

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)

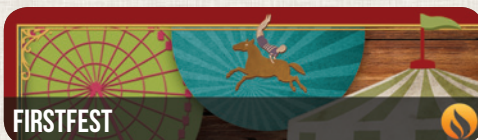
STUDENTS

6:30-8p

Wired (Middle School) — Rm 364

7-8:30p

Amp (High School) — Rm 363



Mon, Oct 31 @ 5-8p — Loop Campus

Don't miss this good ol' fashioned hootenanny with fun for the entire family! Enjoy games, rides, inflatables, contests, live music, food trucks, and—of course—LOTS of candy! Save the date and invite a friend to come along, too! Admission is \$5 per person for Houston's First members; free for guests.

Go Straight To The Fun!

A "Fast Pass" admission ticket allows you to skip the line when you arrive at FirstFest and go directly to all the fun! "Fast Pass" admission tickets are for sale today and Sun, Oct 30, in the Main Foyer, and at the Fitness & Recreation Center check-in desk beginning Mon, Oct 24.

Join the FirstFest Team!

First Fest wouldn't be possible without the help of many volunteers. To volunteer, contact Erin Ruddle.



HoustonsFirst.org/FirstFest



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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

Life Bible Study 9:30a



FIRST THOUGHT WITH PASTOR GREGG



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Do you remember your first experience with Houston's First? As with many of us, it may have been at a connection point other than Sunday worship services. Concerts and conferences, softball games and summer camps—our church offers many opportunities to introduce others to Houston's First. Next up on the calendar is FirstFest, followed by numerous Christmas gatherings such as *Celebration*. These all provide wonderful ways to connect neighbors, co-workers, family and friends with our church—and God. Who will you invite to "come and see" and possibly discover Christ for the very first time in an unexpected way?

In Him,

Pastor Gregg



FIRSTFEST

Mon, Oct 31 @ 5-8p — Loop Campus

Get ready for a good ol' fashioned hootenanny! Round up your neighbors and kinfolk for food and fun at this down home festival! Flip over this weekly guide for more scoop.



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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: @JenniferDawnTX: I'm really, really proud of the High 5 kids choir. They wow me every time they perform. I'm blessed to serve at @HoustonsFirst!

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

HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

Wed, Oct 26 @ 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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CALLING ALL ROADIES!

Sat, Oct 29 @ 7:30a – Fitness & Recreation Ctr

Get outdoors with the Fitness & Recreation team for a guided bike ride from the church on Sat, Oct 29! Weekly rides are every Mon @ 5:45p at Terry Hershey Park and every Wed @ 5:15p at Memorial Park Trails.



HoustonsFirst.org/MountainBiking

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GRIEF SHARE: SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

Thu, Nov 3 @ 6:30p – Garden Rm (158)

This seminar will encourage those facing the holidays after a loved one's death or other crisis such as job loss, divorce, etc. Discuss what to expect during the holidays, why they're tough, and how to use them to help you heal.



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UNDERSTANDING YOUR TEENAGER

Sun, Nov 6 @ 12:15-2:45p – Rm 362

Parents of 5th-7th graders will discuss walking with your teenager through their physical and emotional changes. Receive valuable information on how you can be prepared as a parent! Please RSVP. Lunch \$5.



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ORPHAN SUNDAY

Sun, Nov 6 @ 4-5:15p – Chapel

At this special gathering, hear from adoptive families, foster families, and mission teams about how God moved through them to care for orphans this past year and the different opportunities God may be leading you to care for the fatherless.



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MEN: PRAY

Sat, Nov. 12 @ 8-10a – Fellowship Ctr

Men of all ages are invited to a special gathering to pray for our friends, families, homes, church, city, country, and world. A free continental breakfast will be provided.



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CHRISTMAS STORE GIFT COLLECTION DAY

Sun, Nov 13 – Both Campuses

The Christmas Store on Sat, Dec 3, provides over 3,000 gifts for families in need—and we rely solely on donations! Ask your Life Bible Study leaders about your assigned age group. Volunteers are needed too!



HoustonsFirst.org/TheChristmasStore

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Celebration

CELEBRATION TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW

Dec 8-11

Experience the spirit, songs, and story of Christmas at this spectacular musical event! Tickets available at TheFirstChristmas.org, in Corner Books, at the self-serve kiosk in the Main Foyer, and at 1.888.695.0888.



TheFirstChristmas.org

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COMING UP

**OCT 08
-NOV 19**

Summit Flag Football
Every Sat @ 10a-5p – FBA Athletic Complex
SummitYoungSingles.org

NOV 03

Kardia College Gathering
Every other Thu @ 8-10p – Chapel
HoustonsFirst.org/Kardia

NOV 13

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

NOV 18, 20

Thy Will Be Done Seminars
Learn about having a will and planning for your future

NOV 27

Thanksgiving Weekend
All worship services – both campuses
No Life Bible Studies

DEC 01

Women's Christmas Banquet
6:30-9p – Fellowship Center
HoustonsFirst.org/ChristmasBanquet

DEC 03

The Christmas Store
10a-4:30p – Faith Center
HoustonsFirst.org/TheChristmasStore

DEC 04

HUB Students Wacky Tacky Christmas Party
5:30-7:30p
HoustonsFirst.org/Students

FOUNDATION of prayer

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

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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.