

## WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT HOUSTON'S FIRST

MidLink won't happen this week due to FirstFest on Wed, Oct 31 from 5–8p, but here's what you'll find when MidLink resumes on Wed, Nov 7!

### CHURCHWIDE

4:45–6:45p

MidLink Café — Fellowship Center

7–8p

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

### STUDENTS

6:30–8p

Wired (Middle School) — Rm 364

7–8:30p

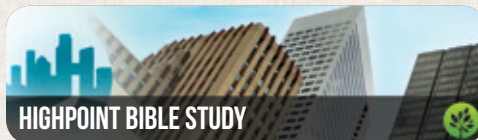
Amp (High School) — Rm 363



## LIFE BIBLE STUDIES

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

- **Joy** @ 8a, Reception Rm, adults 70+
- **The Junction** @ 10:45a, Rm 505, couples married 5–20 years
- **The Shelter** @ 4:15p, Rm 143, adults all ages
- **Wellspring** @ 4:15p, Garden Rm, single moms



## HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

**Wed, Oct 31 @ 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.

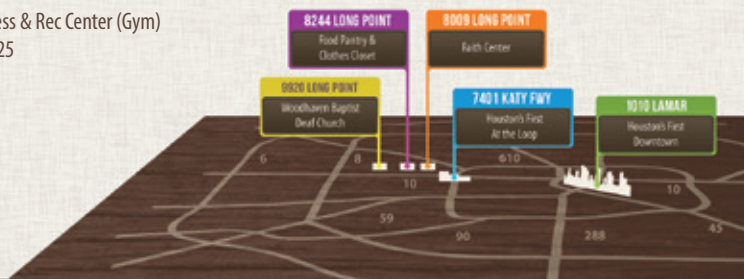


[HoustonsFirst.org/HighPoint](http://HoustonsFirst.org/HighPoint)



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## TIMES, LOCATIONS & CONNECTIONS

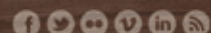


### SUNDAYS AT THE LOOP

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



**Wed, Oct 31 @ 5–8p — The Loop (Fitness & Recreation Ctr)**

Who you gonna invite to this good ol' fashioned hootenanny? Your guests and kinfolk will enjoy games, inflatables, a pettin' zoo, live music, food, and much more! It's just \$5 for members of Houston's First and FREE for your guests!

Want to jump right in to the fun when you arrive at FirstFest? Then get Fast Pass Admission Tickets today at The Loop (Main Foyer) or at the Fitness & Recreation Center Mon–Wed this week.

Since we'll all be havin' a swell time at FirstFest, our regular Wednesday evening activities won't happen this week — including MidLink classes, MidLink Café, and music rehearsals. See y'all at the hootenanny instead!



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



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## A CALL TO PRAYER

Houston's First is intentionally praying for our city, nation and world from Sep–Dec 2012. Visit [HoustonsFirst.org/Prayer](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Prayer) for additional resources to guide your time of prayer.

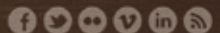
**CURRENT THEME:** Nation

**THIS WEEK'S FOCUS:** Repentance

Pray for national repentance of our waywardness.

**RELATED VERSES:** Acts 3:19

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





## 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](http://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](http://HoustonsFirst.org/NewMember)

## CELEBRATION TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Dec 6–9 — The Loop (Worship Center)

Come experience the spirit, songs, and story of Christmas! Tickets can be purchased at [TheFirstChristmas.org](http://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.

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

## CHURCHWIDE

### FIRST SUNDAY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTIONS

Sun, Nov 4 — The Loop & Downtown

Nearly 1,200 people are fed each month by the Faith Center's Food Pantry. Support the ministry by bringing non-perishable items the first Sunday of each month. Look for designated collection tables At the Loop and Downtown.

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

[Fred.Polenz@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Fred.Polenz@HoustonsFirst.org)

### ENCOUNTER TOUR

Sat, Nov 10 @ 10a–4p — The Loop (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. Register online.

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

[Charlotte.Nease@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Charlotte.Nease@HoustonsFirst.org)

### THE CHRISTMAS STORE GIFT COLLECTION DAY

Sun, Nov 11 — The Loop & Downtown

The Christmas Store on Sat, Dec 1, provides over 3,000 gifts for families in need — and we rely solely on donations! Ask your Life Bible Study leaders about your assigned age group. Volunteers are needed too!

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

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### S'MORES IN CYPRESS

Sun, Nov 11 @ 5–7:30p — The Malletts' home, Cypress

Join Campus Pastor Jason Swiggart and others interested in the Cypress Campus for s'mores! The whole family is invited as we gather to build community, pray, and hear more about the new campus launching Mar 31, 2013. (The Malletts' home is located at 18142 Fenske Rd.)

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

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### 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/ski out accommodations in Copper Mountain. Space is limited, so sign up soon!

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

[Dave.Bundrick@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Dave.Bundrick@HoustonsFirst.org)

## NEXTGEN AGES BIRTH–18

### RITE OF PASSAGE PARENTING CLASS

Wed, Nov 18 @ 12:15–2:45p — 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](http://HoustonsFirst.org/RiteOfPassage)

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

## 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](http://HoustonsFirst.org/College)

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## YOUNG SINGLE ADULTS

### SNOW JAM SKI TRIP

Apr 4–8, 2013 — Winter Park, CO

Join other young single adults on this ski trip to Winter Park, CO. Hang out with your friends and stay close to the slopes in the ski in/ski out Zephyr Mountain Lodge. Learn more and sign up online.

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

[Ryan.McPhetridge@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Ryan.McPhetridge@HoustonsFirst.org)

## UPCOMING

**NOV 2** KSBJ Special Event: Tenth Avenue North  
7p — The Loop (Worship Ctr)  
[HoustonsFirst.org/KSBJ](http://HoustonsFirst.org/KSBJ)

**NOV 11** Blood Drive  
8a–2p — The Loop (outside the Gym)  
[HoustonsFirst.org/Recreation](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Recreation)

**NOV 25** Thanksgiving Weekend  
Regular worship service schedule  
No Life Bible Studies

**NOV 30** Recreate Date Night  
For Married Young Adults  
[HoustonsFirst.org/RecreateDateNight](http://HoustonsFirst.org/RecreateDateNight)

**DEC 1** The Christmas Store  
Providing gifts for families in need  
[HoustonsFirst.org/TheChristmasStore](http://HoustonsFirst.org/TheChristmasStore)

**DEC 2** HUB Family Christmas Party  
5:30–7:30p — The Loop (Chapel)  
Students 6th–12th grade

**DEC 6–9** Celebration  
Tickets on sale now  
[TheFirstChristmas.org](http://TheFirstChristmas.org)

**DEC 15** Candy Cane Lane  
For kids birth–5th grade  
The Loop (Fitness & Recreation Ctr)

## 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](http://HoustonsFirst.org) or follow us on [f](#) [t](#) [in](#) [v](#) [in](#) [in](#)

**CREATING A WORSHIPFUL ENVIRONMENT.** Worship requires our full attention. We ask that you: >> finish food and drinks before entering >> 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.