NEWS + UPDATES CONTINUED





Milestones

Essential classes and events offered throughout the semester on Wednesdays (and other days). Visit HoustonsFirst.org/ Milestones for full schedule.

CHURCHWIDE

4:45-6:45p

MidLink Café — Fellowship Center

The Link – Bible Study with Chad Chambers — Garden Rm

WORSHIP / MUSIC

7-8:30p

Singers — Rm 337 (Studio)

Choir — Rehearsal Hall

Orchestra — Worship Center (by audition)

PRESCHOOL

5:30-8:30p

Thru the Roof – Special Needs (all ages) — Rm 324 & 326

6 - 7p

Wee Worship (Babies-1s) — Preschool Suite W.O.W. – Worship Our Way Choir (2s & 3s) — Preschool Suite High 5 Kids' Choir (4s & 5s) — Clubhouse (Rm 303)

7-8p

Mission Friends (Birth-Kindergarten) — Preschool Suite

CHILDREN

5:30-8:30p

Thru the Roof – Special Needs (all ages) — Rm 324 & 326

6-7p

High 5 Kids' Choir (1st-5th grade) — Loft (Rm 301)

7-8:30p

Breakout (1st-3rd grade) — Fitness & Rec Center (Gym) Friction (4th-5th grade) — Rm 325

SUNDAYS AT THE LOOP

Kids' Worship

9:15a • 11a • 5:30p

Life Bible Study 8a • 9:15a • 10:45a • 4:15p • 6:45p

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STUDENTS

6:30-8p

Wired (Middle School) - Rm 364

7-8:30p

Amp (High School) — Rm 363



To find a Life Bible Study on Sundays, visit the Welcome Center or go to HoustonsFirst.org/BibleStudies. Here are some to consider:

- Peacemakers @ 8a, Rm 143, adults 80+
- Covenant @ 9:15a, Rm 253, adults 36-44
- Newlywed or Close 10:45 @ 10:45a, Rm 504, couples engaged/married 1 year or less
- Paradigm @ 6:45p, Fellowship Ctr C/D, single adults 25–32



Wed, Oct 24 @ 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



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TIMES, LOCATIONS &



SUNDAYS DOWNTOWN

Worship

Life Bible Study 9:30a







Celebration

Experience the spirit, the songs and the story of Christmas at Celebration – our spectacular musical presentation featuring the Choir & Orchestra and hundreds of volunteers on stage and behind the scenes!

Tickets can be purchased at TheFirstChristmas.org, in Corner Books during normal business hours, at the self-serve kiosk at The Loop (Main Foyer), and at 1.888.338.5338.

Choose from six performances:

• Thu, Dec 6 @ 7p

HOUSTON'S FIRST

BAPTIST CHURCH

- Sat, Dec 8 @ 2p & 7p
- Fri, Dec 7 @ 7p
- Sun, Dec 9 @ 2p & 7p

Celebration is a wonderful way to share the message of Christmas with others. Who could you invite to experience *Celebration* this year — and possibly encounter God's message for the first time?



TheFirstChristmas.org

A CALL TO PRAYER Houston's First is intentionally praying for our city, nation and world from Sep—Dec 2012. Visit HoustonsFirst.org/Prayer for additional resources to guide your time of prayer.

CURRENT THEME: Nation

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS: Economy and jobs Pray for individuals by name who need a job.

RELATED VERSES: Colossians 3:23; Psalm 10:17; Isaiah 62:12

OUR CITY (Sep 9–30) | OUR NATION (Oct 7–Nov 4) | OUR WORLD (Nov 11–Dec 30)



NEWS + UPDATES

Gather our 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 We are focusing on #humantrafficking at Chapelwood UMC today as well. Working together in Houston #praisegod — @teresarossy

FIRST FFST

Wed, Oct 31 @ 5-8p — The Loop

Don't miss this good ol' fashioned hootenanny with fun for the entire family! Enjoy games, inflatables, contests, live music, food, and more!

HoustonsFirst.org/FirstFest

MEN: PRAY — OUR NATION

Sat, Nov 3 @ 8-10:30a — The Loop (Fellowship Ctr) Men of all ages are invited to a special gathering to

pray for our nation and the upcoming elections. A light breakfast and coffee will be served.

HoustonsFirst.org/MenPray

MAKE IT YOUR CHURCH ORIENTATION

Sun, Nov 4 @ 12:30p & 4p — The Loop

Whether you've recently joined or just visited Houston's First, come learn what it means to be a part of a relevant biblical community! Choose lunch at

12:30p (Fellowship Ctr) or light snacks at 4p (Connection Ctr). RSVP online.

HoustonsFirst.org/NewMember

CHURCHWIDE

MISSIONARY PRAYER TIME

Today @ 2-4p — The Loop (Reception Rm)

This time of prayer for missionaries, led by MaryAnn Bridgwater 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

SOFA FACULTY RECITAL

Today @ 3:30p — The Loop (Chapel)

Everyone is invited to hear our School of Fine Arts instructors perform at this free recital. Enjoy piano, voice, drums, saxophone, flute, and more! Plus, learn about what the School of Fine Arts at Houston's First has to offer.



HoustonsFirst.org/SoFA



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N FAMILY SKI RETREAT

Jan 16-21, 2013 — Copper Mountain, CO

Families of all ages and skill levels are invited to hit the slopes together at the Houston's First Family Ski Retreat. Enjoy 5 nights at one of the top ski in/out accommodations in Copper Mountain. Space is limited, so sign up soon!



HoustonsFirst.org/FamilySkiRetreat



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NEXTGEN AGES BIRTH—18

N HOMESCHOOL PIZZA PARTY

Wed, Oct 24 @ 6:30p — The Loop (Rm 366)

All parents interested in or currently homeschooling are invited to this pizza party for fellowship, information, and fun! Learn more about homeschooling and connect with other parents.



HoustonsFirst.org/Students



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MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

Oct 26-28 @ Lake Tomahawk Christian Retreat

Hev 6th—8th graders — come to a weekend at Lake Tomahawk to worship, study the Bible, play some awesome games, and just have fun! Cost is \$80. Register online.



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RITE OF PASSAGE PARENTING CLASS

Wed, Nov 18 @ 12:15–2:15p — The Loop (Rm 362)

Parents of 5th-9th graders will gather to learn practical tools to help walk their students through the transition into adult years. Led by Doug Bischoff, Minister to Students. To reserve a boxed lunch for \$5, RSVP to Susan Newman.



HoustonsFirst.org/RiteOfPassage



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COLLEGE

PASSION CONFERENCE 2013

Dec 31, 2012 - Jan 4, 2013 - Atlanta, GA

Join over 40,000 college students to be encouraged in your faith with speakers like Louie Giglio, John Piper, Beth Moore, and music by Chris Tomlin, David Crowder and more! Contact Brad for information and to register.



HoustonsFirst.org/College



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YOUNG SINGLE ADULTS

SKI TRIP UNVEILING PARTY

Today @ 8p — The Loop (Fellowship Ctr)

Join Summit for dinner and the destination reveal of Snow Jam. the annual ski trip! Learn the location, prices, and details plus receive an "early bird" price if you sign up for the ski trip tonight.



HoustonsFirst.org/SummitNews



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UPCOMING

KSBJ Special Event: Tenth Avenue North 7p — The Loop (Worship Ctr)

NOV

The Christmas Store – Collection Day

NOV

Cypress Campus Worship Gathering

Thanksgiving Weekend

NOV **Recreate Date Night**

The Christmas Store

HUB Family Christmas Party

5:30-7:30p — The Loop (Chapel)

Celebration

SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER TIME

Every Sun @ 8:30-9a — The Loop (Connection Ctr) Need prayer? Staff and volunteers are on hand to pray with and for you each Sunday morning — no matter what your request may be.

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 👍 🕥 🕡 🔞





