



BIRDS AND BEES AVAILABLE IN CORNER BOOKS

Pastor Gregg's new Bible study *Birds and Bees: A Conversation About God, Sex, and Sexuality* is available now in Corner Books!

Taken from his *The Birds and The Bees* message series at Houston's First a few years ago, the Bible study looks at cultural issues such as singleness, divorce, homosexuality and lust. Pastor Gregg guides you through 1 Thessalonians 4:1–8 to discover what God's Word has to say about sex and sexuality.

Features include:

- 6 sessions
- Questions for personal reflection or group discussion
- Discussions on hot-button cultural issues
- Addresses the wounds we all have related to sex and sexuality and the healing God offers

Individual workbooks are available for \$9.95, and leader kits with additional resources are available for \$49.95.

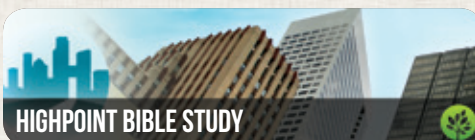
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LIFE BIBLE STUDIES

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

- **Cornerstone** @ 10:45a, Rm 145, adults ages 64+
- **His Likeness** @ 10:45a, Oasis Rm, adults all ages
- **Saved 2 Serve** @ 10:45a, Rm 507, couples married 3–8 years
- **Wellspring** @ 4:15p, Garden Rm, single moms



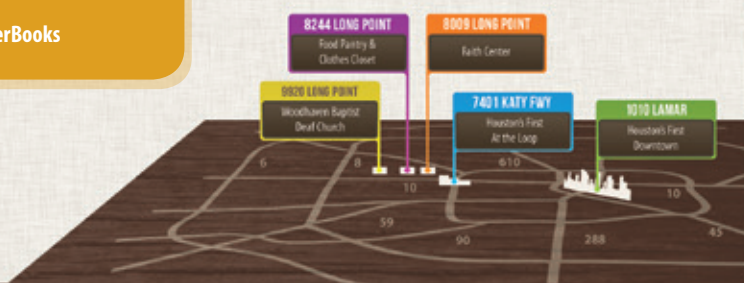
HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

Wed, Aug 22 @ 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.

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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



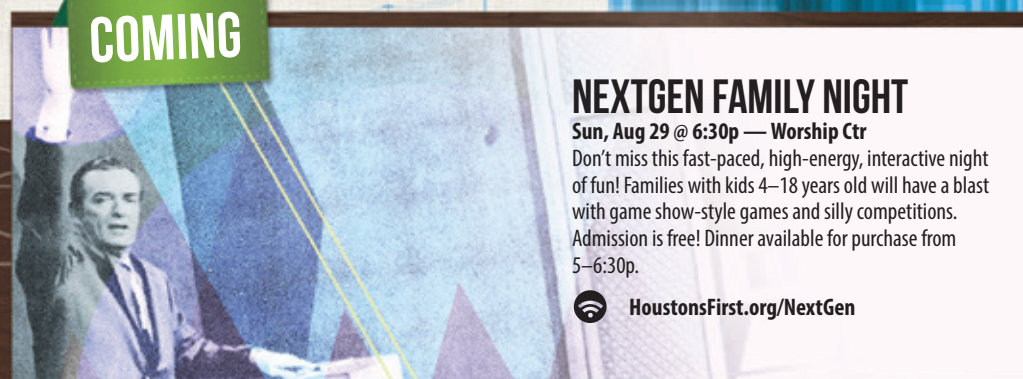
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Hello, church family! As much as I cherish my time of rest on my sabbatical, there is nothing quite like being with you on Sundays as we gather to worship our Lord together. I am thrilled to be back to launch another great year at Houston's First — including our journey through the book of Acts. We have a lot planned as we continue to live out our mission as a church. And if this is like any other year, we know that God will bring unexpected challenges and opportunities our way, too. But one thing I know for sure is this: He is in control and our church family is ready for whatever lies ahead.

Here we go!

Pastor Gregg

COMING



NEXTGEN FAMILY NIGHT

Sun, Aug 29 @ 6:30p — Worship Ctr

Don't miss this fast-paced, high-energy, interactive night of fun! Families with kids 4–18 years old will have a blast with game show-style games and silly competitions. Admission is free! Dinner available for purchase from 5–6:30p.

HoustonsFirst.org/NextGen

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: What a blessing @HoustonsFirst is. Always great to leave having learned something and feeling challenged to grow. — @dh430

BIG NIGHT OUT

Fri, Aug 24 @ 7:45-9:30p — Fellowship Ctr

Married young adults — go to dinner then gather with other couples for dessert, laughter and encouragement. Cost \$10/couple. Childcare available. Register online by Tue, Aug 21.

HoustonsFirst.org/BigNightOut

MIDLINK MALL

Wed, Aug 29 @ 5:30–6:30p & 7:45–8:30p — Main Foyer

Discover what's offered on Wed nights this fall during MidLink, including Bible studies, choirs, kids' programming, and more.



HoustonsFirst.org/MidLink

MAKE IT YOUR CHURCH ORIENTATION

Sun, Sep 9 @ 12:30p or 4p — At the Loop

New and prospective members are invited to learn what it means to be a member of Houston's First. Register online.

HoustonsFirst.org/NewMember

CHURCHWIDE

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Every Thu @ 6–9p — Oasis Rm

Based on biblical principles, Celebrate Recovery provides a safe and confidential place for people 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.

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CELEBRATION CHRISTMAS CAMP

Aug 24–25 — Rehearsal Hall

Want to sing in the Choir during *Celebration* — the Christmas musical production at Houston's First? Attend Christmas camp hosted by the Worship Ministry on Fri, Aug 24 @ 6:30–9p and Sat, Aug 25 @ 9a–3p. Sign up online.

HoustonsFirst.org/Celebration

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SOFA FALL SEMESTER BEGINS

Mon, Aug 27 — At the Loop

Register now for fall classes at the School of Fine Arts at Houston's First. Choose from piano, voice, guitar, drama, photography and more! Private and group instruction are available.

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ISFM MINISTRY

Apply today

Through the International Student Friendship Ministry, open your heart and your home to University of Houston international students by sharing meals, holidays, sporting events, etc. (Not a live-in exchange program.)

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CHILDREN

HIGH 5 KIDS' CHOIR

Begins Wed, Sep 5 @ 6p — Rm 301 & 303

This choir for children PreK–5th grade kicks off on Wed, Sep 5! They meet every Wed evening for fun, games and music all while worshipping the Lord — and no auditions are required!

HoustonsFirst.org/HighFiveKidsChoir

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STUDENTS

HUB STUDENT MINISTRY BACK-TO-SCHOOL BOOTCAMP

Wed, Aug 22 @ 6:30–8:30p — HUB Student area

Hey students — Take a break in your week for worship and fun teaching about God's Word! WIRED (6th–8th grade) meets from 6:30–8p in Rm 364 and AMP (9th–12th grade) meets from 7–8:30p in Rm 363.

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MEN

IRON SHARPENS IRON MEN'S CONFERENCE

Sep 21–22 — At the Loop

Texas Baptist Men invite men age 13+ to gather for worship, inspiring speakers, and insightful break out sessions. Learn about disaster relief, clean water ministries, spiritual renewal, and how you can make a lasting impact on the world. Cost is \$10.

HoustonsFirst.org/Men

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UPCOMING

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

SEP 5 MidLink begins
Wed evenings with food and activities for all ages.
HoustonsFirst.org/MidLink

SEP 14 Summit Celebrates
8p — Chapel
HoustonsFirst.org/SummitNews

SEP 14-15 6th Grade Retreat
At the Loop
HoustonsFirst.org/6thGrade

SEP 15 Men: Serve
Mobilizing men to serve widows
HoustonsFirst.org/MenServe

SEP 23 Life Bible Study Leadership Lunch
For current and prospective leaders
At the Loop

SEP 28-30 Single Parent Families Camp
Stoney Creek Ranch
HoustonsFirst.org/SingleParentFamilies

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 [f](#) [t](#) [i](#) [v](#) [in](#) [r](#)

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.