

**Milestones**  
Essential classes and events offered throughout the semester on Wednesdays (and other days). Visit [HoustonsFirst.org/Milestones](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Milestones) for full schedule.

**CHURCHWIDE**  
**4:45-6:30p**  
MidLink Café – Fellowship Center  
**7-8p**  
The Link – Bible Study with Larry Lilley – Garden Rm

**WORSHIP / MUSIC**  
**7-8:30p**  
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](http://HoustonsFirst.org/BibleStudies). Here are some to consider:

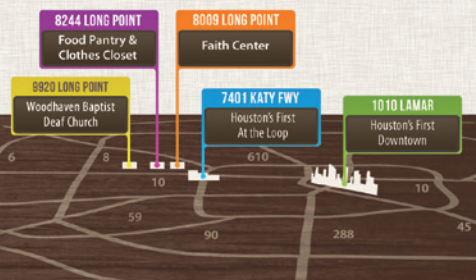
- **CrossTalk** @ 8:20a, Rm 335, adults ages 40-50
- **Crown** @ 10:45a, Rm 132, adults ages 70-90
- **The Big Time** @ 10:45a, Rm 401/402, couples married 3-10 yrs
- **Epic** @ 6:45p, Harbor Rm, single adults ages 20-39



**Wed, Feb 1 @ 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](http://HoustonsFirst.org/HighPoint)  
 [Diane.Bagby@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto: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 GREGG



JAN  
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2012

Pain is often unavoidable. Try as we might to escape or avoid it, there are moments and seasons in which we will come face-to-face with grief with no alternate course to take. We simply must go through it. That's what the disciples did as Christ's journey to the cross and the sacrifice He had to make came into focus. To prepare them for the sorrow they would experience, He lovingly pointed them to the joy they would one day encounter. Now, on this side of the empty tomb, we have access to that same joy—a joy that no one can take away.

In Him,

*Pastor Gregg*

COMING

## ON BENDED KNEE

Sat, Feb 4 @ 8-10:30a – Fellowship Ctr  
A prayer gathering for men and women. See inside for details.

[HoustonsFirst.org/OnBendedKnee](http://HoustonsFirst.org/OnBendedKnee)  
 [Carrie.Monzon@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Carrie.Monzon@HoustonsFirst.org)





# NEWS + UPDATES



TWEET OF THE WEEK: Inspired by @HoustonFirst #GLAExpo and God's word. Sudan summer 2013 here I come! – @jennydrews



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.



## ON BENDED KNEE



Sat, Feb 4 @ 8-10:30a – Fellowship Ctr

The men and women of Houston's First will join together for an exciting morning of inter-generational friendship and focused prayer. Everyone is invited! Free continental breakfast provided. Register for childcare online.



[HoustonFirst.org/OnBendedKnee](http://HoustonFirst.org/OnBendedKnee)



[Carrie.Monzon@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:Carrie.Monzon@HoustonFirst.org)



## FIND HOPE & GET HIRED



Sat, Feb 4 @ 9a-Noon – Rm 602

Looking for a job—or a better job? Come to First HOPE Job Ministry's free meeting to discuss resume writing, interviewing, networking, and receive biblical encouragement specifically designed for the job seeker.



[HoustonFirst.org/FirstHopeJobMinistry](http://HoustonFirst.org/FirstHopeJobMinistry)



[Hope@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:Hope@HoustonFirst.org)



## BE A STEPHEN MINISTER



Applications due Sun, Feb 5

Stephen Ministers are church members trained to minister to people experiencing a crisis, facing a challenge, or experiencing difficulty in their lives. If interested, turn in an application by Feb 5 to attend training Feb 13-May 7.



[HoustonFirst.org/StephenMinistry](http://HoustonFirst.org/StephenMinistry)



[Debbie.Portilla@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:Debbie.Portilla@HoustonFirst.org)



## SUPER BOWL SUNDAY



Sun, Feb 5

On Super Bowl Sunday, all 6:45p Life Bible Studies will meet at 4:15p. After the 5:30p worship service, stay for a Super Bowl party in the Fellowship Ctr, including dinner and a large screen to watch the game!



[HoustonFirst.org](http://HoustonFirst.org)



[Ryan.McPhetridge@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:Ryan.McPhetridge@HoustonFirst.org)



## DATE NIGHT HOUSTON WITH TIM HAWKINS



Fri, Feb 10 @ 7-9p – Worship Ctr

Want clean comedy with an edge? Tim Hawkins brings the funny. Get energized at this insane comedy experience! Open to all ages and families. Optional dinner for Married Young Adults at 5:30p. Purchase tickets online.



[HoustonFirst.org/DateNightHouston](http://HoustonFirst.org/DateNightHouston)



[Noelle.Carpenter@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:Noelle.Carpenter@HoustonFirst.org)



## 2012 SUMMIT RETREAT



Feb 11-12 @ Trinity Pines on Lake Livingston

Young single adults are headed to Lake Livingston for "Spring Training" with powerful messages, heartfelt worship, ropes courses, games, a missions expo, and more! Register online. Cost \$64 thru Feb 9.



[SummitYoungSingles.org](http://SummitYoungSingles.org)



[Ryan.McPhetridge@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:Ryan.McPhetridge@HoustonFirst.org)



## MAKE IT YOUR CHURCH ORIENTATION



Sun, Feb 12 @ 12:30p & 4p – At the Loop

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.



[HoustonFirst.org/NewMember](http://HoustonFirst.org/NewMember)



[Malcolm.Marshall@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:Malcolm.Marshall@HoustonFirst.org)



## GIRLS' NIGHT OUT WITH ABBY RIKE



Fri, Feb 24 @ 6:30-9p – Fellowship Ctr

*The Biggest Loser* contestant and author of *Working It Out*, Abby shares lessons from the loss of her family and the role faith played in regaining her physical and emotional well-being. Purchase \$10 tickets online. Includes dessert.



[HoustonFirst.org/AbbyRike](http://HoustonFirst.org/AbbyRike)



[Carrie.Monzon@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:Carrie.Monzon@HoustonFirst.org)



## HIS MAN ON HIS MISSION



Mar 2-3 – At the Loop

Guided by author Steve Farrar, men will discover God's mission for them, how He equips them for their calling, the most important work they'll ever have, and how they can finish strong. Cost is \$40. Register online.



[HoustonFirst.org/Farrar](http://HoustonFirst.org/Farrar)



[Steve.Heiser@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:Steve.Heiser@HoustonFirst.org)

# COMING UP

JAN 30

Homeschool Meeting

7p – Rm 362

[BobRedweik@aol.com](mailto:BobRedweik@aol.com)

FEB 01

Kardia College Gathering

8-10p – Chapel

[HoustonFirst.org/Kardia](http://HoustonFirst.org/Kardia)

FEB 09

Celebrate Recovery

Special guests David and Kaye Trickett

[HoustonFirst.org/CelebrateRecovery](http://HoustonFirst.org/CelebrateRecovery)

FEB 11

Single Parent Family Day

10a-6p – Trinity Pines on Lake Livingston

[HoustonFirst.org/SingleParentFamilies](http://HoustonFirst.org/SingleParentFamilies)

FEB 12

Prayer During Worship Training

2-4p – Rm 143

[HoustonFirst.org/Prayer](http://HoustonFirst.org/Prayer)

MAR 05

Missions Classic Golf Tournament

Supports student mission projects

[HoustonFirst.org/MissionsClassic](http://HoustonFirst.org/MissionsClassic)

MAR 05-07

Senior Adult Revival with Dr. John Bisagno

Chapel

[HoustonFirst.org/Adults60Plus](http://HoustonFirst.org/Adults60Plus)

MAR 25

Spring Loaded

Outdoor fun and games

Look for exciting changes this year!



## FOOD PANTRY COLLECTIONS

Sun, Feb 5 – Both campuses

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.

Need more info? Call 713.681.8000 to get in touch with us. Connect with us online anytime at [HoustonFirst.org](http://HoustonFirst.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.