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 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



SUNDAYS AT THE LOOP

Worship Life Bible Study 8a - 9:15a - 10:45a - 4:15p - 6:45p Kids' Worship 9:15a • 11a • 5:30p



LIFE BIBLE STUDIES

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

- CrossTalk @ 8a, Rm 252, adults 40-50
- His Word @ 8a, Rm 145, adults 65-75
- 3 Strands @ 9:15a, Rm 501/502, couples married 2-3 years
- Oikos @ 10:45a, Harbor Rm, young single & married adults



Wed, Nov 7 @ 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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WORLD MISSION OFFERING

Nov 2012–Jan 2013

As of November 2012, there are 7 billion people on planet Earth – and an estimated 1.7 billion have little or no access to the Gospel. Collected each year, the World Mission Offering (WMO) supports missionaries serving with the Southern Baptist Convention around the world to share the Gospel.

These funds, given in addition to our regular tithes, will support missionary-sending organizations and are dispersed as follows by Houston's First:

- International Mission Board 85%
- North American Mission Board 10%
- Southern Baptists of Texas State Missions 5%

To give, use a WMO envelope and place it in the offering plate, or make your donation online.



HoustonsFirst.org/WorldMissionOffering Hannah.Bullard@HoustonsFirst.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: God's will for our nation We commit to honor and pray for the next President and Vice President of the USA and their families.

RELATED VERSES: Philippians 4:6–7; Proverbs 21:1

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

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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, or find suggestions online. Volunteers are needed too!

HoustonsFirst.org/TheChristmasStore

S'MORES IN CYPRESS

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

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, 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

CHURCHWIDF

- SPRING MISSION TRIPS INFORMATIONAL LUNCH Sun, Nov 11 @ 12:15p — The Loop (Connection Ctr) Interested in going on a mission trip? Come to this free lunch to hear all the opportunities coming up this spring. Trips are available for everyone, whether it's your first time or you've been many times. Please RSVP for lunch online.
 - ନ HoustonsFirst.org/Missions
 - Jerrell.Altic@HoustonsFirst.org
- COLLECTIONS FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD Sun, Nov 11 — The Loop (Missions Office) Provide a gift-filled shoebox to be sent to hurting children

around the world! Drop off boxes in the Missions Office by Nov 11. Visit SamaritansPurse.com or stop by the Missions Office for suggested toys and other details.

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- Charlotte.Nease@HoustonsFirst.org

FBA VETERANS DAY CHAPEL

Mon, Nov 12 @ 8:40a — The Loop (Worship Ctr) Everyone is invited to this special gathering where FBA students will honor veterans for their service and hear from Chad Williams, former Navy SEAL! Veterans and their guests are invited to a breakfast at 8a in the Reception Rm, before the service begins at 8:40a.

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S 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!

- নি HoustonsFirst.org/FamilySkiRetreat

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 ନ
- Susan.Newman@HoustonsFirst.org

COLLEGE

O 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 নি Brad.Talbert@HoustonsFirst.org

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 হি
- Ryan.McPhetridge@HoustonsFirst.org

MEN

Sat, Nov 10 @ 8:30a - The Loop

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. Online registration is required.



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UPCOMING

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NUN Blood Drive 8a-2p — The Loop (outside the Gym)

Thanksgiving Weekend 25

Recreate Date Night For Married Young Adults 30

The Christmas Store DEC

NFC **HUB Family Christmas Party** 5:30–7:30p — The Loop (Chapel)

Students 6th–12th grade Celebration

DFC

6-9

Merry & Bright Christmas Party DEC

- For single parent families
- HoustonsFirst.org/SingleParentFamilies

NFC Candy Cane Lane

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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: >> 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.

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