



## 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:

- **Early Risers** @ 8a, Rm 190, adults ages 70-80
- **CrossTalk** @ 8a, Rm 252, adults ages 40-50
- **The Rising** @ 10:45a, Rm 501/502, couples married 2-15 years
- **Night Light** @ 6:45p, Fellowship Ctr A/B, singles ages 30+



**Wed, Apr 25 @ 11:30a — 1010 Lamar (tunnel level)**

Downtown Campus Pastor Lee Hsia 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.

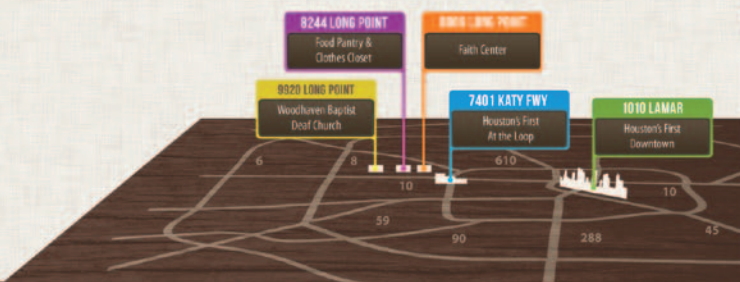


[HoustonsFirst.org/HighPoint](http://HoustonsFirst.org/HighPoint)



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## TIMES, LOCATIONS & CONNECTIONS



## SUNDAYS AT THE LOOP

Worship 9:15a • 11a • 5:30p  
Life Bible Study 8a • 9:15a • 10:45a • 4:15p • 6:45p  
Kids' Worship 9:15a • 11a • 5:30p

## SUNDAYS DOWNTOWN

Worship 11a  
Life Bible Study 9:30a



# FIRST THOUGHT WITH PASTOR GREGG



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You've heard the phrase, "Seeing is believing." In essence, that's what Thomas declared when the other disciples told him they had seen the resurrected Christ. He would believe them only if he could see Him with his own two eyes. Maybe Thomas thought that it was too good to be true, or maybe he was just inclined to be skeptical. Either way, his doubt is not unlike that of people today. Our eyes may not see Christ in person, but we can observe Him at work in us and around us. As Christ said, "Those who believe without seeing are blessed." (John 20:29)

In Him,

*Pastor Gregg*

## SUNDAYS



## LIFE BIBLE STUDIES

Life Bible Studies are a great way to grow your soul and connect with a smaller group of people. With options At the Loop at 8a, 9:15a, 10:45a, 4:15p and 6:45p and Downtown at 9:30a, there is sure to be one that's just right for you. Visit the Welcome Center or [HoustonsFirst.org/BibleStudies](http://HoustonsFirst.org/BibleStudies) to discover what's available!





# 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:** @HoustonsFirst @GreggMatte out w/Night Light class doing a "water witness" at Memorial park near tennis courts — @CorbinC2009

## I AM changes who i am

### PASTOR GREGG'S BOOK

*I AM changes who i am* - Available in Corner Books

### MAKE IT YOUR CHURCH ORIENTATION

Sun, May 20 @ 12:30p or 4p

Learn what it means to be a member of Houston's First!

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

## CHURCHWIDE

### LIFE BIBLE STUDY LEADERSHIP LUNCHEON

Today @ 11:30a-1:45p – Fitness & Recreation Ctr

Life Bible Study leaders from all divisions will gather for inspiration and vision-casting with speaker Rick Ray, plus free lunch! Those interested in serving in leadership are welcome, too.



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



[Jeanene.Andrus@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Jeanene.Andrus@HoustonsFirst.org)

### CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Every Thu @ 6-9p – Oasis Rm

This ministry, based on biblical principles, provides a safe and confidential place to break out of life's hurts, habits, and hang-ups and into God's grace. Everyone is welcome for fellowship, worship, teaching, and small groups.



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



[Huston.McComb@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Huston.McComb@HoustonsFirst.org)

### FIND HOPE & GET HIRED!

Sat, May 5 @ 9a-Noon – Faith Ctr (8009 Long Point)

Looking for a job? The First Hope Job Ministry can help you gain the necessary resources for obtaining employment. This month's free meeting includes a computer training class. Refreshments and coffee provided.



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



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### HIGH 5 KIDS' CHOIR MUSICAL

Sun, May 6 @ 2p – Worship Center (At the Loop)

Kids from PreK to 5th grade in the High 5 Kids' Choir invite the Houston's First family to their spring musical, "Worshipping God is..." Admission is free and open to everyone – not just the kids' parents and grandparents!



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



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### IMPLOSION WITH JOEL ROSENBERG

Sat, Jun 16 @ 9a-Noon – Worship Center (At the Loop)

New York Times best-selling author Joel Rosenberg will talk and answer questions about his latest non-fiction work *IMPLOSION: Can America Recover From Its Economic & Spiritual Challenges In Time?* Purchase tickets online.



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



[Elizabeth.Trask@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Elizabeth.Trask@HoustonsFirst.org)

## MEN

### MEN:PRAY

Sat, May 5 @ 8-10a – Downtown Campus (1010 Lamar)

Men of all ages are invited to a special gathering at our Downtown Campus to pray for our friends, families, homes, church, city, country, and world. Free continental breakfast.



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



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## CHILDREN & STUDENTS

### CAMP INTERSECT

Jun 7-10 – Carolina Creek Christian Camp

Camp Intersect is two camps in one location – one for 3rd-4th graders and one for 5th-6th graders. Have a blast playing water games, ropes courses, scavenger hunts, and more! Register online. Cost \$275/person before May 2.



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



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## STUDENTS

### SENIOR CELEBRATION

Sun, May 6 @ 12:15-2:15p – Fellowship Ctr

Graduating high school seniors and their families will gather for a formal banquet with lunch and an encouraging word from Pastor Gregg as we celebrate their accomplishment. Cost is free for seniors and \$10/family member. Register online.



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



[Susan.Newman@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Susan.Newman@HoustonsFirst.org)

## YOUNG SINGLES

### SUMMIT CELEBRATES

Fri, Apr 27 @ 8p – Chapel

Young single adults are invited to a celebration in anticipation of MetroLIVE coming this summer. Speakers and bands will be announced, plus details on ministry partners and volunteer opportunities. Come see how you can get involved!



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



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## UPCOMING

MAY  
02

**Kardia College Gathering**

7:30p - Chapel  
[KardiaHouston.com](http://KardiaHouston.com)

MAY  
13

**Single Parent Families**

Mother's Day Lunch  
[HoustonsFirst.org/SingleParentFamilies](http://HoustonsFirst.org/SingleParentFamilies)

MAY 20-  
JUL 01

**Summit Indoor Soccer**

Young Single Adults  
Sundays @ 1-5p - Fitness & Recreation Ctr

MAY 29-  
AUG 17

**Daycation**

Kindergarten – 8th Grade  
[HoustonsFirst.org/Daycation](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Daycation)

MAY 31-  
AUG 02

**MetroLIVE**

Adults 20s/30s, college, single or married  
Every Thu @ 7:30p – Worship Ctr

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

JUL  
21-28

**Rush Week – Ozark Mountains**

7th-12th grades  
[HoustonsFirst.org/RushWeek](http://HoustonsFirst.org/RushWeek)

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](http://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.