

HOUSTON 1:8

July 7-11

What can God do through missionaries of Houston's First as we share the love of Jesus at ministry sites around town? We'll find out this week — or begin to, at least. The impacts of Houston 1:8 will resonate long after we load up supplies and head home on Thursday night. Pray for our missionaries to boldly share His love in truth and action — and ask God to prepare our neighbors to receive the Good News!

Ministry Sites

- 1 Houston 1:8 Sports Camp
- 2 The Mansions Apartments
- 3 Spring Woods
- 4 Iglesia Bautista Del Redentor
- 5 Faith Center
- 6 Nottingham Park
- 7 SunBlossom Apartments (Villa Bella)
- 8 Royal Pines Apartments
- 9 CrossingPoint Church
- 10 Hope For Youth
- 11 North Central Baptist Church
- 12 Park Temple Baptist Church
- 13 Kelly Village
- 14 Downtown
- 15 Third Ward

Did you know?

In 1854, Rufus Burleson — our third Pastor (1848-1851) — baptized Sam Houston in a tiny creek in Washington County. The story goes that Burleson told Houston, "Your sins are washed away!" Our city's namesake replied, "Lord, help the fish downstream!"

#HOUSTON18

Share your Houston 1:8 experience on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram! Use the official hashtag #Houston18 when posting from your ministry site. We look forward to following along!



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: "Blessed to be a part of such an impactful church like @HoustonFirst. What a wonderful message by @GreggMatte this morning #moveourhearts" — Jenny, @jennydrews

ALL CAMPUSES

MetroLIVE
Every Thu thru Aug 1 @ 7:30p — The Loop
 At MetroLIVE on Thursdays this summer, people in their 20s/30s (college/single/married) can connect with God and each other. Curtis Zackery is our speaker and C.H.A.R.M. Prison Ministries (a MISSION 1:8 partner) is our missional focus. (MetroLIVE will not meet on Jul 11 due to Houston 1:8.)
CONTACT Ryan.McPhetridge@HoustonFirst.org

HighPoint Bible Study
Every Wed @ 11:30a — 1010 Lamar (tunnel level)
 HighPoint meets at our Downtown Campus with lunch beginning at 11:30a for \$8, and Bible study taking place from 12:10-12:40p. Jason Swiggart, Cypress Campus Pastor, speaks on Jul 10; David Self, Executive Pastor, returns on Jul 17.
CONTACT Diane.Bagby@HoustonFirst.org

NEXT GENERATIONS
Summer Week of Choir
Jul 15-19 @ 9a-3p — The Loop
 At this action-packed musical day camp, kids have a blast while learning a musical that they'll perform that Friday night — *Blast Off!* SWoC is for kids in completed K-5th grade, and capacity is limited. Register and volunteer at HoustonFirst.org/Events!
CONTACT Joy.Harris@HoustonFirst.org

Rush Week Rally
Wed, Jul 17 @ 6-8:30p — The Loop (Chapel)
 All students going on Rush Week, along with their families, are invited as we prepare to head for the Ozarks on Jul 20! Students will find out their groups and tracks and get some last-minute reminders. Parents will pray over their students as they get ready to serve Jesus. Eat before you come!
CONTACT Susan.Newman@HoustonFirst.org

THE LOOP
CanHope
Mon, Jul 15 @ 6:45p — Reception Rm
 CanHope ministers to families touched by cancer. Guest speaker Obie Langford will share his experiences at this time of testimony, prayer and fellowship. An entree is provided; please bring a salad, vegetable or dessert.
CONTACT Pastoral Care Office, 713.957.6764

Summer Wednesday Night Bible Study
Wednesdays @ 6:30p — Garden Rm
 Chad Chambers leads this study for adults of all ages on Wednesday nights from Jun 5-Jul 31 (except Jul 10). He'll talk about "To Live Is Christ" — What does it mean? How does it happen? What does it produce?
 Visit HoustonFirst.org/Events.
CONTACT Noelle.Carpenter@HoustonFirst.org

LOOKING AHEAD

Like to plan ahead? So do we!
 Here are some dates to add to your calendar:

Sun, Aug 25	Back 2 School Sunday
Wed, Aug 28	NextGen Family Fun Event
Wed, Sep 4	MidLink Semester Begins

HUB STUDENT MINISTRY
Summer Rush
 The HUB Student Ministry has a full summer! Visit HoustonFirst.org/SummerRush for more, but here are a few upcoming events:

- **Mystery Night**
Fri, Jul 12 @ 6-10p
 Middle School students will hop on a bus, and High School students will load up into vans. None of them will know where they're going until they get to their respective mystery destinations on this extended night of fun! Cost is \$20.
- **Summer Rush Groups**
Thru Thu, Aug 1
 Middle School meets at The Loop from 1-3p, and High School meets at locations around town from 7-9p to grow deeper in their relationships with God and each other.
CONTACT Susan.Newman@HoustonFirst.org

6th Grade One Day Project
Mon, Jul 15 @ 10a-2p
 Students who just completed 6th grade are going out to serve our city! Meet in The HUB Student Area at 10a. We'll load into vans and head out to be the hands and feet of Christ to H-Town! \$10 cost includes your lunch. Registration is not required — just show up!
CONTACT Tony.Bianco@HoustonFirst.org

CYPRESS
Make It Your Church Orientation
Sun, Jul 14 @ 6:30-8p — Cypress Ministry Center
 Whether you've recently visited or recently joined Houston's First at Cypress, discover what it means to be a member of a relevant biblical community at this dinner with Pastor Jason and the Cypress staff. Childcare provided. Preregistration required. RSVP to Kathy Bevers.
CONTACT Kathy.Bevers@HoustonFirst.org

Boston Mission Trip
Aug 31-Sep 7
 The Cypress Campus will partner with City on a Hill Church for street evangelism, working with International Student Ministry, and assisting college students moving on to campus. Cost is \$1,500 per person. Visit HoustonFirst.org/Cypress for more and to complete the Mission Interest Form by Jul 15.
CONTACT Jason.Swiggart@HoustonFirst.org

DOWNTOWN
New York City Mission Trip
Oct 13-19
 The Downtown Campus is headed to the Big Apple to partner with the Metropolitan New York Baptist Association in church planting work with ethnic, multi-ethnic and focused people group outreach. Cost is \$1,500 per person. Visit HoustonFirst.org/Downtown to complete the Mission Interest Form.
CONTACT Peter.Lee@HoustonFirst.org

Sep 13-15	Single Parent Family Camp
Sep 27-28	Men's Retreat
Sat, Sep 28	Family Fun Health & Fitness Expo
Sat, Oct 19	Celebration Ticket Sales Begin
Thu, Oct 31	FirstFest
Sat, Dec 7	The Christmas Store
Dec 12-15	Celebration

SUNDAYS AT HOUSTON'S FIRST

The Loop Campus
 7401 Katy Fwy • Houston, TX 77024
 Worship 9:15a-11a • 5:30p
 Life Bible Studies 8a-9:15a • 10:45a-4:15p • 6:45p

Cypress Campus
 10300 Warner Smith Blvd • Cypress, TX 77433
 Worship 11a
 Life Bible Studies 9:30a

Downtown Campus
 1010 Lamar St • Houston, TX 77002
 Worship 9:30a • 11a
 Life Bible Studies 9:30a

Sienna Campus
 4309 Sienna Pkwy • Missouri City, TX 77459
 Worship 9:30a • 11a
 Life Bible Studies 9:30a • 11a

MISSION 1:8

July 2013

Our Jerusalem

Space City. Energy Capital. Bayou City. H-Town. Home.



SIENNA

NEXT GENERATIONS
Parables Alive!
Jul 29-Aug 1 @ 9a-12p — 4309 Sienna Pkwy
 We're teaming up with BRAVO! Creative Arts to present a fun, art-infused day camp for children that's centered around biblical stories. The camp is for kids entering K-5 and capacity is limited! Cost is \$45 for the first child, \$30 for each additional child. Register at HoustonFirst.org/Sienna.
CONTACT Jason.Seifert@HoustonFirst.org

MAKE IT YOUR CHURCH!
 Houston's First encourages believers in Jesus Christ to commit to a local body of fellow Christians. If you're interested in making us your church today, come forward at the end of a worship service, visit the Connection Center at your campus, or contact Malcolm Marshall at Malcolm.Marshall@HoustonFirst.org or 713.335.6453 or any member of your campus team.

LIFE BIBLE STUDIES
 Life Bible Studies on Sunday are the primary method for connecting with others and growing together at Houston's First. Go deeper into God's Word, relate in a way that builds community, and experience the Bible as relevant to your life. Visit HoustonFirst.org to find one that's right for you, or ask the Welcome Team at your campus for assistance.

WINNING LIFE

MISSIONARY PRAYER TIME
Sun, Jul 14 @ 2-4p — The Loop (Reception Rm)
 This time of prayer and intercession allows us to be a part of what God is doing through our missionaries around the world by praying for them. Mary Ann Bridgwater of Pray the Word Ministries leads this powerful and vital part of the Great Commission to reach the world for Christ.

PRAY FOR MISSION TRIPS
 Pray for the mission teams leaving this week to India with MISSION 1:8 partner As Our Own (Jul 11-19), and to Nasir, South Sudan (Jul 13-26).

FAMILY MISSION TRIP
Fri, Jul 26 — Galveston
 On this one-day trip, 1st-5th graders and their families partner with a mission organization to help rebuild and minister to those in need. See what God does to and through your family as you work together on evangelism, service and building projects! Register at HoustonFirst.org/Events.
CONTACT Amanda.Westberry@HoustonFirst.org

WE ♥ HOUSTON

Since March 2013, Houston's First has given **\$620,000** to these local ministries thanks to your contributions to the MISSION 1:8 Budget. Pray for the impact they're having on lives right here at home.

Houston Habitat for Humanity

Jerry Kovaly, Corporate Relations Manager
Houston's First Member

Houston's First's gift to Houston Habitat has sponsored the building of one home that will be purchased by one of our family partners. Our family partners have classes in finances, minor home repair and have to do 300 hours of sweat equity before they may purchase a Houston Habitat home.

A Houston Habitat home is a healthy home. One family had a daughter who had been sickly. After moving into a Houston Habitat home, her health improved and she was able to attend school regularly. She graduated high school with honors and obtained a scholarship. Last year, she graduated college with honors, too, and now teaches elementary school. Purchasing a Houston Habitat home helps break the cycle of poverty and can literally transform the life of our family partner!

This fall, Houston's First members can help build a Houston Habitat home the weekends of October 4-5, 11-12 and 18-19. More information will come later, but you can visit HoustonFirst.org/MissionTrips now to complete the Mission Trip Interest Form and indicate your interest in helping to build this home for a local family!



How can we pray for Houston Habitat for Humanity?

Wisdom for our Board of Directors, the Houston Habitat staff, and our family partners. That we would all be attentive to the leading of the Holy Spirit. For sponsors, like Houston's First, to come forward and provide the donations to build more Houston Habitat homes.

HOUSTON HABITAT

Founded in 1987

Bringing people together to build homes, communities and hope

HoustonHabitat.org

HoustonHabitat @HoustonHabitat

Star of Hope

Hank Rush, President & CEO

Houston's First's gift is so timely for the heavy demand we are facing this summer. The number of homeless women and families coming to us this year has already reached an all-time high, and it's just June! These funds will provide for the 100-150 women and children sleeping in overflow on the floor of our Family Shelter each night. We are presently serving close to 1,200 homeless per day around Houston.

One example is Toni. Her father was an alcoholic and Toni followed in his footsteps. "I have struggled with my addiction for the past 20 years," she said. "I've been homeless and without a good job for seven years— just living from pillar to post," she admitted. "I had given up on ever getting sober and having a life again. That's when I found out about Star of Hope."

At Star of Hope, Toni found a meal, safe shelter and New Hope — a 90-day, Christ-centered, 12-step substance abuse recovery program. Clients learn about the cycle of dependency and relapse, and they develop skills to recover permanently from their habits and addictions. Since going through the New Hope program, Toni said, "I am learning that my life is worthwhile. I actually want to wake up and see what is going to happen today. It's a miracle!"

How can we pray for Star of Hope?

First, that each homeless man, woman or child who comes our way will receive Christ as their personal Savior & Lord, and secondly, for their recovery from homelessness to live the life God has planned for them. Last, pray for our staff.

STAR OF HOPE

Founded in 1907

Meeting the needs of homeless men, women and their children

SOHMission.org

StarOfHopeMission @StarOfHope



Generation One

Mike Malkemes, President

The funds from Houston's First were an incredible blessing! We were able to hire additional men from the community to work at the screen printing shop, hire additional ladies to work in our sewing and embroidery businesses, and add much needed staff to our Generation One Academy that allowed us to take in more kids!

One of the men working for us is 35 years old and has been a drug dealer his entire life. Four of his kids go to our Academy. Last year, masked men broke into his home, terrorized the kids, and robbed them. We went to pray with him the next day and he refused. He was mad about what was stolen from him and very defiant.

Several months later, he accepted a job with us. He eventually opened his heart to Jesus, was truly redeemed and became a new creature in Christ. He is now our best preacher, testifying to everybody how God changed his heart and his life! He knows he can go out in the streets and make 100 times what we pay him, but he has dignity now in an honest job and would not change it for the world.

How can we pray for Generation One?

For more and more of the parents of the Academy kids to get involved with the school as we begin our 3rd year! We are at a pivotal point with the kids. To take the kids to the next level we have to have full buy-in with their parents.

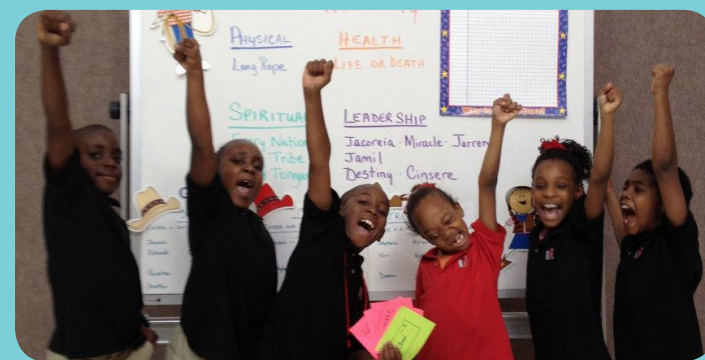
GENERATION ONE

Founded in 2007

Physically and spiritually rebuilding the Third Ward

GenerationOne.net

TXGenOne @generation1TX



WorkFaith Connection

Sandy Schultz, President/CEO

Houston's First Member

With funds from Houston's First, The WorkFaith Connection will help more than 1,300 individuals with their job search and their journey towards life stability. Many of these men and women have previously been in prison, homeless shelters, addiction recovery programs, or other unstable life patterns . . . and all are striving to live the life God planned for them!

In 1997, Jaime began the journey in overcoming his addiction to alcohol, but the road to recovery was not without its challenges. The inability to maintain stable employment caused a friend to refer him to The WorkFaith Connection in 2012. It was here Jaime said he experienced the "hope, courage, and tools" that allowed him to find and keep a job. He was employed soon after graduating our eight-day workshop.

After one year in his first job, Jaime got his dream job. Today he works in a corporate office downtown. His wife, Mary Beth, feels like God worked through The WorkFaith Connection to give their family a new start in life. Every day, Jaime thanks God for a renewed opportunity to be the father and husband he always planned to be.



How can we pray for WorkFaith Connection?

Our leadership to seek God's way, God's will, and God's timing in everything they do. Our staff and graduates to keep our focus solidly planted on God. Those who need WorkFaith to learn that we are here for them. The provision of all the resources needed. Specifically, guidance regarding expansion of a 3rd and 4th office in Houston and partnership opportunity with The Church at Brook Hills in Birmingham, Alabama.

WORKFAITH CONNECTION

Founded in 2006

Helping people in transition build a new life through work and faith

WorkFaithConnection.org

WorkFaithConnection @WorkFaith1

C.H.A.R.M. Prison Ministries

Dave Trickett, President

Houston's First Member



Funds from Houston's First helped us get our 2nd and 3rd transitional houses up and running. This is where we discipline recently released men, guiding them to live in freedom. We assist with practical needs, and offer a place of belonging as they transition into becoming pillars in their homes, churches, and communities. With your funds, we also provide indigent supplies, Bibles, and study materials; continue our ongoing sports prison ministry; and were able to hire our first full-time staff member!

One man we've disciplined is Jeff. He grew up without a dad and was in and out of juvenile facilities. He feared having a child who would grow up without a dad, too. Then, his first son, Isaiah, was born days before Jeff was sent to prison for 10 years. He longed to have a relationship with his son, but had no idea how that would be possible.

Seven years into his term, Jeff surrendered his life to Christ and C.H.A.R.M. played a key role in his transition back into society. Jeff now serves the Lord and is active in his church. What about re-entering his son's life? Well, Isaiah heard the Gospel at Daycation at Houston's First's and gave his life to the Lord, too! Now, Jeff and Isaiah are both children of God and enjoying the relationship Jeff always wanted with his own father.

How can we pray for C.H.A.R.M.?

For hearts of inmates and prison staff to be fertile ground. For leaders and volunteers to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit's leading. For men soon to be released to have leaders to help them grow in the Lord. For angels to guard these homes and the men who live in them. For favor and protection for our staff and volunteers. For us to hear the Lord's voice and follow His leading for our present and future ministry direction.

C.H.A.R.M.

Founded in 2002

Ministering to needs of those incarcerated, correctional personnel, and their respective families

CHARMPrisonMinistry.org

CHARM Prison Ministries