

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

FIRST PANTRY

The Food Pantry & Clothes Closet serve over 1,000 people each month. At The Loop Campus next Sun, Sep 1, please bring non-perishable food items, gently used clothing, and other household goods to help serve those in need in the Spring Branch community. Donation bins will be located at main entrances to the church and in the Missions Office

CLOTHES CLOSET NEEDS

Please bring men's clothing, ladies' clothing (plus size), diapers, travel-size hygiene products and old eyeglasses 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

PRAY FOR MISSION TEAM

Pray for the mission team serving in the Boston area Aug 31-Sep 7 with City on a Hill Church in Brookline, MA one of our MISSION 1:8 partners.

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.

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 FALL 2013

EVERY WED, SEP 4-NOV 20 - THE LOOP

There is more to Houston's First than what happens on Sundays! Join us at The Loop on Wednesday evenings for MidLink — an evening of food and activities for all ages! MidLink: connecting the body from Sunday to Sunday!

CHURCHWIDE

MidLink Cafe @ 4:45-6:45p — Fellowship Ctr The Link (Adult Bible Study) @ 6:30-7:30p — Garden Rm Palabras de Vida: Words of Life (Adult Spanish Bible Study) @ 7-8:30p — Rm 333 Milestones classes @ various times and locations

WORSHIP/MUSIC

Singers @ 7-8:30p — Rm 337 Worship Orchestra @ 7-8:30p — Worship Center Worship Choir @ 7-8:30p — Rehearsal Hall

FITNESS

TRX @ 5-5:45p — Rm 274 Boot Camp @ 5:30-6:30p — Rm 270 Zumba @ 6-7p — Rm 274

PRESCHOOL

Thru the Roof - Special Needs @ 5:30-8:30p — Rm 324 & 326 Wee Worship (Babies-1s) @ 6-7p — Preschool Suite W.O.W. (Worship Our Way) (2s & 3s) @ 6-7p — Preschool Suite High 5 Kids' Choir (4 yrs-K) @ 6-7p — Rm 303 (Clubhouse) Mission Friends (Birth-K) @ 7-8p — Preschool Suite

CHILDREN

Thru the Roof - Special Needs @ 5:30-8:30p — Rm 324 & 326 High 5 Kids' Choir (1st-5th grade) @ 6-7p — Rm 301 (Loft) Breakout (1st-3rd grade) @ 7-8:30p — Fitness & Rec Ctr Friction (4th-5th grade) @ 7-8:30p — Rm 325

Sienna Campus

Missouri City, TX 77459

Life Bible Studies 9:30a • 11a

4309 Sienna Pkwy

Worship 9:30a • 11a

MIDDLE SCHOOL Wired @ 6:30-8p — Rm 364

HIGH SCHOOL Amp @ 7-8:30p — Rm 363

1010 Lamar St

Worship 11a

Houston, TX 77002

Life Bible Studies 9:30a

Downtown Campus



HOUSTON'S FIRST

Weekly Guide **Aug 25, 2013**

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Milestones is a framework of adult discipleship that extends beyond Life Bible Studies to equip people in a particular stage of life, crisis or in general discipleship. New classes are offered this semester, so visit HoustonsFirst.org/Milestones to discover one — or more — just right for you.



JOIN THE CELEBRATION TEAM!

Over 18,000 people will celebrate the spirit, the songs, and the story of Christmas at Celebration this Dec 12-15. Whether it's before the show, behind the scenes, during the show, or on stage, there's a place for you on the Celebration team. Complete the form inside or at TheFirstChristmas.org to join the team! (By the way — tickets go on sale Sat, Oct 19!)

NEWS + UPDATES Structures as we seek to fulfill the Great Commission. • Wet of THE WEEK: "Churches, I've never seen a more comprehensive & authentic season of teaching on discipleship & stewardship than @HoustonsFirst, @GreggMatte" — Josh Collins, @sixsteps268

ALL CAMPUSES

Deacons Meetings & Church Conference Today — Cypress Campus Ministry Center

The monthly Deacons meetings and Church Conference are going on a road trip to the Cypress Campus Ministry Center today! Rather than meeting at The Loop, they'll meet at 22220 Northwest Freeway (at Telge) with the Deacon Administrative Committee at 2:30p, the entire Deacon body at 3:30p, and the Church Conference at 4:30p. The conference is to discuss financials, membership reports, etc. Anybody may attend, but only church members may vote.

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 28, he continues a series on "Making A Difference In Your Business." CONTACT Diane.Bagby@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**

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

Italy: Beginning of the Church Nov 4-11, 2013

Travel to Italy this fall to trace Paul's journey in Acts. The trip is hosted by Wanda Jean Hickey and Adam Mason, Minister of Counseling Services. Visit HoustonsFirst.org/Events for itinerary and costs.

CONTACT Wanda Jean Hickey, wjhickey3@comcast.net

SINGLE PARENT FAMILIES

Single Parent Families Camp Sep 13-15 — Stoney Creek Ranch

The Single Parent Families Camp is a highlight of the year for parents and kids alike! Malcolm Marshall will lead the parents, while Chad Overton teaches the kids. Activities include the always popular water blob, zipline, kayaking, rock wall ... and so much more! Visit HoustonsFirst.org/ Events for details and registration. **CONTACT Amber.Willet@HoustonsFirst.org**

MEN

ALL IN: Men's Retreat Sep 27-28 — Camp Cho-Yeh

Are you all in? Men from each campus will explore that question with session leader Robby Gallaty and worship leader Ryan Langford. Enjoy outdoor activities, too including Manlympics! Stay in hotel rooms (limited) or cabins. Early Bird registration ends Sep 2. Register at HoustonsFirst.org/Men.

CONTACT Elise.Price@HoustonsFirst.org

THE LOOP

Make It Your Church Orientation

Sun, Sep 15 @ 12:30-1:45p — Fellowship Ctr Discover what it means to be a member of Houston's First Baptist Church — and enjoy lunch, too! Pastor Gregg and other staff members will share our vision and mission, and talk about how you can make it your church. Register at HoustonsFirst.org/Events.

CONTACT Malcolm.Marshall@HoustonsFirst.org

STUDENTS

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**

CYPRESS

MidLink at Cypress

Begins Wed, Sep 4 @ **6:15-8p** — **Ministry Center** MidLink is coming to the Cypress Campus this fall! Mission Friends for Preschoolers, BLAST (Building Lives Around Scripture and Truth) for Grades 1-5, and SURGE for Middle School & High School students. Adult courses will be offered offsite.

CONTACT Natalie.Stotts@HoustonsFirst.org

YOUNG SINGLES

Life Bible Study for Young Singles Begins Sun, Sep 8 @ 9:30a

Young Singles in Cypress – this is just the class for you! Make plans now to gather, grow and give ministry away to others in and through this class. More details coming soon! **CONTACT Rebecca.Dinkins@HoustonsFirst.org**

WOMEN

Gideon: Your Weakness, His Strength Tue, Sep 17-Nov 5 @ 9:30-11:30a — Ministry Center

This new Tuesday morning Women's Bible Study will look at Gideon and the lessons you can apply from his life to your own. Simone Fleming will facilitate the study, and childcare is available with preregistration. Visit HoustonsFirst.org/ Cypress for details.

CONTACT Jason.Swiggart@HoustonsFirst.org

DOWNTOWN

Make It Your Church Orientation

Sun, Sep 8 @ 12:30-2p — 1010 Lamar Discover what it means to be a member of Houston's First at the Downtown Campus! Hear from Campus Pastor Lee Hsia and other staff members about how you can make Houston's First your church — and enjoy lunch, too! RSVP at HoustonsFirst.org/Downtown.

CONTACT Peter.Lee@HoustonsFirst.org

SIENNA

Make It Your Church Orientation Today @ 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 as soon as you can at HoustonsFirst.org/Sienna.

CONTACT Cathy.Clemons@HoustonsFirst.org

STUDENTS

Faith & Family Night at Astros Game Sat, Sep 14 @ 6:10p — Minute Maid Park

HUB Students (Middle School & High School) and their families are heading to Minute Maid Park for Faith & Family Night! The Astros take on the Los Angeles Angels at 6:10p. After the game, David Crowder will take the stage for an inspiring concert. Meet at the Sienna Campus at 4:30p. Register at HoustonsFirst.org/Sienna. **CONTACT Corbett.Thompson@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.

Need more information? Call 713.681.8000, visit HoustonsFirst.org, and follow us on 🛛 🚯 👁 👁 🕲 📾 🔕

CREATING A WORSHIPFUL ENVIRONMENT. Worship requires our full attention. We ask that you: >> 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.