



## HOUSTON PROJECT

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Jul 8-12

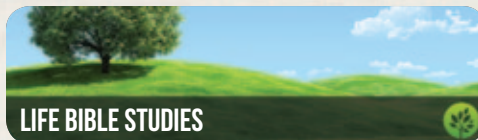
Have you ever wanted to be a missionary or go on a mission trip? Now's your chance! Be a missionary to your own city during the Houston Project the evenings of Jul 8-12.

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).

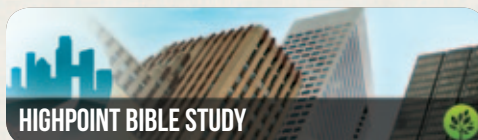
- [HoustonsFirst.org/HoustonProject](http://HoustonsFirst.org/HoustonProject) or stop by the Main Foyer to register
- [Charlotte.Nease@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Charlotte.Nease@HoustonsFirst.org)



## 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:

- **The Difference** @ 9:15a, Garden Rm, adults ages 50-62
- **The Lamp Lighters** @ 10:45a, Rm 258, adults ages 63-73
- **High Altitude** @ 4:15p, Rm 401/402, couples married 3-10 years
- **Roots** @ 6:45p, Gym (SW Corner), single adults ages 25-32



## HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

**Wed, May 30 @ 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)
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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  
27  
2012

"Have a happy Memorial Day!" When you think about it, that saying seems odd. Wishing others a fun three-day weekend is OK, but the holiday is not a *happy* one for many families. This weekend, we remember those brave men and women who paid the ultimate price to defend our nation's freedoms. They may have died a noble death, but at the end of the day, they are still dearly missed. If you've lost a loved one in service to our country, I pray that you would grieve toward God – leaning into Him for comfort. There, you will find everlasting joy.

In Him,

*Pastor Gregg*

## TODAY



**No one has greater love than this, that someone would lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13**



# 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:** Love coming to @HoustonsFirst every Sunday. It's such a spiritual recharge for the rest of the week. Praise God for this gift! – @taylorcolleen

## METROLIVE

Every Thu, May 31-Aug 2 @ 7:30p  
Worship Center (At the Loop)  
Adults 20s/30s (college, single & married)

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

## CHURCHWIDE

### FITNESS & RECREATION CENTER

Please pardon our dust over the next few months as the FRC gets a makeover. All facilities are still open and classes will continue to meet – kickboxing, spinning and more. Individual memberships are only \$25/month.

HoustonsFirst.org/FitnessRecreationCenter

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### 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 and Montana. Where is God leading you?

HoustonsFirst.org/Missions

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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

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## PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN

### PRINCESS & PRINCE DAY CAMP

Jun 13-15 @ 9a-Noon – At the Loop

Boys and girls age four-entering 3rd grade are invited to this 3-day mini-camp. They'll enjoy interactive lessons, puppets, animation, music, and etiquette classes to equip them with God's Word in a fun and inviting atmosphere.

HoustonsFirst.org/ChildrensEvents

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## CHILDREN

### SUMMER KICK OFF PARTY

Fri, Jun 1 @ 6-10p – Fitness & Recreation Center

Children 1st-5th grade will have a blast participating in mini carnival games, a game show, and a reptile show! No registration necessary. Cost is free. Snacks included. (Parents – this is Recreate Date Night for you! See below.)

HoustonsFirst.org/ChildrensEvents

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## STUDENTS

### MUCKFEST

Wed, May 30 @ 6:30-8:30p – East parking lot (At the Loop)

There's no better way to kick off summer than with a huge food fight! Plus, you'll get to meet our new summer interns! Open to all students who have completed 6th-12th grades. Be sure to wear old clothes. Cost is free.

HoustonsFirst.org/Students

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### 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

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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. PreK childcare is full, but children 1st-5th grade can attend the Summer Kick Off Party (see left).

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

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## UPCOMING

**MAY 28** Memorial Day Weekend  
Church offices and building closed  
HoustonsFirst.org

**MAY 29- AUG 17** Daycation: Summer Day Camp  
Kindergarten-8th Grade  
HoustonsFirst.org/Daycation

**JUN 7-10** Camp Intersect  
3rd-6th Grade  
HoustonsFirst.org/CampIntersect

**JUN 17** Single Parent Families  
Father's Day Lunch  
HoustonsFirst.org/SingleParentFamilies

**JUL 1** 4th of July Week  
Normal worship schedule with Life Bible Studies  
HoustonsFirst.org

**JUL 14-21** Father/Son Backpacking Trip  
Colorado Springs, CO  
HoustonsFirst.org/Backpacking

**JUL 16-20** Summer Week of Choir  
Kindergarten-5th Grade  
HoustonsFirst.org/SWoC

**JUL 27** Family Mission Trip – Galveston, TX  
Families of 1st-5th graders  
HoustonsFirst.org/FamilyMissionTrip



### FIRST SUNDAY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTIONS Sun, Jun 3

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.