



UPCOMING SUNDAYS

Pastor Gregg is going on sabbatical for the next few weeks. While he's away, we'll hear messages from other leaders right here at Houston's First!

Jul 22

David Self, Executive Pastor

- At the Loop @ 9:15a & 11a
- Downtown @ 11a (video)

Stephen Smith, Gathering Pastor

- At the Loop @ 9:15a — Chapel & 5:30p

Jul 29

Jerrell Altic, Minister of Mobilization

- At the Loop @ 9:15a, 11a & 5:30p

Lee Hsia, Downtown Campus Pastor

- Downtown @ 11a

Aug 5

Jason Swiggart, Ministries Pastor

- All services and campuses

Aug 12

Doug Bischoff, Minister to Students

- At the Loop @ 9:15a, 11a & 5:30p

Zac Hufty, High School Student Minister

- At the Loop @ 9:15a — Chapel
- Downtown @ 11a

LIFE BIBLE STUDIES

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

- **His Word** @ 8a, Rm 145, adults ages 65–75
- **Whole Hearted** @ 9:15a, Reception Rm, women all ages
- **Ignite** @ 10:45a, Bowling Alley, single adults ages 20–39
- **Newlywed or Close PM** @ 6:45p, Rm 364, couples engaged/ married 1 yr or less

HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

Wed, Jul 18 @ 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.

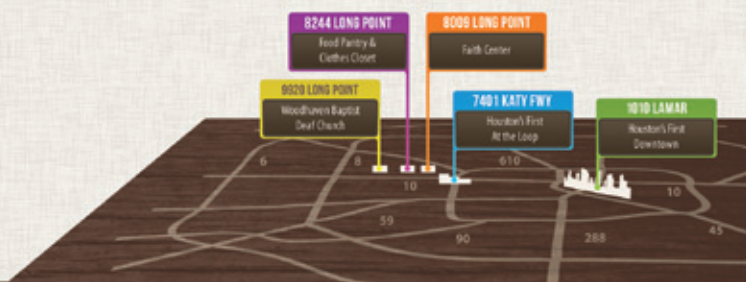


HoustonFirst.org/HighPoint



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TIMES, LOCATIONS & CONNECTIONS

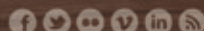


SUNDAYS AT THE LOOP

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



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Today, we wrap up the *Real Life. Real People.* series. Fortunately, *Real Life. Real People.* is much more than a title for a group of messages. It's an accurate description of what the Lord has blessed us with at Houston's First. A great spirit of authenticity permeates our church family, with people from all walks of life sharing their stories and struggles — and supporting others along the way. If you haven't connected with a Life Bible Study, I encourage you to do so. In these smaller settings, you will experience what Houston's First is all about. And more importantly, you'll encounter the love of Christ as He ministers to you through our wonderful church family.

In Him,

Pastor Gregg

TODAY

REAL LIFE. REAL PEOPLE.
a message series by GREGG MATTE

REAL LIFE. REAL PEOPLE. CD GIFT SETS

CD gift sets of the entire *Real Life. Real People.* message series are available today in Corner Books for \$8. Add one to your library and get one to share with a friend!



HoustonFirst.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: Applying #stress message STAT streamed from ICU call room this AM. I am limited; God is limitless! Thanks @GreggMatte #Praise — @kdub2007

METROLIVE

Every Thu thru Aug 2 @ 7:30p

Worship Center (At the Loop)

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

This week: Ikki Soma with Charlie Hall

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



BACK TO SCHOOL SUNDAY

Sun, Aug 19

Pastor Gregg returns from sabbatical

Children and students promoted to new Life Bible Studies



CHURCHWIDE

COUNSELING CENTER

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

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

713.335.6461

CANHOPE CANCER SUPPORT

Mon, Jul 16 @ 6:45p — Reception Rm (At the Loop)

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

HoustonsFirst.org/CareSupport

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PRAY FOR MISSIONARIES

Sun, Jul 22 @ 2–4p — Oasis Rm (At the Loop)

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

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

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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

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

Susan.Newman@HoustonsFirst.org

6TH GRADE ONE-DAY PROJECT

Mon, Jul 16 @ 9a–2p — At the Loop

Calling all completed 6th graders! Grab your friends and meet in the HUB Student area on Mon, Jul 16, then head out for a one-day mission project. Cost is \$25 and includes lunch. No registration necessary.

HoustonsFirst.org/Students

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UPCOMING

JUL 27-28 **First Place 4 Health Summit**
At the Loop
FirstPlace4Health.com

AUG 1 **Summer Rush Celebration**
Students completed 6th–12th grades
HoustonsFirst.org/Students

AUG 19 **Back to School Sunday**
Pastor Gregg returns from sabbatical
Children and students promoted

AUG 24 **Big Night Out**
For married young adults
7:45p — Fellowship Ctr

SEP 2 **Labor Day Weekend**
Normal Sunday schedule
Worship services and Life Bible Studies

SEP 9 **Make It Your Church Orientation**
12:30p or 4p — At the Loop
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 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.