

## WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT HOUSTON'S FIRST

### 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



## LIFE BIBLE STUDIES

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:

- **3 Strands** @ 9:30a, Rm 501/502, couples married 2-3 yrs
- **Covenant Keepers** @ 10:45a, Fellowship Ctr C/D, adults ages 69-79
- **Dayspring** @ 10:45a, Garden Rm, women of all ages
- **Oikos** @ 10:45a, Harbor Rm, single and married adults



## HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

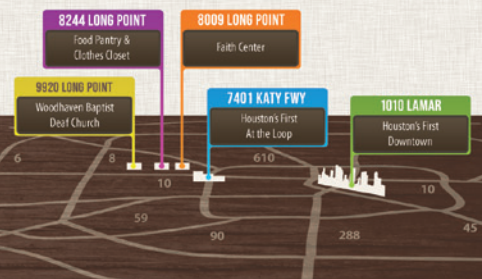
**Wed, Feb 29 @ 11:30a – 1010 Lamar (tunnel level)**

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



FEB 26 2012

The Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo kicks off this week, marking its 80th year of celebrating our western heritage. The event brings to mind images of cowboys out on the trail marking their cattle with a unique brand. The symbol served to identify the owner and protect the livestock from would-be thieves. Similarly, followers of Jesus Christ have been branded—or “sealed” (2 Corinthians 1:22)—as being forever His. Instead of a physical symbol, our brand is made known by our devotion to Him and our love for others. While the rodeo is in town, ask yourself if your brand is evident for the world to see.

Giddy Up!

*Pastor Gregg*

COMING

## REALITIES FOR TODAY SENIOR ADULT REVIVAL

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Mar 5-7 @ 10:30a – Chapel

Men and women age 60+ are invited to this three-day gathering of worship, teaching, and prayer. Hear from Dr. John Bisagno on the Realities For Today, with worship led by John Bolin and choir members.

[HoustonsFirst.org/Revival](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Revival)

[Tracie.Bowman@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Tracie.Bowman@HoustonsFirst.org)



# 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:** Loved the sermon on Sunday @HoustonFirst. Great reminder to live a life that requires God, not just includes God. — @aliciadutton



## SUMMIT SOFTBALL

Every Sat thru Mar 24 @ 11a-5p –  
Community Park, Missouri City

Dust off your cleats, find your glove, and join other young single adults for the most popular intramural event of the year! Cost is \$25 for the season (register online) or \$5 per game (at the door).

[HoustonFirst.org/Softball](http://HoustonFirst.org/Softball)  
 [Peter.Lee@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:Peter.Lee@HoustonFirst.org)



## PASSING ON PURITY

Sun, Mar 4 @ 12:15-2:45p – Rm 362

Led by Doug Bischoff, Minister to Students, this Milestones event equips parents of 5th-10th graders to pass on the value of purity to their son or daughter. Lunch is available for \$5. RSVP to Susan Newman.

[HoustonFirst.org/Students](http://HoustonFirst.org/Students)  
 [Susan.Newman@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:Susan.Newman@HoustonFirst.org)



## MIDLINK PEAK NIGHT

Wed, Mar 7 @ Various Evening Times

Take advantage of 5 one-night only courses: Parents as Primary Disciplers, Time Alone with God, Understanding Islam, Intentional Shepherding (Women) and GM6: Using Bible Study & Exhortation to Disciple Men (Men).

[HoustonFirst.org/MidLinkPeakNight](http://HoustonFirst.org/MidLinkPeakNight)  
 [Jan.Butterfras@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:Jan.Butterfras@HoustonFirst.org)

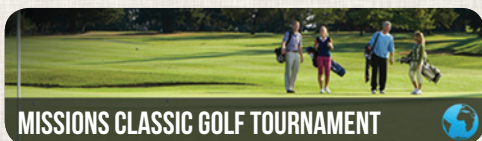


## HIS MAN ON HIS MISSION

Mar 2-3 – At the Loop

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

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

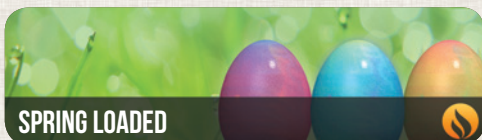


## MISSIONS CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT

Mon, Mar 5 @ 8:30a – Westwood Golf Club

Support our high school and college students going on mission trips around the world by playing a round of golf! Plus, make a hole-in-one on the featured hole and win a brand new car from Honda of Clear Lake. Register online.

[HoustonFirst.org/MissionsClassic](http://HoustonFirst.org/MissionsClassic)  
 [Doug.Bischoff@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:Doug.Bischoff@HoustonFirst.org)



## SPRING LOADED

Sun, Mar 25 @ 11:30a-3p – FBA Warrior Field

Enjoy an afternoon of outdoor fun! Have lunch in the Gym (11a-1p; \$3-\$5 pp) then shuttle over to the field for egg hunts, inflatables, and more! Admission is free. Shuttle service provided. No parking at the field.

[HoustonFirst.org/SpringLoaded](http://HoustonFirst.org/SpringLoaded)  
 [Jan.Butterfras@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:Jan.Butterfras@HoustonFirst.org)



## FAITH CENTER ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DAY

Sat, Mar 3 @ 8a-4p – 8009 Long Point Rd

Bring old printers, monitors, mobile phones, power strips, computers, fax machines, DVD players, and more to be recycled! 25% of the value of all equipment collected will be donated to the Faith Center's Computer Ministry.

[HoustonFirst.org/FaithCenter](http://HoustonFirst.org/FaithCenter)  
 [FCCM@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:FCCM@HoustonFirst.org)



## MONDAY GPS

Mon, Mar 5 @ 10a-1:30p – Fellowship Ctr

This monthly meeting offers engaging social interaction, fellowship, and stimulating exercise for adults diagnosed with early to moderate stages of memory loss due to dementia, stroke or injury. Free! Prescreening required.

[HoustonFirst.org/MondayGPS](http://HoustonFirst.org/MondayGPS)  
 [Linda.Askin@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:Linda.Askin@HoustonFirst.org)



## DAYCATION COUNSELORS

Summer 2012 – At the Loop

The Fitness & Recreation Ministry is looking for Counselors to work with K-8th grade students at Daycation, the church's summer day camp. You must love Jesus and kids, and be a high school graduate to serve. Apply online.

[HoustonFirst.org/Daycation](http://HoustonFirst.org/Daycation)  
 [Daycation@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:Daycation@HoustonFirst.org)

# COMING UP

**MAR 01** GriefShare  
7-8:30p – Rm 265  
[HoustonFirst.org/SupportGroups](http://HoustonFirst.org/SupportGroups)

**MAR 09** Summit Celebrates: Community  
8p – Chapel  
[SummitYoungSingles.org](http://SummitYoungSingles.org)

**MAR 25- APR 08** IMAGO Holy Week Art Show: Amplify  
Main Foyer  
[IMAGOHouston.org](http://IMAGOHouston.org)

**APR 05** Broken For You Worship Service  
7p – Worship Center  
Includes Lord's Supper

**APR 07** Aid Sudan 5K Run/Walk  
8a – Bear Creek Park  
[HoustonFirst.org/AidSudan](http://HoustonFirst.org/AidSudan)

**APR 08** Easter Sunday Worship  
At the Loop @ 8a, 9:30a, 11a & 5:30p  
Downtown @ 9:30a & 11a

**APR 13** Parents' Night Out  
6-10p – At the Loop  
[HoustonFirst.org/ParentsNightOut](http://HoustonFirst.org/ParentsNightOut)

**APR 14** Men: Play  
FBA Warrior Field  
Sports and games for all ages



## FIRST SUNDAY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTIONS

Sun, Mar 4

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 At the Loop and Downtown.

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 worshippers will appreciate your thoughtfulness.