

Another great semester of MidLink comes to an end this Wed, Nov 14. Come out for one more night of mid-week fellowship with the Houston's First family!

## 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

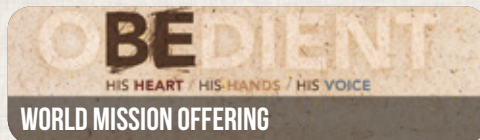
## STUDENTS

6:30–8p

Wired (Middle School) — Rm 364

7–8:30p

Amp (High School) — Rm 363



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%

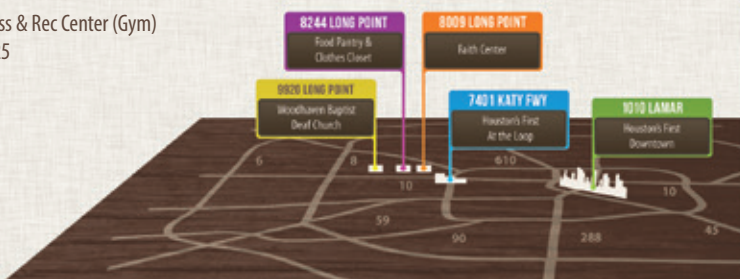
To give, use a WMO envelope and place it in the offering plate, or make your donation online.



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

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## TIMES, LOCATIONS & CONNECTIONS



## SUNDAYS AT THE LOOP

Worship 9:15a • 11a • 5:30p

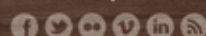
Life Bible Study 8a • 9:15a • 10:45a • 4:15p • 6:45p

Kids' Worship 9:15a • 11a • 5:30p

## SUNDAYS DOWNTOWN

Worship 11a

Life Bible Study 9:30a



HOUSTON'S FIRST  
BAPTIST CHURCH

Weekly Guide  
Nov 11, 2012



Sat, Dec 1 @ 10a–4:30p — Faith Center (8009 Long Point)

Thanks for bringing your new, unwrapped gifts today for The Christmas Store! This annual ministry provides over 3,000 gifts for families in need, with a team of 500 volunteers making it happen.

Volunteer opportunities include sorting, decorating, evangelizing, praying, wrapping gifts, and more! Pray about where the Lord is leading you to serve at The Christmas Store this year then sign up online to volunteer.



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

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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:** World **THIS WEEK'S FOCUS:** God's providence  
Prayerfully thank God for His sovereignty.

**RELATED VERSES:** Isaiah 66:1–2, 1 Timothy 6:15

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

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CONNECT WITH US





# 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:** With Braden @TexasChildrens watching High 5 Kids' Choir @HoustonsFirst. Lord, spare those kids from #leukemia! — @StevenWMurray

## S'MORES IN CYPRESS

**Today @ 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](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Cypress)

## RIGHT OF PASSAGE PARENTING

**Sun, Nov 18 @ 12:15-2:45p — The Loop (Rm 362)**

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

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

## 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

### 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:

- **Titus 2: Women Encouraging Women** @ 8a, Rm 261, women all ages
- **212°** @ 9:15a, Bowling Alley, adults 25-31
- **Catacombs** @ 10:45a, Rm 143, adults 54+
- **The Big Time** @ 10:45a, Rm 401/402, couples married 3-15 years

### 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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### HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

**Wed, Nov 14 @ 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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### 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)

## YOUNG SINGLE ADULTS

### FAJITA DINNER

**Today @ 6:45p — The Loop (Fellowship Ctr)**

Pastor Gregg and the evening Life Bible Studies invite all young single adults attending the 5:30p worship service to a free fajita dinner immediately following the service. Learn about the Life Bible Studies for young singles and find one just right for you!

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

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

### 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.

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## MARRIED YOUNG ADULTS

### RECREATE DATE NIGHT

**Fri, Nov 30 @ 6-10p**

You decide where to eat, and we'll provide a kit with discussion questions, games, and goodies for you to take with you! See how God uses the date to inspire conversations and strengthen your marriage. Got kids? We'll take care of them! Register online.

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

[Rebecca.Dalton@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Rebecca.Dalton@HoustonsFirst.org)

## UPCOMING

**TODAY**

**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

**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 9**

**Merry & Bright Christmas Party**

For single parent families  
[HoustonsFirst.org/SingleParentFamilies](http://HoustonsFirst.org/SingleParentFamilies)

**DEC 15**

**Candy Cane Lane**

For kids birth-5th grade  
The Loop (Fitness & Recreation Ctr)

**DEC 23**

**Christmas Weekend**

Regular worship service schedule  
No Life Bible Studies

**DEC 24**

**Christmas Eve**

Worship @ 4p & 6p  
The Loop only

## 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



**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.