



FIRST PANTRY

The Food Pantry & Clothes Closet serve over 1,000 people each month. At The Loop Campus next Sun, Oct 6, 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.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Houston's First has funded a home through Houston Habitat for Humanity. Now, it's time to build it! Saturday shifts are full, but spots remain on Fridays, Oct 4, Oct 11, and Oct 18. Visit HoustonsFirst.org/MissionTrips to join the team.

CONTACT Elise.Price@HoustonsFirst.org

MISSIONARY PRAYER TIME

Sun, Oct 13 @ 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, and all are welcome to come and pray for our missionaries on the field.

CONTACT Charlotte.Nease@HoustonsFirst.org

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. Register, volunteer and get more info at RunForHopeHouston.org

CONTACT Kasey.Mathew@RunForHopeHouston@gmail.com

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.



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
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EVERYONE HAS A STORY



WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

Got a story of God working in your life? We want to hear it. More importantly, people who don't know Him need to hear it. Visit HoustonsFirst.org/MyStory to share what God has done. After all, your story may be just the encouragement someone needs to hear.

Celebration

CELEBRATION TICKETS ON SALE OCT 19

Experience the spirit, the songs, and the story of Christmas at Celebration — a musical presentation at The Loop this Dec 12-15. Tickets go on sale Sat, Oct 19. Visit TheFirstChristmas.org for details. Who could you invite to share the story of Christmas with this year?

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

First H.O.P.E. Job Ministry

Sat, Oct 5 @ 9a-Noon — Faith Center

At the next gathering of the First H.O.P.E. Job Ministry, they'll offer a free computer training class on "How to Use the Internet to Find a Job." Breakfast foods and coffee will be provided. The Faith Center is located at 8009 Long Point. First H.O.P.E. is open to anybody, with additional resources at HoustonsFirst.org.

CONTACT Fay.Suitor@HoustonsFirst.org

Three Strands Marriage Retreat

Oct 25-27 — Jordan Ranch, Schulenburg, TX

Facilitated by Sienna Campus Pastor Jeff Rees and his wife Martha, the Three Strands Marriage Retreat is designed to equip you with insights and tools. You'll leave with a better understanding of yourself and your spouse, and increase the joy and intimacy of your marriage. The retreat is open to members and non-members of Houston's First. Register at HoustonsFirst.org/Events.

CONTACT Jeff.Rees@HoustonsFirst.org

Italy: Beginning of the Church

Nov 4-11

Travel to Italy Nov 4-11 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 details, itinerary, and costs.

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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 Oct 2, Dr. David Self continues a series on "Making A Difference In Your Business."

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NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

Parent Path Classes

Wed, Oct 2 @ 6:30-8p — The Loop

Parents — take your parenting to the next level by attending these special 1-night classes this Wednesday:

- Preschool (Birth-K): The Faith of a Child with Marion Jaynes (Rm 262)
- Children (1st-5th): Essentials of Parenting with Chad Overton (Rm 330)
- Students (6th-12th): Parents as Primary Disciplers with Tony Bianco and Doug Bischoff (Rm 366)

Find out more about these and other Parent Path classes — and all Milestones classes — at HoustonsFirst.org/Milestones.

CONTACT Noelle.Carpenter@HoustonsFirst.org

YOUNG SINGLES

Summit Flag Football

Sat, Oct 5-Nov 2 @ 10a-4p — Warrior Field

Are you ready for some football? Join other young single adults for fun, fellowship and co-ed flag football! Teams are forming now in Life Bible Studies, so check with your class leaders about how to sign up, or register at HoustonsFirst.org/Events. Cost is \$35 for season or \$5 per game at the door.

CONTACT George.Watson@HoustonsFirst.org

THE LOOP

MARRIED YOUNG ADULTS

Big Night Out

Fri, Oct 18 @ 8-9:30p — Fellowship Ctr

Go to dinner with your spouse then gather at The Loop with other couples for a night of encouragement and laughter. ComedySportz will provide the laughs, and we'll provide the encouragement — and dessert! Doors open at 7:45p. Childcare available starting at 6p with registration. Register at HoustonsFirst.org/Events.

CONTACT Melanie.Russell@HoustonsFirst.org

Newlywed or Close Life Bible Studies

Sundays

If you're engaged, newly married, or close, the Newlywed or Close Life Bible Study is just for you. You'll find other couples like you, a year of practical and biblical training for marriage, and experienced leaders who will invest in your life. Your marriage is what you make it — for better or worse, for richer or poorer. Are you prepared? The class is offered at 9:15a (Fellowship Ctr), 10:45a (Rm 501/502), and 6:45p (Rm 253/254).

CONTACT Melanie.Russell@HoustonsFirst.org

CYPRESS

Counseling Center Services

The Julianna Poor Memorial Counseling Center at The Loop is extending counseling services to the Cypress Campus. They are now accepting appointments at our Ministry Center beginning the first week in October. Contact the Counseling Center at 713.335.6462 to schedule an appointment or for more information. Counseling sessions are by appointment only.

NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

NextGEN Family Barbecue

Sat, Oct 5 @ 4-7p — Cole's Crossing Comm Ctr

Families with kids 18 and under — get ready for a good ol' family BBQ! Bring a lawn chair or picnic blanket as well as your favorite side dish or dessert to share! We'll provide the rest. This is a great way to introduce others to the Cypress Campus family, so look for opportunities to invite folks to come with you!

CONTACT Natalie.Stotts@HoustonsFirst.org

DOWNTOWN

Anniversary Picnic

Sat, Oct 5 @ 2-6p — MacGregor Park

Happy anniversary! The Downtown Campus family will celebrate our 2nd anniversary with a picnic featuring games, food, and more. Sign up for the games through your Life Bible Study or with Tiffany in the Lobby after the worship service.

CONTACT Tiffany.Butterfras@HoustonsFirst.org

IMAGO Arts Gathering

Tue, Oct 8 @ 7-9p — Ministry Center

On the first Tuesday of each month, artists and those who love the arts gather to talk about glorifying God through the arts, to provide inspiration, and to connect with others. The gathering takes place at our Ministry Center at the Vine Street Studios and is open to anyone who would like to attend!

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SIENNA

MARRIED YOUNG ADULTS

Re|Create Date Night

Fri, Oct 18 @ 6-10p

Go out for an evening with your spouse or join in with other couples while we take care of the kids! Whether you go to dinner, go to a movie, or just hang out at home, use this time to invest in one another. Registration for childcare is required, so visit HoustonsFirst.org/Events to sign up.

CONTACT Jordan.Blaylock@HoustonsFirst.org

WOMEN

Women's Prayer Gathering

Tue, Oct 8 @ 7-8p — Rees' home

The women of the Sienna Campus family are invited to gather at the Rees' home on the 2nd Tuesday of each month as Martha hosts a time of prayer for our church. The next gathering is Oct 8, with future gatherings on Nov 12 and Dec 10.

CONTACT Martha.Rees@mrees1221@gmail.com

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.