



## 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.  
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## 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.



## WORLD MISSION OFFERING

Through the World Mission Offering, our church supports Southern Baptist missionaries serving in Texas, the USA, and around the world. Contributions collected from Nov-Jan are dispersed to Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, the North American Mission Board, and the International Mission Board. Last year, Houston's First was first in giving in Texas, and ranked 5th nationwide! Learn more and contribute at [HoustonsFirst.org/WorldMissionOffering](http://HoustonsFirst.org/WorldMissionOffering).



## 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  
Nov 10, 2013

# the Christmas store

Collection day  
**Sun, Nov 17**

The Christmas Store  
**Sat, Dec 7**



Hundreds of families from our mission churches will come to the Faith Center to shop for Christmas gifts at The Christmas Store — 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. Visit [HoustonsFirst.org/TheChristmasStore](http://HoustonsFirst.org/TheChristmasStore) for gift ideas then bring your donated items to your campus next Sun, Nov 17. While online, be sure to sign up to serve on Dec 7, too!



# Celebration

SIX PERFORMANCES  
**DECEMBER 12-15**

Who will you share the spirit, the songs, and the story of Christmas with at Celebration this year? Get tickets now online at [TheFirstChristmas.org](http://TheFirstChristmas.org), at The Loop inside Corner Books or in the Main Foyer, or by calling 1.888.338.5338.

## 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

### 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 Nov 13, Executive Pastor David Self shares "Stories from South Africa."

**CONTACT Diane.Bagby@HoustonsFirst.org**

### Veterans Day Service

**Mon, Nov 11 @ 8:45a — The Loop (Worship Ctr)**

First Baptist Academy invites the church family to their annual Veterans Day Service tomorrow. If you have a family member or friend who has served or is currently serving in the military, invite them to this honorary service, too. A complimentary breakfast for veterans begins at 7:45a in the Reception Room.

**CONTACT Kevin.Thames@HFBA.org**

### CanHope

**Mon, Nov 11 @ 6:45p — The Loop (Reception Rm)**

CanHope ministers to families touched by cancer. Steve Seelig, former Houston's First staff member, will share about his journey through brain cancer. An entree is provided; please bring a salad, vegetable or dessert. Come enjoy this time of testimony, prayer and fellowship! RSVP to 713.957.6764.

**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 Amber.Willet@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**

## THE LOOP

### Make It Your Church Orientation

**Today, 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. Walk-ins welcome!

**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**

## MARRIED YOUNG ADULTS

### Recreate Date Night

**Fri, Dec 6 @ 6-10p**

Enjoy a night out with your spouse or with other couples — dinner, a movie, Christmas shopping, or whatever. We'll even take care of the kids at The Loop if you need us to, but space is limited. Register at [HoustonsFirst.org/Events](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Events).

**CONTACT Melanie.Russell@HoustonsFirst.org**

## CYPRESS

### Leave A Legacy Through Mentorship

Smith Middle School is seeking community mentors to serve as positive role models for their 6th-8th grade students. Being a mentor only takes a commitment of 30 minutes to an hour a week, and mentors must attend a one-time district orientation before they begin. The next training is Tue, Nov 12. Stop by the Opportunities Table for more info.

**CONTACT Ian.Brou@HoustonsFirst.org**

## HUB STUDENTS

### Student Scavenger Hunt

**Sat, Nov 16 @ 9a-Noon — Smith Middle School**

Students in Grades 6-12 will head out to find — well, you'll have to come and see! We'll meet in the parking lot at Smith Middle School (donuts and water provided), then head out on a scavenger hunt around town. Parents can pick up their kids at noon at Smith. RSVP to Sharon Stringfellow. Parent drivers needed!

**CONTACT Sharon.Stringfellow, 713.859.3997**  
**ss-string@sbcglobal.net**

## DOWNTOWN

### 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**

### KSBJ Prayer Station Training

**Thu, Nov 14 @ 6:30-8:30p — Ministry Center**

The Downtown Campus is partnering with KSBJ to train volunteers to serve at their Prayer Stations located in the downtown jails. Come learn how you can minister to families of inmates in Harris County. Visit [KSBJ.org](http://KSBJ.org) for details about this growing ministry.

**CONTACT Lee.Hsia@HoustonsFirst.org**

## SIENNA

### Members/Leaders Meeting

**Wed, Nov 20 @ 6:30p — 4309 Sienna Pkwy**

Members and leaders at the Sienna Campus will gather for a look at what's going on and what's ahead with Campus Pastor Jeff Rees and other staff members — with dinner by Lupe Tortilla's. Registration for childcare and dinner is required, so contact Cathy soon!

**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.

**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.



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.