



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

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!

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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Coming this October, Houston's First is partnering with Habitat for Humanity to build a home the weekends of Oct 4-5, Oct 11-12, and Oct 18-19. Visit HoustonsFirst.org/MissionTrips to learn more and complete the interest form.

SPRING 2014 MISSION TRIPS

Visit HoustonsFirst.org/MissionTrips and click on the Mission Trip Interest Form to see where Houston's First is spreading the Gospel early next year. See something that interests you? Fill out the interest form!

CONTACT Bethany.Caplet@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.



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

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Wired @ 6:30-8p — Rm 364

HIGH SCHOOL

Amp @ 7-8:30p — Rm 363



HOUSTON'S FIRST
BAPTIST CHURCH

Weekly Guide
Sep 1, 2013

EMPOWERED *To Connect* CONFERENCE

SPEAKERS



Dr. Karyn Purvis
Director of TCU Institute
of Child Development



Michael & Amy Monroe
Leaders of Tapestry - Adoption
and Foster Care ministry



Dan & Terri Coley
Show Hope founding board
members and adoption advocates

Sep 13-14 @ 9a-5p — The Loop

Helping adoptive and foster parents, ministry leaders, and professionals better understand how to connect with children from hard places in order to help them heal and become all that God desires for them to be. Sponsored by Show Hope in association with Focus On The Family and Houston's First Baptist Church. Register at HoustonsFirst.org/Events

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 IN MEN'S RETREAT 2013

SEP 27-28 • CAMP CHO-YEH

Are you all in? Men from each campus will tackle 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. Register now at HoustonsFirst.org/Men.

CONTACT Elise.Price@HoustonsFirst.org



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 Sep 4, Dr. David Self 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, and come to an info meeting to learn more on Sun, Sep 8 @ 2-4p at The Loop (Garden Rm).
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 water blob, zipline, kayaking, rock wall, and more! Visit HoustonsFirst.org/Events to register.
CONTACT Amber.Willet@HoustonsFirst.org

THE LOOP

CanHope

Mon, Sep 9 @ 6:45p — Reception Rm
CanHope ministers to those impacted by cancer. At this gathering, Amanda and Steven Murray and their 10-year old son Braden will share about their journey through Braden's battle with leukemia. Bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share. An entree is provided.
CONTACT Linda.Askin@HoustonsFirst.org

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

CYPRESS

MidLink at Cypress

Begins Wed, Sep 4 @ 6:15-8p — Ministry Center
MidLink is coming to the Cypress Campus this Wednesday! 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.
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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, God's Strength Tue, Sep 17-Nov 5 @ 9:30-11:30a — Ministry Center

Based on the book by Priscilla Shirer, 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.
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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

IMAGO Arts Gathering

Tue, Sep 10 @ 7-9p — Vine Street Studios
Amateur and professional artists from all media are invited to our Vine Street Studios for the next gathering of the IMAGO artist ministry. Connect with and learn from other artists about using the arts to glorify God — no matter what the media!
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SIENNA CHILDREN

Game On!

Fri, Sep 20 @ 7-9p — 4309 Sienna Pkwy
Picture this: a room full of kids (K-5th Grade) playing all the video games they want to play — with snacks included! That's that Game On! is all about. The games are provided, it's free to attend, and no registration is required. All you need to do is show up and bring a friend! (Volunteers are needed, too!)
CONTACT Katie.Walker@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.



JOIN THE CELEBRATION TEAM!

People from each campus are invited to join the Celebration team as we prepare to share the spirit, the songs, and the story of Christmas with over 18,000 people Dec 12-15! Before the show, behind the scenes, during the show, or on stage — there's a place for you to serve. Visit TheFirstChristmas.org to explore the roles and sign up. (FYI — Dance auditions are Sep 8 & 15!)

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.