



## HOUSTON PROJECT

Be a missionary to your own city.

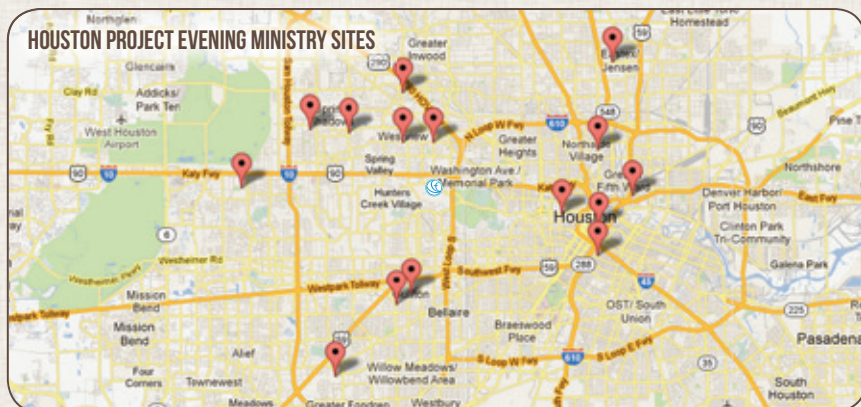
Today—Jul 12

Today is the last day to sign up for Houston Project and be a missionary to your own city during the evenings this week. Visit the Main Foyer today for more information.

As we send out missionaries to sites around Houston, be in prayer for God to do mighty things.

Here are some specific prayer requests:

- Flexibility and endurance for the missionaries serving at each site
- For positive life change in the missionaries and participants
- For the Holy Spirit to draw kids, youth, and adults to hear the Gospel and respond
- For physical, spiritual, and emotional protection
- For strongholds and sins in people's lives to be torn down and the truth of the Gospel to heal and build them up



HoustonsFirst.org/HoustonProject or stop by the Main Foyer



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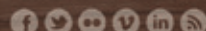
## TIMES, LOCATIONS & CONNECTIONS

### 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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The Houston Project is here! This week, missionaries from our church will serve during the evening at 15 sites around town. During the day, 400 middle school and high school students from 14 churches around Texas and Missouri will serve at 13 *different* sites. That's well over 2,000 people sharing the love of Christ at 28 locations in Houston. Amazing! Of course, our church family can do that every week at countless locations as we live out our faith in our daily lives — at home, at work, at school, as we run errands, and so on. Sharing your faith isn't just a mission trip activity. It's for every day the Lord gives you.

In Him,

*Pastor Gregg*

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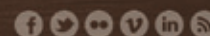
This mission trip to our own city is this week, but it's not too late to join the team! Sign up in the Main Foyer today. Plus, see the back of this Weekly Guide for details on how you can be praying all week.



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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:** After Sunday's sermon on changing my \$ perspective, I just ret. new clothes after recent shopping trip. I feel relief! Thanks @GreggMatte! — @lyssteach

## METROLIVE

Every Thu thru Aug 2 @ 7:30p

Worship Center (At the Loop)

Adults 20s/30s (college, single & married)  
MetroLIVE will not meet this week.

Join us again on Jul 19.

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



## SHUTTLE PARKING IS COOL

Sunday mornings — At the Loop

It's always cool to make room for guests to park on campus. Plus, keep your car cool by parking in a nearby garage!

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



## SUMMER WEEK OF CHOIR

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

K-5th grade

Sing, play, and learn about God — and wrap it up with a big show Friday night!

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



## CHURCHWIDE

### COUNSELING CENTER

Mon–Fri @ 8:30a–4:30p — At the Loop (suite 600)

Did you know Houston's First has its own counseling center? Counselors are available to provide confidential, biblically based, and clinically competent guidance for individuals, marriages, and families.

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

713.335.6461

### 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:

- **Compelled by Love** @ 8a, Rm 262, adults ages 40–58
- **Peacemakers** @ 8a, Rm 143, adults ages 80+
- **1:14** @ 9:15a, Gym (SW Corner), young single adults ages 21–26
- **High Altitude** @ 4:15p, Rm 401/402, couples married 3–10 years

### HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

Wed, Jul 11 @ 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)

### PRAY FOR MISSIONARIES

Sun, Jul 22 @ 2–4p — Oasis Rm

This time of prayer for missionaries, led by MaryAnn Bridgewater of Pray the Word Ministries, is open to everyone! Join in God's work through our missionaries by interceding on their behalf through prayer.

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

[PTW@PrayTheWord.org](mailto:PTW@PrayTheWord.org)

## PRESCHOOL

### PRESCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sundays — At the Loop

Help make a big impact on our little ones! Teachers and directors are needed to serve in our Preschool area on Sundays at 9a, 10:40a, 4:15p, and 5:15p. If interested, contact Sherry Oradat. Must be a member of Houston's First to volunteer.

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

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## CHILDREN

### FAMILY MISSION TRIP

Fri, Jul 27 — Galveston, TX

On this one-day mission trip to Galveston, families of 1st–5th graders will work on improvements to the Community Center and host a block party for the neighborhood! Cost is \$30 and includes t-shirt, transportation, lunch, and supplies. Register online.

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

[Amanda.Westberry@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Amanda.Westberry@HoustonsFirst.org)

## STUDENTS

### SUMMER RUSH — WED NIGHTS

Every Wed @ 6:30–8:30p — At the Loop

Spend your Wed nights this summer with the HUB Student Ministry laughing and playing crazy games, winning cool prizes, and hanging out with your friends!

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

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

### SCHLITTERBAHN TRIP

Mon, Jul 9 — Galveston, TX

Students completed 6th–completed 12th grade—sign up for a day of fun in the sun at Schlitterbahn! Space is limited. Cost is \$55; \$85 at the door. Today is the last day for online registration.

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

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

## UPCOMING

JUL  
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### Lord's Supper

Observed in all worship services  
At the Loop and Downtown

JUL  
27–28

### First Place 4 Health Summit

At the Loop  
[FirstPlace4Health.com](http://FirstPlace4Health.com)

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### Summer Rush Celebration

Students completed 6th–12th grades  
[HoustonsFirst.org/Students](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Students)

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### Back to School Sunday

Pastor Gregg returns from sabbatical  
Children and students promoted

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### Big Night Out

For married young adults  
7:45p — Fellowship Ctr

SEP  
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### Make It Your Church Orientation

12:30p or 4p — At the Loop  
[HoustonsFirst.org/NewMember](http://HoustonsFirst.org/NewMember)

SEP  
21–22

### Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Conference

For men age 13+  
At the Loop

OCT  
12–13

### Women's Retreat

For women of all ages  
Omni Houston Hotel at Westside

## 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 [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#) [Instagram](#) [LinkedIn](#) [YouTube](#)

**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.