

VETERAN'S DAY SERVICE

Fri, Nov 11 @ 8:40a – Worship Ctr

FBA Middle School students will honor veterans and show appreciation for their service at this special gathering. Veterans and their guests are invited to a continental breakfast at 8a in the Reception Room. The ceremony will begin at 8:40a.



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FBA OPEN HOUSE

Today @ 3p – Oasis Rm

First Baptist Academy invites prospective families to join FBA administrators and faculty for the 2011 Fall Open House! Come see what FBA offers for children birth through 8th grade.



FBAHouston.org



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TODAY

Deacons Meetings

The Deacon Administrative Committee meets today at 2:30p in Rm 249. The entire Deacon body meets at 3:30p in the Rehearsal Hall.

Church Conference

This monthly gathering meets today at 4:30p in the Rehearsal Hall to discuss financials, membership reports, etc. Anybody may attend, but only church members may vote.



MINISTER ORDINATION

Wed, Nov 9 @ 6:30p – Chapel

On Wed, Nov 9, Houston's First will ordain church member David Trickett to the Gospel Ministry of Jesus Christ. David and his wife Kaye are the founders of CHARM Prison Ministry.

Ordination occurs after a candidate has been licensed and observed for a period of time by church staff and members. Ministerial ordination at Houston's First is our way of formally saying that, after examination and observation, we believe God has called the candidate into full-time career ministry for Jesus Christ.

The Houston's First family is invited to gather with David and Kaye to acknowledge and celebrate this milestone in David's calling to serve God throughout his life.



Visit us online at HoustonsFirst.org for the latest news and updates!

TIMES, LOCATIONS & CONNECTIONS



8000 LONG POINT
Faith Center

9244 LONG POINT
Field Priority & Clothes Closet

7401 KATY FWY
Houston's First At the Loop

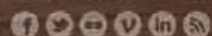
1010 LAMAR
Houston's First Downtown

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



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Candidates for 2012 elections seem to have been on the campaign trails since, well...the last election. It can be tempting to "tune out" until you go to the polls and cast your vote. Doing so, however, creates uninformed voters making uninformed choices. For followers of Christ, that's not living up to our calling to be salt and light to the world. This Tuesday is Election Day for local races and statewide constitutional amendments. Are you ready? May believers in God's Truth never pass up an opportunity to influence our society and culture. Tune in, pray up, and cast your vote!

In Him,

Pastor Gregg

COMING

the Christmas store



GIFT COLLECTION DAY

Sun, Nov 13 – Both Campuses
Bring new, unwrapped gifts for the Christmas Store. See inside for more details.



HoustonsFirst.org/TheChristmasStore



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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: @SBacy: Can't wait to see what @GreggMatte teaches about tonight :-)

LIFE BIBLE STUDIES

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

- **Peacemakers** @ 8:20a, Rm 143, adults 80+
- **The Pursuit** @ 9:30a, Rm 180, adults all ages
- **Communitas** @ 9:30a, Rm 336, couples married 2-5 years
- **Roots** @ 6:45p, Gym (SW Corner), single adults 25-32

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
- Eric.Reed@HoustonsFirst.org

THY WILL BE DONE SEMINARS

Nov 18 & 20 – Fellowship Ctr

Learn about the importance of having a will, life insurance, and planning for your future at these two seminars: Fri, Nov 18 @ 6:30-8:30p (dinner & childcare) and Sun, Nov 20 @ 12:30-2:30p (lunch). Cost is free! Register online.

- HoustonsFirst.org/ThyWillBeDone
- Kerry.Hunter@HoustonsFirst.org

HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

Wed, Nov 9 @ 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
- Diane.Bagby@HoustonsFirst.org

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
- Malcolm.Marshall@HoustonsFirst.org

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
- TheFirstChristmas@HoustonsFirst.org

ORPHAN SUNDAY

Today @ 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.

- HoustonsFirst.org/Legacy685
- Legacy685@HoustonsFirst.org

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
- Matthew.Creath@HoustonsFirst.org

MIDLINK

Every Wed through Nov 16

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!

- HoustonsFirst.org/MidLink
- Jan.Butterfras@HoustonsFirst.org

COMING UP

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

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 02 **Parents' Night Out**
6-10p
HoustonsFirst.org/ParentsNightOut

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

DEC 10 **Christmas in the Country**
Single Parent Families
HoustonsFirst.org/SingleParentFamilies

DEC 17 **Candy Cane Lane**
For kids from birth-5th grade
HoustonsFirst.org/CandyCaneLane

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 [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#) [Instagram](#) [YouTube](#) [LinkedIn](#) [Pinterest](#)

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 worshippers will appreciate your thoughtfulness.