

NEWS + UPDATES CONTINUED



We'll wrap up the last MidLink of the fall semester on Wed, Nov 16 with a traditional Thanksgiving meal at MidLink Café! The MidLink spring semester begins on Jan 11, 2012.

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)

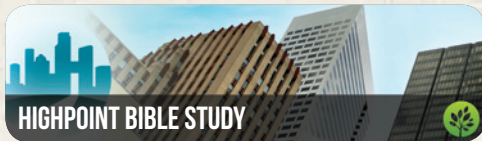
STUDENTS

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:

- **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



Wed, Nov 16 @ 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

TIMES, LOCATIONS & CONNECTIONS

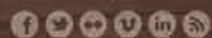


SUNDAYS AT THE LOOP

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 GREED



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One of the many things I appreciate about Houston's First is your generosity. Our church family never fails to rise to the occasion when asked to give of its time, gifts and resources. As an example, look at the growing pile of toys and treasures being collected today for The Christmas Store. This ministry to families-in-need is made possible by your donations and by your service on the day of the event. We don't buy gifts or hire part-time help to run The Christmas Store! It's simply an act of love from Houston's First to our community. So, drop off your donations and join the team as we share the Good News with parents—and bring a smile to a child's face on Christmas Day!

In Him,

Pastor Greed

COMING

the Christmas store



VOLUNTEER

Sat, Dec 3 @ 10a-4:30p – Faith Center (8009 Long Point)
Thanks for bringing your new, unwrapped gifts today for The Christmas Store! See inside for more details on how you can volunteer at the event on Dec 3.

- HoustonsFirst.org/TheChristmasStore
- Matthew.Creath@HoustonsFirst.org



NEWS + UPDATES



TWEET OF THE WEEK: @freckletown: Singing along with @HoustonsFirst via their webcast. "It Is Well"... ahhhh... LOVE it!



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.



MAKE IT YOUR CHURCH ORIENTATION

Today @ 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).

- HoustonsFirst.org/NewMember
- Malcolm.Marshall@HoustonsFirst.org



IMPACTED BY CANCER?

Mon, Nov 14 @ 6:45p – Garden Rm

CanHope, ministering to families touched by cancer, will gather for prayer, community and sharing. An entrée is provided; please bring a salad, vegetable or dessert to share. Everyone's invited!

- HoustonsFirst.org/CareSupport
- Linda.Askin@HoustonsFirst.org



KARDIA COLLEGE STUDENT GATHERING

Thu, Nov 17 @ 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
- Nate.Stewart@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



PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Fri, Dec 2 @ 6-10p – Houston's First

Let Houston's First take care of the kids while you enjoy a romantic date, an activity with your Life Bible Study—or get in some shopping without the kids! Cost is 1 child for \$10, 2 children for \$15, 3 children for \$20, 4+ children for \$25.

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



THE CHRISTMAS STORE

Sat, Dec 3 @ 10a-4:30p – Faith Center (8009 Long Point)

The Christmas Store provides over 3,000 gifts for families in need, with a team of 500 volunteers making this annual ministry happen. Help set up, sort, decorate, evangelize, pray and more! Sign up online to volunteer.

- HoustonsFirst.org/TheChristmasStore
- Matthew.Creath@HoustonsFirst.org



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

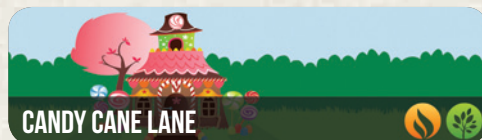


SENIOR ADULTS CHRISTMAS TRIP

Fri, Dec 9 @ 6p – Sam Houston Park

Senior adults will take in the sights and sounds of Christmas at the 49th Annual Candlelight Tour in Sam Houston Park, presented by the Heritage Society. Call to register. Cost is \$5. Bus transportation provided from church.

- HoustonsFirst.org/Adults60Plus
- 713.957.7661



CANDY CANE LANE

Sat, Dec 17 @ 10a-2p – Gym, South Parking Lot, Oasis Rm

Kids birth – 5th grade will have a blast celebrating Christmas on Candy Cane Lane, featuring *One Starry Night*—an interactive experience through Bethlehem! Contact Angie to join the Candy Cane Lane Volunteer Team.

- HoustonsFirst.org/CandyCaneLane
- Angie.Savage@HoustonsFirst.org

COMING UP

NOV 27 **Thanksgiving Weekend**
Regular Worship Services – Both campuses
No Life Bible Studies | No 9:30a Chapel

DEC 01 **Women's Christmas Banquet**
6:30-9p – Fellowship Center
HoustonsFirst.org/ChristmasBanquet

DEC 04 **HUB Students Wacky Tacky Christmas Party**
5:30-7:30p
HoustonsFirst.org/WackyTackyChristmas

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

DEC 24 **Christmas Eve**
Candlelight Services
2p, 4p & 6p – At the Loop

DEC 25 **Christmas Day Worship Service**
10:30a – At the Loop, 11a – Downtown
No Life Bible Studies

DEC 31 **Summit New Year's Eve Party**
8p-1a – Lucky Strike
SummitYoungSingles.org

JAN 01 **New Year's Day Worship Service**
10:30a – At the Loop, 11a – Downtown
No Life Bible Studies



BLOOD DRIVE

Today @ 8a-1p – Outside Fitness & Recreation Ctr
Give the gift of life and donate blood!

713.957.6701

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: >> silence cell phones >> use the restroom before the service (take your children, too!) >> remain seated once our time of Bible study begins. At the end of the worship service, people will be invited to accept Christ or join the church. Please remain in the service during this time. Pastor Gregg and other worshipers will appreciate your thoughtfulness.