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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



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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:

- **New Every Morning** @ 8a, Rm 264, adults 60–75
- **Just for Men** @ 9:15a, Rm 251, men all ages
- **Ignite** @ 10:45a, R Bowling Alley, single adults 20–39
- **High Altitude** @ 4:15p, Rm 401/402, couples married 3–15 years

HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

Wed, Nov 21

HighPoint will not meet this week due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Dr. David Self will speak on Wed, Nov 28 and Dec 5, and Pastor Gregg Matte will speak on Wed, Dec 12. We'll see you then!

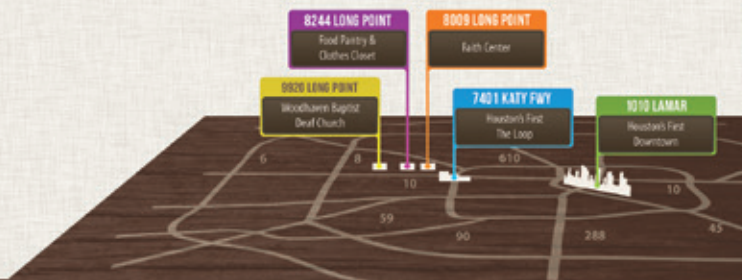


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TIMES, LOCATIONS & CONNECTIONS



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



FAITH CENTER DONATIONS

With Thanksgiving just days away, many will gather with friends and family for fellowship thanking God for the many blessings He has given us. *As we do*, let's remember those who are in need.

This week, consider giving items to our Clothes Closet and Food Pantry. Items that they currently need more of include:

- hygiene products (bar soap, shampoo, toothpaste, etc.)
- clothing (especially socks and underwear for all ages)

Drop off your donations at 8244 Long Point Rd this Mon–Wed between 10a–2p. The Clothes Closet and Food Pantry will be closed Thu, Nov 22–Sun, Nov 25.

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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 for additional resources to guide your time of prayer.

CURRENT THEME: World **THIS WEEK'S FOCUS:** World crisis situations
Pray for countries in crisis, and pray for their leaders by name.

RELATED VERSES: Isaiah 59:1–2, Philippians 4:6–7

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



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: "great weekend: got work done, tried out new running shoes (brooks are awesome), heard some good word from pastor Gregg Matte @HoustonFirst" — @KPRCgilmore

CHRISTMAS CARDS IN CORNER BOOKS

Available today!

Christmas cards with artwork from Thru The Roof (our Special Needs Ministry) and IMAGO (our artist community) are now available in Corner Books! Proceeds benefit Thru The Roof and their service to children and adults with special needs.

HoustonFirst.org/CornerBooks

THANKSGIVING WEEKEND

Sun, Nov 25 — The Loop & Downtown

On Sun, Nov 25 we will have our regular worship service schedule with services at 9:15a, 11a, and 5:30p at The Loop and 11a Downtown. Life Bible Studies will not meet that day.

HoustonFirst.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, 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

CHURCHWIDE

THE CHRISTMAS STORE

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

This annual ministry provides over 3,000 gifts for families in need, with a team of 500 volunteers making it happen. Volunteers are needed to sort, decorate, evangelize, pray, wrap gifts, and more! Sign up online to volunteer.

HoustonFirst.org/TheChristmasStore

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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!

HoustonFirst.org/FamilySkiRetreat

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NEXTGEN AGES BIRTH-18

RITE OF PASSAGE PARENTING CLASS

Today @ 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, Next Generations Minister.

HoustonFirst.org/RiteOfPassage

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STUDENTS

HUB FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sun, Dec 2 @ 5:30p — The Loop (Chapel)

Calling all 6th-12th graders! Put on your most wackiest and tackiest Christmas clothes and bring your friends as we celebrate Christmas together. Also, bring canned goods to donate to the Faith Center Food Pantry. Cost is \$10.

HoustonFirst.org/Students

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YOUNG SINGLE ADULTS

UNDER THE TEXAS SKY HOEDOWN

Mon, Dec 31 @ 7:30p-1a — George Ranch Historical Park

Men, shine up those boots and ladies get your dance card ready for the 15th annual Summit Hoedown! Ring in the new year with a live band, dancing, mechanical bull, calf roping, hayrides, games and more. Sign up online beginning Nov 23.

HoustonFirst.org/Hoedown

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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.

HoustonFirst.org/SnowJam

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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.

HoustonFirst.org/RecreateDateNight

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UPCOMING

DEC
6-9

Celebration

Tickets on sale now
TheFirstChristmas.org

DEC
9

Merry & Bright Christmas Party

For single parent families
HoustonFirst.org/SingleParentFamilies

DEC
9

Celebration Weekend

Regular Sunday morning schedule
No evening worship service

DEC
15

Candy Cane Lane

For kids birth-5th grade
HoustonFirst.org/CandyCaneLane

DEC
23

Christmas Weekend

Regular worship service schedule
No Life Bible Studies

DEC
24

Christmas Eve

Worship @ 4p & 6p
The Loop only

DEC
30

New Year's Weekend

Regular Sunday schedule
Worship services and Life Bible Studies

JAN
9

Absent Movie Premiere

The Loop
HoustonFirst.org/Absent

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 HoustonFirst.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.