



HOUSTON'S FIRST
BAPTIST CHURCH

Weekly Guide
Aug 11, 2013



RUN FOR HOPE HOUSTON 5K

Sat, Oct 26 — Houston Christian High School
Benefitting the Adoption Assistance Fund of Legacy685, the Run For Hope includes a Kids' 1K @ 8:45a and an Adult 5K @ 9a. Early bird special registration through Sep 1: \$25 Adult 5k, \$10 Kids' 1K. Register, volunteer and get more info at RunForHopeHouston.org.
CONTACT Toni.Steere@HoustonsFirst.org

PERSPECTIVES

Every Wed, Aug 21-Dec 4 @ 6:30-9:30p
The Loop (Reception Rm)
Perspectives helps believers see how they can get threaded into God's story of redeeming people from every tribe, tongue, and nation to Himself.
CONTACT Peggy.Meeks,peggyeeks50@gmail.com

CLOTHES CLOSET NEEDS

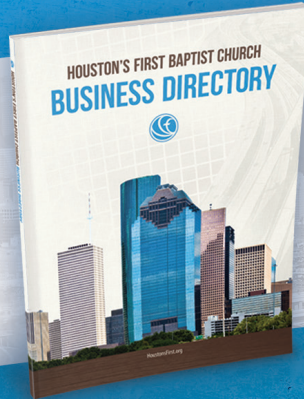
Please bring men's clothing, ladies' clothing (plus sizes), and diapers to the Missions & Connection Center at The Loop. All donations are considered charitable giving and are tax deductible. Receipt available upon request.
CONTACT Fred.Polenz@HoustonsFirst.org

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Do you have a passion for ministering to international students? Discover how you can do that through the International Student Friendship Ministry. They can connect you with students right here in Houston!
CONTACT Bethany.Caplet@HoustonsFirst.org

PRAY FOR MISSION TRIP

Pray for the team headed to Montana on a mission trip Aug 14-20.



INTRODUCING OUR BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Whether you're the owner, an independent contractor, a professional, or the manager, add your business to the Houston's First Baptist Church Business Directory — a new resource for our church family! The directory is available online now, and a print version is coming this fall. Visit HoustonsFirst.org to see who's listed and to submit a listing for your business before the Aug 19 deadline.

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@HoustonsFirst.org or 713.335.6453 or any member of your campus team.

Back ^{to} SCHOOL sunday

On Sun, Aug 25, we'll promote children and students to their new Life Bible Studies. Get into the spirit of going back to school by wearing your favorite school's colors to church that day — whether it's your alma mater, your kids' school, or just a favorite team!

(Face painting optional.)

PASTOR GREGG RETURNS!

After his month-long sabbatical, Pastor Gregg returns next Sun, Aug 18! He'll resume our study of Acts beginning with a message from chapter 12 about the power of prayer. Pray for Pastor Gregg and his family as they make the transition back to Houston!



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 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



ALL CAMPUSES

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. On Aug 14, he begins a series on "Making A Difference In Your Business."

CONTACT Diane.Bagby@HoustonsFirst.org

Become A Stephen Minister

Applications due Sun, Aug 25

Stephen Ministers are Houston's First members equipped after 50 hours of training to minister to people experiencing a crisis, facing a challenge, or experiencing difficulty in their lives. If you're interested in becoming a Stephen Minister, apply by Sun, Aug 25, to attend the fall training Wed, Sep 4-Nov 20, at The Loop.

CONTACT Debbie.Portilla@HoustonsFirst.org

Miss PattyCake

Sat, Sep 7 @ 8a-1p — The Loop

Parents and their young children are invited to spend the morning with Miss PattyCake! After breakfast, she'll share words of encouragement with the parents while the children play, then she'll lead a "PattyCake Praise" Concert for everyone! Register at HoustonsFirst.org/Events.

CONTACT Haylee.Pearson@HoustonsFirst.org

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CONTACT Haylee.Pearson@HoustonsFirst.org

Empowered To Connect Conference

Sep 13-14 — The Loop

This two-day event is designed to help adoptive and foster parents, ministry leaders, and professionals better understand how to connect with children from hard places. Sponsored by Show Hope in association with Focus On The Family and Houston's First. Details and registration at HoustonsFirst.org/Events.

CONTACT Toni.Steere@HoustonsFirst.org

MEN

Men: Serve

Sat, Aug 24 @ 8:30a-3p — The Loop

Men will gather at The Loop then go out in teams to serve the widows of our church family through yard work, home repairs, and other projects. Advance registration is required, so sign up to serve at HoustonsFirst.org/Events.

CONTACT Eric.Reed@HoustonsFirst.org

THE LOOP

CHILDREN

End of Summer Party

Fri, Aug 23 @ 6-10p

Warrior Field (Silber & Long Point)

Kids entering 1st-5th grades — end the summer with a splash at a water day at Warrior Field! Wear something you wouldn't mind getting wet in (think water games and slides!). You'll enjoy food and fun with Mr. Chad, the FirstKids team, and friends at this End of Summer Party — a bash you won't want to miss!

CONTACT Amanda.Westberry@HoustonsFirst.org

STUDENTS

Fall Kick-Off

Fri, Aug 23 @ 6-9p — HUB Student Area

Students will close out the summer and kick off the new semester with a night of fun and games! Middle School will play Clue, and High School will have the HUB Game Challenge. This is a great time to invite friends, so start asking now!

CONTACT Susan.Newman@HoustonsFirst.org

Elevate Student Worship

Coming this fall

Elevate is a new ministry for Middle School and High School students that seeks to elevate students and put them in a position to elevate Christ! The kick-off retreat is Sep 6-7. Interested students should contact Josh Harris to learn more about Elevate!

CONTACT Josh.Harris@HoustonsFirst.org

NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

NextGen Family Night

Wed, Aug 28 @ 6-8p — Worship Ctr

Illusionist David Garrard will entertain the whole family at this night of fun and laughs for parents, students, and children (ages 5 and up). We'll also unveil new Parent Path classes beginning this fall. Come early for dinner beginning at 4:45p in the Fellowship Center (\$6 Students/Adults, \$4.50 Children, \$1.50 Toddlers). Free childcare for birth-age 4.

CONTACT Noelle.Carpenter@HoustonsFirst.org

MARRIED YOUNG ADULTS

Recreate Date Night

Fri, Aug 23 @ 6-10p — The Loop

Whether you spend it with just you and your spouse or with other couples, plan on making the most of the next Recreate Date Night! If you need it, registration for childcare is open now. Sign up at HoustonsFirst.org/Events before it fills up!

CONTACT Melanie.Russell@HoustonsFirst.org

CYPRESS

MISSION 1:8 Goes Backpacking

Now until Aug 25, drop off backpacks and school supplies at the Cypress Ministry Center during the week (M-Th @ 8a-4:30p) or Smith Middle School on Sunday mornings. Supplies will be donated to students at The Mansions, a multi-family housing community in Cypress.

CONTACT Rebecca.Dinkins@HoustonsFirst.org

Shake, Rattle and Roll

Sat, Aug 24 @ 2-5p — Smith Middle School

Come join in the fun as we shake, rattle and roll toward fall! Give your life away as we roll out all our gear, rattle around cleaning up the equipment, and shake off all the dust from our first six months of doing church!

CONTACT Rebecca.Dinkins@HoustonsFirst.org

DOWNTOWN

Baptisms

Sun, Aug 18 — Tellepsen YMCA (808 Pease)

The Downtown Campus will gather to observe and celebrate baptisms as members of our church family come forward to publicly profess their faith in Christ. We'll head over to the YMCA immediately after the 11a worship service.

CONTACT Tiffany.Butterfras@HoustonsFirst.org

SIENNA

NextGen Summer Slam!

Fri, Aug 16 @ 9p-Sat, Aug 17 @ 6:30a

Middle School and High School students are slammin' the door on summer with a night of SkyZone, LaserZone, a movie and breakfast at the church! It's \$25 per person, and the deadline to sign up is today, Aug 11!

CONTACT Corbett.Thompson@HoustonsFirst.org

Make It Your Church Orientation

Sun, Aug 25 @ 5:30p — 4309 Sienna Pkwy

Discover what it means to be a member of Houston's First at the Sienna Campus! Hear from Campus Pastor Jeff Rees and other staff members about how you can make Houston's First your church — and enjoy dinner, too! RSVP at HoustonsFirst.org/Sienna.

CONTACT Jeff.Rees@HoustonsFirst.org

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 HoustonsFirst.org to find one that's right for you, or ask the Welcome Team at your campus for assistance.

