



## HOUSTON PROJECT

Be a missionary to your own city.

Jul 8-12

Have you ever wanted to be a missionary or go on a mission trip? Now's your chance! Be a missionary to your own city during the Houston Project the evenings of Jul 8-12.

Choose from 16 ministry sites around town to serve with Vacation Bible School, Youth Events, Adult Ministry, Evangelism, Prayer, Sports Ministry or Food Distribution.

The cost through Jun 10 is \$35 for adults, \$25 for single parents & college students and free for kids under 18. Like any other mission trip, these funds help pay for supplies, food, transportation, t-shirts and other needs.

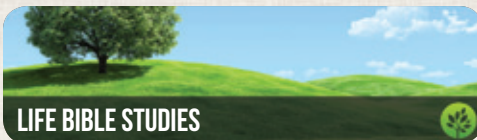
If you're unable to participate this year, please lift this effort up in prayer, or support it financially by giving online at [HoustonsFirst.org/HoustonProject](http://HoustonsFirst.org/HoustonProject).



[HoustonsFirst.org/HoustonProject](http://HoustonsFirst.org/HoustonProject)  
or stop by the Main Foyer to register



[Charlotte.Nease@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Charlotte.Nease@HoustonsFirst.org)



## 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:

- **A New Journey** @ 8a, Rm 251, widows ages 40+
- **Chairos** @ 9:15a, Rm 270, young single adults with children
- **Logos** @ 9:15a, Rm 407, couples married 5-15 years
- **Victory** @ 10:45a, Rm 254, adults ages 63-80



## HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

**Wed, May 23 @ 11:30a – 1010 Lamar (tunnel level)**

Ministries Pastor Jason Swiggart 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.

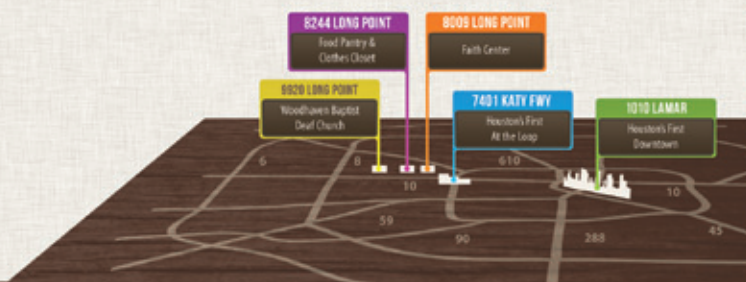


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## TIMES, LOCATIONS & CONNECTIONS

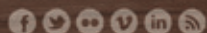


### SUNDAYS AT THE LOOP

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



MAY  
20  
2012

Today's message is the last one in the final series in our two-year study of the Gospel account written by John – “the disciple Jesus loved.” (John 21:10) On the next two Sundays, we'll look at what God taught us on this journey and look ahead to where we go from here. I appreciate how our church family embraced this idea of spending two years in one book of the Bible. Along the way, God reminded us that no matter where we are in His Word, what it reveals is always relevant and timely. May we never forget that, and may we always seek His Truth.

In Him,

*Pastor Gregg*

TODAY



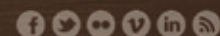
## SPREAD THE WORD!

All of Pastor Gregg's messages are available online at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org) and on CD inside Corner Books. Help spread the Word by sharing these messages with friends and family!



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

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# 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: @HFBCDowntown @HoustonsFirst @ereed89 great time praying with the brotherhood and walking the streets of htown prayer walking @ #menpray - @j0shlandrum

## MAKE IT YOUR CHURCH ORIENTATION

Today @ 12:30p or 4p

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

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

Next session - Sun, Sep 9

## METROLIVE

Every Thu, May 31-Aug 2 @ 7:30p

Worship Center (At the Loop)

Adults 20s/30s (college, single or married)

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

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Jun 25-29 @ 9a-12:30p - At the Loop

K-5th grade

Encounter God against the backdrop of the world's marvelous natural wonders! And, it's free!

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

## CHURCHWIDE

### SUMMER MISSION TRIPS

Give your life away this summer on a mission trip with Houston's First! Spots are still open on trips headed to Athens, Hawaii, Montana and Sudan. Where is God leading you?

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

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### CANHOPE CANCER SUPPORT

Mon, May 21 @ 6:45p - Reception Rm (At the Loop)

CanHope, ministering to families touched by cancer, will meet for fellowship, prayer, testimonies, and a word from Geoff Gray. An entrée is provided; please bring a salad, vegetable, or dessert to share. Everyone is invited!

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

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### IMPLOSION WITH JOEL ROSENBERG

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

What happens to America in the last days? *New York Times* best-selling author Joel Rosenberg will address that and other topics as he introduces 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)

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## CHILDREN

### SUMMER WEEK OF CHOIR

Jul 16-19 @ 9a-3p & Jul 20 @ 9a-Noon - At the Loop

Join the fun of this power-packed musical week for K-5th grades! We'll sing, play, learn about God and wrap it up with a performance Friday evening showcasing all we've learned. Space is limited! Register online. Cost is \$125/child.

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

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## STUDENTS

### RUSHAPALOOZA

Fri, Jun 1 @ 8p - Sat, Jun 2 @ 8a

Get ready for this all-night lock-out when 6th-12th graders will invade the city of Houston, including food, games, and fun! Students arrive at 8p Fri and finish at 8a Sat. Register online for \$60, or at the door for \$75.

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

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## MARRIED YOUNG ADULTS

### RECREATE DATE NIGHT

Fri, Jun 1 @ 6-10p

Formerly known as Parents' Night Out, this is a great opportunity to enjoy a date night with your spouse! Before your date, pick up a *Date Night Kit* with discussion questions, games, and goodies. Register online. Childcare space is limited.

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

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## WOMEN

### SUMMER BIBLE STUDIES

This June, women can grow their souls at Bible studies just for them. Each study takes place At the Loop.

- *Glimpsing God's Glory by Telling Your Story*  
With Nancy Taylor & hosted by Rebecca Search  
Every Wed, Jun 6-20 @ 6:30-8:30p - Rm 257/258
- *The Fitting Room*  
By Kelly Minter with Emily Skaggs  
Every Thu, Jun 7-21 @ 9:30-11:30a - Rm 253/254
- *A Full Life in Empty Places*  
With Debbie Stuart  
Sat, Jun 9 @ 9:30-11:30a - Fellowship Ctr

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

[Haylee.Pearson@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Haylee.Pearson@HoustonsFirst.org)

## UPCOMING

**TODAY- JUL 1** **Summit Indoor Soccer**  
Young Single Adults  
Sundays @ 1-5p - Fitness & Recreation Ctr

**MAY 27** **Memorial Day Weekend**  
Normal worship schedule with Life Bible Studies  
Church building closed Mon, May 28

**MAY 29- AUG 17** **Daycation: Summer Day Camp**  
Kindergarten-8th Grade  
[HoustonsFirst.org/Daycation](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Daycation)

**MAY 30** **Muck Fest (Summer Rush Kick-Off)**  
6th-12th Grade  
6:30-8:30p - At the Loop

**JUN 1** **Kids' Summer Kick-Off Party**  
1st-5th Grade  
[HoustonsFirst.org/ChildrensEvents](http://HoustonsFirst.org/ChildrensEvents)

**JUN 7-10** **Camp Intersect**  
3rd-6th Grade  
[HoustonsFirst.org/CampIntersect](http://HoustonsFirst.org/CampIntersect)

**JUN 13-15** **Princess & Prince Day Camp**  
PK4-2nd Grade  
[HoustonsFirst.org/ChildrensEvents](http://HoustonsFirst.org/ChildrensEvents)

**JUL 14-21** **Father/Son Backpacking Trip**  
Colorado Springs, CO  
[HoustonsFirst.org/Backpacking](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Backpacking)

## 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 [f](#) [t](#) [i](#) [v](#) [i](#) [n](#) [i](#)

**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.