

Courses and events for all seasons of life

Houston's First offers Bible studies, seminars, support groups, and more to grow your faith and connect with others. Attend 1-day events or courses over several weeks. Many classes are offered on Wednesday nights during MidLink At the Loop, but others are available throughout the week. Here is a sampling of upcoming classes.

CHURCHWIDE

Building a House of Prayer
Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts
XEE Evangelism
DivorceCare

PARENTS

Parenting by Design

SINGLE PARENTS

Single & Parenting: Hard Work/Real Hope

MARRIED ADULTS

Six Secrets to a Lasting Love

YOUNG SINGLES

Ten Best Decisions a Single Can Make

MEN

Communicating with Your Family

WOMEN

Holding onto Hope Through Infertility

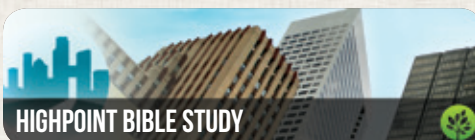
HoustonsFirst.org/Milestones
to see all classes and events.



LIFE BIBLE STUDIES

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

- **Crown** @ 10:45a, Reception Rm, adults ages 70+
- **Joint Venture** @ 10:45a, Rm 262, adults ages 40-54
- **Living Stones** @ 4:15p, Rm 405, couples married 1-3 years
- **Night Light** @ 6:45p, Fellowship Ctr A/B, single adults ages 30+



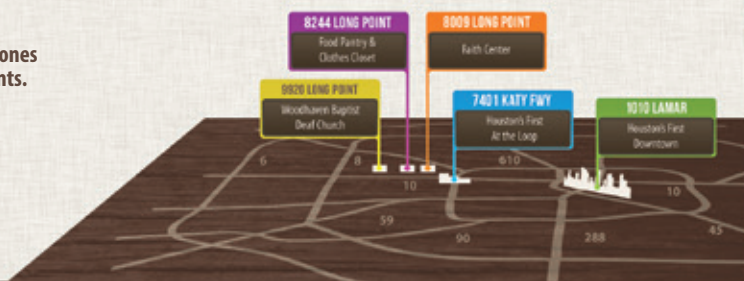
HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

Wed, Aug 29 @ 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

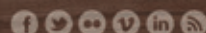


SUNDAYS AT THE LOOP

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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Our strategy as a church for fulfilling our mission and vision is to gather our hearts, grow our souls and give our lives. Each of those three can be accomplished in numerous ways. For example, when it comes to growing our souls, Houston's First provides Life Bible Studies and Milestones events and courses. These Milestones programs are designed to meet your needs during different stages of life — or, milestones. Most of these classes take place on Wednesday evenings during MidLink, but others are available throughout the week. I encourage you to explore what's offered and to take advantage of these opportunities. There's sure to be something that's relevant to where you are now — or soon will be.

In Him,

Pastor Gregg

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MIDLINK MALL

Wed, Aug 29 @ 5:30-6:30p & 7:45-8:30p — Main Foyer
Discover what's offered on Wednesday nights this fall at this MidLink preview! Browse all the options, including Milestones classes, programs for kids and students, choirs, and much more! (MidLink begins Wed, Sep 5.)

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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: @HoustonsFirst awesome worship tonight at 5:30pm service!! — @GinaSprenkel

NEXTGEN FAMILY NIGHT

Wed, Aug 29 @ 6:30p — Worship Ctr

For families with kids 4-18

A fast-paced interactive game show for the whole family!

HoustonsFirst.org/NextGen



FIRST SUNDAY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTIONS

Sun, Sep 2

Bring non-perishable items

Look for designated collection tables

At the Loop & Downtown

HoustonsFirst.org/FaithCenter



MAKE IT YOUR CHURCH ORIENTATION

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

For new or prospective members

Learn about being a member of Houston's First

Register online

HoustonsFirst.org/NewMember



CHURCHWIDE

CELEBRATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sign up now

Want to be a part of *Celebration* — the Christmas musical production at Houston's First? Sign up to serve either on stage or behind the scenes — choir, cast, costumes, make-up, set fabrication, stage crew, greeters, animal handlers, and more!

HoustonsFirst.org/Celebration

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FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Every Wed, Sep 5–Nov 7 @ 7–8:30p — Rm 336

Led by Walter Wright, this life-changing program teaches how to achieve financial goals by eliminating debt and saving for the future. Register online, and learn more at MidLink Mall on Wed evening, Aug 29 in the Main Foyer.

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ENCOUNTER TOUR

Sat, Sep 15 @ 10a–4p — Connection Ctr

Encounter Houston like never before! Visit worship centers and learn about other religions including Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism. You'll see that the diversity of the world is right here in our own mission field.

HoustonsFirst.org/GivingLifeAway

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STUDENTS

6TH GRADE RETREAT

Sep 14–15 — At the Loop

Hey 6th graders — get ready for a fun time of worship, hanging out with your friends, studying God's Word, and exciting activities! Cost is \$25 and includes all activities and meals. Register online by Sep 12.

HoustonsFirst.org/6thGrade

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COLLEGE

BROOMBALL

Fri, Aug 31 @ 10–11p — Memorial City Mall

Join other college students as they meet at Memorial City Mall for an exciting night of broomball on the ice rink! Hot chocolate will be provided. Cost is free!

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SINGLE PARENT FAMILIES

SINGLE PARENT FAMILY CAMP

Sep 28–30 — Stoney Creek Ranch

Spend a life changing weekend with your family and other single parent families from Houston's First! Enjoy fun activities, relaxation, and quality family time! Cost is \$115/adult; \$15–\$85/child and includes lodging, food, activities, and a t-shirt.

HoustonsFirst.org/SingleParentFamilies

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MEN

MEN SERVE

Sat, Sep 15 @ 8:30a

The Band of Brothers Men's Ministry will send teams across the city of Houston to serve widows of our church. Lawn equipment and tools are needed, so bring them if you can. Register online.

HoustonsFirst.org/MenServe

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UPCOMING

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

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

SEP 21-22 **Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Conference**
For men age 13+
At the Loop

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

OCT 6 **Run for Hope 5K**
Benefits Legacy685 Adoption Assistance Fund
RunForHopeHouston.org

OCT 12-13 **He Is! — Women's Retreat**
For women of all ages
HoustonsFirst.org/Hels

OCT 19 **Recreate Date Night**
(Formerly Parents' Night Out)
HoustonsFirst.org/RecreateDateNight

OCT 26-28 **Middle School Retreat**
Lake Tomahawk
HoustonsFirst.org/Students

TODAY

Deacons Meetings

The Deacon Administrative Committee meets today at 2:30p in Rm 249. The entire Deacon body meets at 3:30p in the Rehearsal Hall.

Church Conference

This monthly gathering meets today at 4:30p in the Rehearsal Hall to discuss financials, membership reports, etc. Anybody may attend, but only church members may vote.

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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.