

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

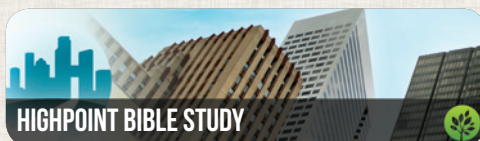
7-8:30p

Amp (High School) – Rm 363



Visit the Welcome Center for help finding a Life Bible Study, or visit 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



Wed, Nov 2 @ 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.

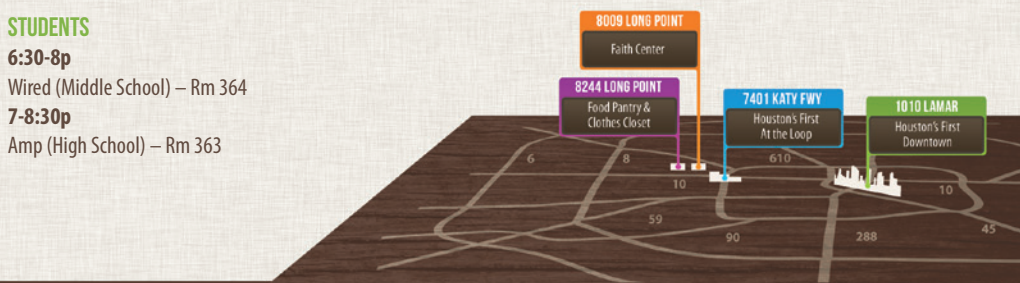


HoustonsFirst.org/HighPoint



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TIMES, LOCATIONS & CONNECTIONS



SUNDAYS AT THE LOOP

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

SUNDAYS DOWNTOWN

Worship 11a
Life Bible Study 9:30a



FIRST THOUGHT WITH PASTOR GREGG



OCT 30 2011

Some surveys reveal that as many as 40% of Americans believe in ghosts. That's an interesting fact to note as we wrap up our study of the Holy Spirit the day before Halloween. As we've learned, the Holy Spirit comes to indwell inside believers in Jesus Christ forever. That may seem scary to those who have not experienced it. But when you listen to the stories of those who have encountered this unseen member of the Trinity, you will discover that the Holy Spirit is not here to frighten, but to guide, encourage and love.

In Him,

Pastor Gregg

COMING



FIRSTFEST

Mon, Oct 31 @ 5-8p – Loop Campus

Don't miss this good ol' fashioned hootenanny with food trucks, games, live music, inflatables, costume contests—and LOTS of candy! Admission is \$5 per person for Houston's First members; free for guests.



HoustonsFirst.org/FirstFest



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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: @GreggMatte: Big thx to Clear Lake Honda & Tom Tyrell for donating a new Honda CRV to HFBC Hope House!



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.



HoustonsFirst.org/GriefShare



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OPEN HOUSE FOR PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES

Sun, Nov 6 @ 3p – Oasis Rm

First Baptist Academy invites families considering a private Christian education for their children thru 8th grade to attend the 2011 Fall Open House for Prospective Families. Meet administrators and faculty and learn what FBA has to offer!



FBAHouston.org



713.290.2524



MAKE IT YOUR CHURCH ORIENTATION

Sun, Nov 13 @ 12:30p & 4p

Whether you've recently joined or just visited Houston's First, come learn what it means to be a part of a relevant biblical community! Choose lunch at 12:30p (Fellowship Ctr) or light snacks at 4p (Connection Ctr). RSVP online.



HoustonsFirst.org/NewMember



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COLLEGE STUDENT GATHERING

Thu, Nov 3 @ 8-10p – Chapel

Kardia is a citywide college 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/Kardia



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ORPHAN SUNDAY

Sun, Nov 6 @ 4-5:15p – Chapel

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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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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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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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.



HoustonsFirst.org/MenPray



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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



TheFirstChristmas@HoustonsFirst.org

COMING UP

OCT 08
-NOV 19

Summit Flag Football

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

NOV
18, 20

Thy Will Be Done Seminars

Learn about having a will and planning for your future

NOV
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Thanksgiving Weekend

All worship services – both campuses
No Life Bible Studies

DEC
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Women's Christmas Banquet

6:30-9p – Fellowship Center
HoustonsFirst.org/ChristmasBanquet

DEC
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The Christmas Store

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

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04

HUB Students Wacky Tacky Christmas Party

5:30-7:30p
HoustonsFirst.org/Students

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Christmas in the Country

Single Parent Families
HoustonsFirst.org/SingleParentFamilies

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Candy Cane Lane

For kids from birth-5th grade
HoustonsFirst.org/CandyCaneLane



FOOD PANTRY COLLECTIONS

Sun, Nov 6

Nearly 1,200 people are fed each month by the Faith Center's Food Pantry. Support the ministry by bringing non-perishable items the first Sunday of each month. Look for designated collection tables.



713.554.8801

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.