

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT HOUSTON'S FIRST

MidLink will not take place this week due to the MISSION 1:8 Volunteer Commitment Rally. See the cover of this Weekly Guide for details. The full MidLink schedule will resume on Wed, Feb 20.

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 Ctr

Friction (4th–5th grade) — Rm 325

STUDENTS

6:30–8p

Wired (Middle School) — Rm 364

7–8:30p

Amp (High School) — Rm 363

8–9p

Wired (High School) — Rm 363

9–10p

Wired (High School) — Rm 363

10–11p

Wired (High School) — Rm 363

11–12p

Wired (High School) — Rm 363

12–1a

Wired (High School) — Rm 363

1a–2a

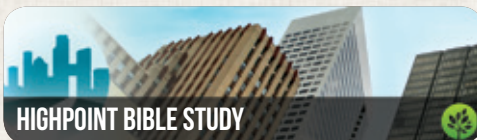
Wired (High School) — Rm 363



LIFE BIBLE STUDIES

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

- **Just for Men** @ 9:15a, Rm 251, for men of all ages
- **As One** @ 9:15a, Rm 401/402, for couples married 4–10 yrs
- **Cornerstone** @ 10:45a, Rm 145, for adults ages 64+
- **EPIC** @ 6:45p, Harbor Rm, for single adults ages 20s–30s



HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

Wed, Feb 13 @ 11:30a — 1010 Lamar (tunnel level)

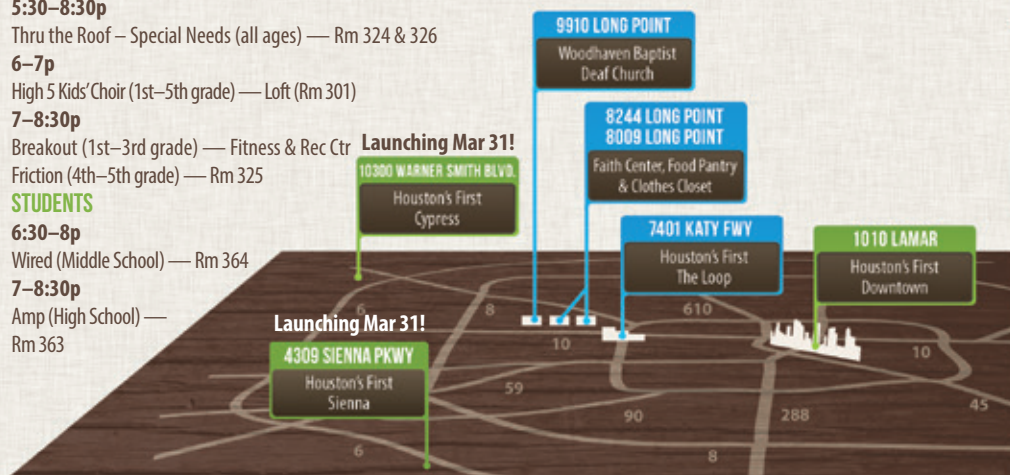
Executive Pastor David Self speaks at this week's Downtown Bible study at the location of our Downtown Campus. Lunch begins at 11:30a for \$8, and Bible study takes place from 12:10–12:40p.



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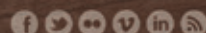


SUNDAYS AT THE LOOP

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
Feb 10, 2013

MISSION 1:8

Expanding our financial generosity to support our current ministry and multiply our missional endeavors among:

- Poor, Widows, Orphans, & Prisoners
- Our City
- Our Nation
- Our World

MISSION 1:8 VOLUNTEER COMMITMENT RALLY

Wed, Feb 13 @ 7p — The Loop (Worship Center)

People who serve in a volunteer capacity at Houston's First will submit their commitments to MISSION 1:8 at the rally this Wednesday. If you serve in a volunteer role at the church — regardless of campus or location — come make your commitments before the church family is asked to do so on Sun, Feb 24.

Regular MidLink programming will not take place this Wednesday, including music rehearsals and Milestones classes. However, MidLink Café will be open and programs for birth through students will take place, too.

- 4:45–6:45p - MidLink Café
- 6p - Programming for birth–K (Preschool Suite), 1st–5th (Fitness & Rec Ctr) and 6th–12th (HUB Student area)
- 7p - MISSION 1:8 Volunteer Commitment Rally



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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: Praying for @GreggMatte right now: affirmation, rest, peace. HUGE day for @HoustonsFirst. As a PK, I know he's probably completely exhausted. :) — @nikki_ladyjuly

RECREATE DATE NIGHT

Fri, Feb 22 @ 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.

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MEN: SERVE

Sat, Feb 23 @ 8:30a — South Lot by Fitness & Rec Ctr

We are looking for men who are able to work and lead other men in serving. Men who have lawn equipment and tools. Men who are simply willing to sweat in service to the King of Kings. **Pre-registration is REQUIRED.**

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CELEBRATE RECOVERY ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Sat, Feb 23 @ 6–9p — The Loop (Oasis Rm & Gym)

Houston's First's Celebrate Recovery will celebrate 8 years of helping people through their hurts, habits, and hang ups! Hear from keynote speaker, Susan O'Donnell, KSBJ Morning Show Co-Host and Director of Programming.

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CHURCHWIDE

BOOK SIGNING

Today after each service — The Loop (Main Foyer)

Harvey Kneisel, our Missions Pastor Emeritus, will sign copies of his book, *The Lazarus Effect*, after each worship service today. Available inside Corner Books, the book shares first-hand stories of how declining churches turned their situation around and began a new era of ministry and growth.



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UPWARD SOCCER

Register now through Feb 23

For boys and girls age 4 through 6th grade, Upward Soccer provides a positive sports experience and makes the most of your family's time and money. Register by Feb 23 online or with a form in the Fitness & Recreation Center. Mandatory evaluations Feb 16 or Feb 23. Practices begin week of Mar 4.



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TOGETHER FOR THEM CONFERENCE

Sat, Feb 23 @ 8:30a–3:30p — Kingsland Baptist Church

Our Legacy 685 Adoption Ministry invites you to the Together for Them Conference for adoptive and foster families and those considering adoption or foster care. The conference provides education to equip parents and a community of adoptive/foster families. Register online.



TogetherForThem.org



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MAKE IT YOUR CHURCH ORIENTATION

Sun, Mar 3 @ 12:30 & 4p — The Loop

Whether you've recently joined or have recently visited Houston's First Baptist Church, we invite you to attend a *Make It Your Church* Orientation! Hear from Pastor Gregg Matte and church staff members about what it means to be a member of Houston's First. Enjoy lunch (12:30p — Fellowship Ctr) or snacks (4p — Connection Ctr) as you visit with them and meet other people new to Houston's First as well.



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HUB STUDENT MINISTRY

FREE! — GIRLS' RETREAT

Feb 22–23 — The Loop (Chapel)

Join us for "Free!" — a Friday night (6–8:30p) and Saturday (9a–4p) retreat for all Middle School and High School girls. Cost is \$25 and includes meals and a t-shirt. Moms are invited for free on Saturday.



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PASSING ON PURITY MILESTONE

Sun, Feb 24 @ 12:15–2:45p — The Loop (Rm 362)

Course designed to assist parents in passing on the value of purity to their son or daughter. Culminates with purity ceremony in 2014. Parents only. Lunch available for \$5. RSVP by Thu, Feb 21.



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YOUNG SINGLE ADULTS

SOFTBALL

Every Sat, Feb 9–Mar 2 — Community Park

This season, Summit Ministries offers weekly co-ed doubleheaders in recreational and competitive leagues at Community Park in Missouri City. Cost is \$25 for the season. Register online and bring friends!



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SENIOR ADULTS

REVIVAL

Mar 4–6 @ 10:30a — The Loop (Chapel)

Invite a friend and gather with us for the annual Senior Adult Revival! The messages from Dr. Charles Wisdom will revive our souls, and the music from John Bolin and the Revival Choir will warm our hearts.



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UPCOMING

MAR 18–
APR 15

IMAGO Holy Week Art Show
Psalms For The City
The Loop (Main Foyer)

MAR
22

Summit Celebrates
Young singles gather for worship
The Loop (Chapel)

MAR
23

Hippity-Hoppin Easter Party
Single Parent Families
The Loop (Oasis)

MAR
31

Cypress & Sienna Campus Launches
HoustonsFirst.org/Cypress
HoustonsFirst.org/Sienna

MAR
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Easter Sunday Worship
The Loop, Downtown, Cypress & Sienna
No Life Bible Studies

APR
19-20

Apologetics Conference
Articulate the Gospel with clarity & confidence
The Loop

APR
21

Life Bible Study Leadership Luncheon
Vision-casting and lunch
The Loop (Fitness & Rec Center)

APR
26-28

Summit Spring Retreat
Young Single Adults
Trinity Pines Conference Center



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.

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



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.