, Oct 23 @ 2-4p – Oasis Rm

This time of prayer for missionaries, led by MaryAnn Bridgwater of Pray the Word Ministries, is open to everyone! Join in God's work through our missionaries by interceding on their behalf through prayer.



HoustonsFirst.org/Prayer

PTW@PrayTheWord.org

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 20 **Celebrate Recovery**
With special guest Heather Layne
HoustonsFirst.org/CelebrateRecovery

NOV 06 **Understanding Your Teenager Seminar**
12:15-2:45p – Rm 362
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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



CDs of Pastor Gregg's messages are available for purchase in Corner Books. Pick up copies for yourself and some to share with a friend, too!

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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.