



### PRAY FOR MISSION TEAM

Pray for the mission team leaving this week (Nov 2-15) for Tonj, South Sudan.

### FIRST PANTRY

Sun, Nov 3 — The Loop

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

### 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](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Missions) for details. CONTACT [Charlotte.Nease@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto: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](mailto: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!

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### CELEBRATION

Who will you invite to experience the spirit, the songs, and the story of Christmas at Celebration this Dec 12-15? Tickets on sale at [TheFirstChristmas.org](http://TheFirstChristmas.org) and 1.888.338.5338, or at The Loop inside Corner Books or at the kiosk in the Main Foyer.

### 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



### 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  
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Oct 27, 2013



### NO MATTER WHAT YOU'RE FACING, OUR COUNSELING CENTER CAN HELP.

In 2013, the Julianna Poor Memorial Counseling Center of Houston's First celebrates 30 years of providing biblically based, clinically competent, and Spirit-sensitive counseling, promoting the emotional, psychological, and spiritual health of individuals, marriages, and families. Visit [HoustonsFirst.org/Counseling](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Counseling) to learn more about this vital ministry.



### ON OCT 31, WHICH WILL YOU CHOOSE?

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).



## 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 Oct 30, Executive Pastor David Self shares "Stories from South Africa."  
**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**

### Biblical Principles of Estate Planning

**Fri, Nov 22 & Sun, Nov 24 — The Loop (Fellowship Ctr)**  
Why do I need a Will? What are Incapacity Documents? Do the Scriptures teach about these? These free seminars will answer these questions and more. Learn about estate planning, life insurance, and designating someone to act on your behalf. Facilitated by Dave Keesling, Co-Founder of PhilanthroCorp, and Lantz Bowman, certified financial planner with Everyday Steward. Friday is 6:30-8:30p with dinner and childcare; Sunday is 12:15-2:30p with lunch only. Registration required at [HoustonsFirst.org/Events](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Events).  
**CONTACT Kerry.Hunter@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

### Make It Your Church Orientation

**Sun, Nov 10 @ 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](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Events).  
**CONTACT Malcolm.Marshall@HoustonsFirst.org**

## 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 at [HoustonsFirst.org/Events](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Events).  
**CONTACT Amy.Pardue@HoustonsFirst.org**

## CYPRESS

### HUB STUDENTS

#### Fall Retreat: PURE RELIGION

**Nov 1-Nov 3 — Ministry Center**  
All Cypress Campus students (6th-12th grades) are invited to step back from the craziness of school, reflect on the Lord, serve others — and have a lot of fun! We'll stay in homes of Cypress Campus families at night, and hang out at the Ministry Center during the day. Why not bring a friend, too? The cost is \$99 per student. Register at [HoustonsFirst.org/Events](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Events) before the Oct 30 deadline!  
**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

**Today, 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 the family-friendly animated movie Epic under the stars! We'll provide the popcorn, too.  
**CONTACT Cathy.Clemons@HoustonsFirst.org**

### Thanksgiving Banquet

**Sun, Nov 24 @ 6p — Harvest United Methodist Church**  
The Sienna Campus continues a Grace Church tradition with their annual Thanksgiving Banquet! Look forward to an evening with friends and all your favorite Thanksgiving dishes. Childcare will be provided for ages 5 and under. Registration and additional details coming soon!  
**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](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

**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.