

SPRING LOADED

TODAY!

Lunch @ 11a-1p – Fitness & Recreation Ctr (At the Loop)

Spring Loaded @ 11:30a-3p – FBA Warrior Field

Enjoy a spring day loaded with outdoor fun at the new FBA Warrior Field – with egg hunts, inflatables, rock wall, petting zoo, field games, face painting and more!

Getting There

Parking is not available at FBA Warrior Field (except for handicap spots). So, to get there, just HOP, HOP, HOP!

- HOP over & park in Marq*E garage (Level 3 or higher), then...
- HOP aboard the *Spring Loaded Express* shuttle, then...
- HOP over to FBA Warrior Field!

The *Spring Loaded Express* will run continuously from 11a-3:30p between the Marq*E and the field.

Food

James Coney Island will serve lunch in the Gym from 11a-1p for \$3-\$5 per person. Snacks are available at FBA Warrior Field including candy, popcorn, soft drinks and more for \$1-\$2.

Egg Hunts

Egg hunts for babies through 5th grade will take place every 15 minutes from noon to 2:45p.

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LIFE BIBLE STUDIES

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

- **Peace Makers** @ 8:20a, Rm 143, adults ages 80+
- **Crossing the Jordan** @ 10:45a, Fellowship Ctr A/B, adults ages 44-60
- **Newlywed or Close PM** @ 6:45p, Rm 501/502, couples engaged/married 1 year or less
- **Paradigm** @ 6:45p, Fellowship Ctr C/D, single adults ages 25-32

HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

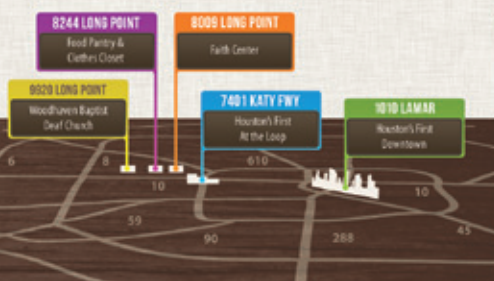
Wed, Mar 28 @ 11:30a – 1010 Lamar (tunnel level)

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

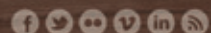


SUNDAYS AT THE LOOP

Worship 9:30a • 11a • 5:30p
Life Bible Study 8:20a • 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



MAR
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2012

With the opening of the IMAGO art show today, we begin our collective remembrance and celebration of Holy Week at Houston's First. We will gather as a church family to celebrate His triumphal entry on Palm Sunday, to remember the Last Supper and His sacrifice for us at Broken For You, and to rejoice in His resurrection on Easter Sunday. Between those gatherings, I encourage you to find individual or family moments to reflect on this time in the life of Christ as He travels the long road to the Cross. May His journey remind us of His great love for us – the love we are called to share with others.

In Him,

Pastor Gregg

COMING

"Gregg's book is a must-read for an American Church in desperate need of renewal."
JOEL C. ROSENBERG
New York Times bestselling author

I AM

changes who i am

PASTOR GREGG'S BOOK SIGNING

Sun, Apr 1 – At the Loop

Celebrate the release of Pastor Gregg's new book at a book signing in the Main Foyer after each worship service next week! He'll also be at Highpoint Bible Study on Wed, Apr 11, and at the Downtown campus on Sun, Apr 15, after their 11a worship service. Books available for purchase beginning today, Sun, Mar 25, from Corner Books.

HoustonsFirst.org/CornerBooks



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: Thanks @GreggMatte & @HoustonsFirst for intentionally helping me to remember to rest in Him. #selah – @eomenson

CHURCHWIDE

FIRST PLACE 4 HEALTH ORIENTATIONS

Thu, Mar 29 @ 6:30p & Sun, Apr 1 @ 3p – Rm 263

Attend one of these orientations and see how First Place 4 Health can help you discover a new way to healthy living! Attendance is required for new members to join a class.



FirstPlace4Health.com



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AID SUDAN 5K RUN/WALK

Sat, Apr 7 – Bear Creek Park (Pavilion 6)

Raise funds for Aid Sudan's ministry with a Kids' 1K @ 7:45a and a 5K Run/Walk @ 8a. Support schools, medical clinics, and help provide clean water to Sudanese communities. Register online or in Fitness & Rec Center.



HoustonsFirst.org/AidSudan



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NEW SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Begins Sun, Apr 15 – At the Loop

Beginning Apr 15, a new Sunday morning schedule goes into effect At the Loop. The 9:30a service moves to 9:15a and the 8:20a and 9:30a Life Bible Studies move to 8a and 9:15a. The 10:45a Life Bible Studies, 11a worship service, and the evening and Downtown schedules are not impacted. Go online to learn more.



HoustonsFirst.org/NewSchedule



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MISSION TRIPS

Jun 2012 – Worldwide

Houston's first offers many ways to *give your life away* including mission trips around the world! Sign up now for June mission trips to Granada and Valencia, Spain, Jordan, Cambodia, and Hawaii and share the love of Christ!



HoustonsFirst.org/Missions



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WOMEN

BOOK REVIEW

Thu, Apr 19 @ 9:30-11:30a – Rm 404-405

Women will gather for a book review and Q&A session with Carole Lewis, author of *Give God A Year*. On May 17, Pastor Gregg talks about his new book *I AM changes who i am*.



HoustonsFirst.org/Women



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MEN

MEN: SERVE

Sat, Apr 14

Men will work in teams across Houston to serve widows of Houston's First. Lawn equipment and tools are needed, as well as volunteers to lead teams. Register online.



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STUDENTS

HOOROO, HARLIE!

Sat, Apr 1 @ 9:15-11:15a – HUB Smoothie Bar

The HUB Student Ministry invites current and former students, parents and volunteers to say "hooroo" (Australian for "good-bye") to Harlie & Liz Raethel as they follow God's leading to Austin. Thank them for 7 years of ministry at Houston's First!



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SENIOR ADULTS

SENIOR ADULT BUS TRIP

Sat, Mar 31 @ 1p – Beaumont, TX

Adults age 50+ will take a day trip to Beaumont for the South Texas Fair & Rodeo. Enjoy a livestock show, rodeo, exhibits, carnival, and live music! Call 713.957.7661 to register. Cost is \$5 for admission.



HoustonsFirst.org/Adults60Plus



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UPCOMING

APR
13

Parents' Night Out
6-10p – At the Loop
HoustonsFirst.org/ParentsNightOut

APR
15

Guest Speaker: David Barton
Founder & President of WallBuilders
All services, At the Loop & Downtown

APR
22

Life Bible Study Leadership Lunch
For current & prospective leaders
11:30a-1:45p – Gym

MAY
20

Make It Your Church Orientation
12:30p or 4p
HoustonsFirst.org/NewMember

JUN
07-10

Camp Intersect
3rd-6th grades
Carolina Creek Christian Camp

JUN
25-29

Vacation Bible School
Kindergarten – 5th grade
9a-12:30p – At the Loop

JUL
16-20

Summer Week of Choir
Kindergarten – 5th grade
9a-3p – At the Loop

JUL
21-28

Rush Week – Ozark Mountains
7th-12th grades
HoustonsFirst.org/RushWeek



FIRST SUNDAY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTIONS

Sun, Apr 1

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 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.