



### MY HOPE FOR AMERICA: SHARING CHRIST WITH YOUR NEIGHBOR

Wed, Oct 23 @ 6:30-8:30p — The Loop (Chapel)  
In conjunction with Billy Graham's My Hope For America initiative this fall, learn some practical steps for sharing your faith with your neighbors at this one-night only training with William Taylor and Jerrell Altic.  
**CONTACT Jonathan.Huegel@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**

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Pick up a box and label from the Missions Office then fill it up and send it to a child around the world in Jesus' name! Packed boxes are due on or before Nov 11 in the Missions Office or can be dropped off at a designated center around town Nov 18-25. Visit HoustonsFirst.org/Missions for details.  
**CONTACT Charlotte.Nease@HoustonsFirst.org**

### 2014 MISSION TRIP REVEAL

Sun, Nov 17 @ 12:30p — Fellowship Center  
Where will Houston's First take the Gospel in 2014? Next year's mission trips will be revealed at this special lunch following the 11a worship service at The Loop. Lunch is provided.  
**CONTACT Bethany.Caplet@HoustonsFirst.org**

### THE CHRISTMAS STORE COLLECTION DAY

Sun, Nov 17  
At The Christmas Store at the Faith Center on Sat, Dec 7, hundreds of families will shop for Christmas gifts — for free! We rely on the Houston's First family to donate more than 3,000 new, unwrapped gifts on Collection Day to make this ministry possible. Watch for details soon about how you can contribute and volunteer!  
**CONTACT Bethany.Caplet@HoustonsFirst.org**



### EVERY WED THRU 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  
Oct 20, 2013



WHICH WILL YOU CHOOSE?



### ON OCTOBER 31, CHOOSE FIRSTFEST OR LIGHT THE NIGHT

Whether you go to The Loop or stay in your neighborhood, the Houston's First family is asked to choose how you'll reach out to people on October 31. Explore the options — FirstFest or Light The Night — at [HoustonsFirst.org/October31](http://HoustonsFirst.org/October31).

# Celebration

TICKETS ON SALE!  
Six Performances Dec 12-15

Experience the spirit, the songs, and the story of Christmas at Celebration! Tickets are on sale now at [TheFirstChristmas.org](http://TheFirstChristmas.org), at The Loop, and by phone at 1.888.338.5338. Who will you invite to experience the message of Christmas 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

### 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](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Events).  
**CONTACT Jeff.Rees@HoustonsFirst.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. On Oct 23, Jerrell Altic, Minister of Mobilization, is the guest speaker.  
**CONTACT Diane.Bagby@HoustonsFirst.org**

### Surviving The Holidays

**Sun, Nov 3 @ 1-3p — The Loop (Reception Rm)**  
Pastoral Care and the GriefShare ministry host this seminar for people facing the holidays following a loved one's death or other crisis, such as job loss, divorce, loss of a relationship, a move or loss of one's home. Lunch will be provided, so please RSVP by Oct 31 to 713.957.6764. Share this event with those in your life who might benefit from attending.  
**CONTACT Sherry.Oradat@HoustonsFirst.org**

## HUB STUDENTS

### Middle School Retreat

**Oct 25-27 — Lake Tomahawk Retreat Center**  
Hey Middle Schoolers at The Loop and Sienna! Don't miss this weekend away as we look at God's Passion. Students in Grades 6-8 will explore what God is passionate about and how to align ourselves with Him. Cost is \$80. Register at [HoustonsFirst.org/Events](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Events).  
**CONTACT Tony.Bianco@HoustonsFirst.org or Corbett.Thompson@HoustonsFirst.org**

## YOUNG SINGLE ADULTS

### "Under the Texas Sky" Hoedown

**Sat, Nov 16 @ 6-11p — Hunt Retreat**  
Men, shine up those boots and ladies get your dance cards ready for the 16th annual "Under The Texas Sky" Hoedown! Join us at the church's new Hunt Retreat in Brookshire for an evening of dancing, live music from the SnakeBit Band, BBQ dinner, mechanical bull, dunk tank, cake baking contest, western games and much more. Get your tickets at [HoustonsFirst.org/Events](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Events).  
**CONTACT Ryan.McPhetridge@HoustonsFirst.org**

## MEN

### MEN:SERVE

**Sat, Nov 16 @ 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](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Events).  
**CONTACT Eric.Reed@HoustonsFirst.org**

## THE LOOP

### HUB STUDENTS

### High School Girls' Retreat

**Fri, Nov 15 @ 6p - Sat, Nov 16 @ 3p**  
Get ready for an amazing weekend of sisterhood! This short retreat will be packed with fun activities, great bonding time, biblical teaching, and service. We'll meet at The Loop then spend the night at a local hotel. Don't miss out on this opportunity to grow closer to the Lord and to the other girls in the High School ministry. Cost is \$40. Register with Amy.  
**CONTACT Amy.Pardue@HoustonsFirst.org**

## MARRIED YOUNG ADULTS

### Newlywed or Close Life Bible Studies Sundays

If you're engaged or newly married, 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

### Parent Commitment

**Sun, Nov 10 @ 11a — Smith Middle School**  
During our worship service on Nov 10, the Cypress Campus family will celebrate with new parents as they publicly express their desire to raise their child in a Christian home, to bring the child to church and to teach their child about Jesus. New parents who wish to participate should sign up with Natalie by Wed, Oct 23. A Pre-Parent Commitment Class will take place on Sun, Oct 27 @ 4-5p.  
**CONTACT Natalie.Stotts@HoustonsFirst.org**

## WOMEN

### "Taste and See ..."

**Sun, Nov 10 @ 4-6p — Ministry Center**  
Join Joanne Thompson, our own Jill Betz's mother and author of Table Life: Savoring the Hospitality of Jesus in Your Home, as we begin to prepare our hearts and homes for the upcoming holiday seasons. Looking at Jesus' "table life," we will discover how He transformed the tone, meaning, and connection of life at the table. Register at the Opportunities Table or contact Rebecca Dinkins.  
**CONTACT Rebecca.Dinkins@HoustonsFirst.org**

## DOWNTOWN

### Members' Meeting

**Sun, Oct 27 @ 2-3:30p — 1010 Lamar**  
Members of Houston's First who attend the Downtown Campus are invited to go to lunch then come back to hear more about how God is moving in the life of the Downtown Campus!  
**CONTACT Tiffany.Butterfras@HoustonsFirst.org**

### IMAGO Arts Gathering

**Tue, Nov 12 @ 7-9p — Ministry Center**  
On the second 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!  
**CONTACT Lee.Hsia@HoustonsFirst.org**

## SIENNA

### Family Outdoor Movie Night

**Sun, Nov 3 @ 6p — 4309 Sienna Pkwy**  
Grab some blankets, lawn chairs, and a picnic for your family then head over to the Sienna Campus as we watch a family-friendly movie under the stars! We'll provide the popcorn, too.  
**CONTACT Cathy.Clemons@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](http://HoustonsFirst.org) to find one that's right for you, or ask the Welcome Team at your campus for assistance.



## 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](mailto:Malcolm.Marshall@HoustonsFirst.org) or 713.335.6453 or any member of your campus team.



## WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

Do you have a story about God working in your life? We want to hear it. More importantly, others need to hear it. Your story may provide the encouragement someone is seeking. Visit [HoustonsFirst.org/MyStory](http://HoustonsFirst.org/MyStory) to share what God has done.

Need more information? Call 713.681.8000, visit [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org), and follow us on