



2014 MISSION TRIP REVEAL

Today, 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 to share what God has done.



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.



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 and 1.888.338.5338, or at The Loop inside Corner Books or at the kiosk in the Main Foyer.



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



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WORLD MISSION OFFERING NOV 2013-JAN 2014

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.



SAT, DEC 7 @ 10A-4:30P — FAITH CENTER

Hundreds of families from our mission churches will come to the Faith Center (8009 Long Point) to shop for Christmas gifts at The Christmas Store — for free! While there, each one will hear the Gospel, too. Over 500 volunteers make The Christmas Store possible, so visit HoustonsFirst.org/TheChristmasStore to sign up to serve!

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 20, Executive Pastor David Self shares about "Giving Thanks."

CONTACT Diane.Bagby@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.

CONTACT Amber.Willet@HoustonsFirst.org

Christmas Eve

Tue, Dec 24 — The Loop and Tin Hall

The Houston's First family and our guests will usher in Christmas Day at three candlelight services. Choose from services at The Loop Campus at 4p and 6p, or at historic Tin Hall in Cypress at 4p. Find additional details at HoustonsFirst.org/Christmas.

CONTACT Rebecca.Dalton@HoustonsFirst.org

PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN

Candy Cane Lane

Fri, Dec 20 @ 6-8p & Sat, Dec 21 @ 10a-1p — The Loop

This free Christmas festival will delight children with games, inflatables, rides, food, and more! And, they and their families will enjoy the interactive biblical experience One Starry Night, too. A special area just for Preschoolers is offered on Saturday, but kids of all ages are welcome on either day!

CONTACT Hannah.Stovall@HoustonsFirst.org

HUB STUDENTS

Christmaspalooza

Sun, Dec 8 @ 10:30a-6:30p

Middle School and High School students from each campus are heading out on a citywide adventure around Houston with various stops along the way. We'll start at our campuses, then wrap up at The Loop for the 5:30p worship service. Where will go in between? Come find out! But first, register at HoustonsFirst.org/Christmas.

CONTACT Tony.Biano@HoustonsFirst.org

SINGLE PARENT FAMILIES

Merry & Bright

Sun, Dec 15 @ 12-2p — The Loop (Rm 303)

Single parent families — parents and kids — are coming together for lunch and a party just for them! Afterward, you can attend the 2p matinee performance of Celebration. The lunch and party are free, and Celebration tickets are available at ½ price when you register for the event at HoustonsFirst.org/Christmas.

CONTACT Amber.Willet@HoustonsFirst.org

SENIOR ADULTS

Bus Trip to Santa's Wonderland

Fri, Dec 20 @ 4-11p — College Station, TX

Imagine haywagons, hot chocolate and gazillions of Christmas lights. That's what you'll find at Santa's Wonderland — A Texas Christmas Experience! Senior adults will meet in the south parking lot at The Loop Campus at 4p to board a bus for Santa's Wonderland in College Station. Cost is \$30 and includes dinner and admission. Space is limited!

CONTACT Adult.Enrichment@HoustonsFirst.org
or 713.957.7661

WOMEN

Women's Christmas Banquet

Thu, Dec 5 @ 5:30-8:30p — The Loop (Fellowship Ctr)

"Oh, The Places We've Been!" That's the theme we'll gather around as women from each campus come together for fun and fellowship with speaker Chandra Peele and music by David Lee and Laurelle Gowing. Visit HoustonsFirst.org/Christmas to sign up before all the spots are gone!

CONTACT Haylee.Nelson@HoustonsFirst.org

THE LOOP

MARRIED YOUNG ADULTS

Recreate Date Night

Fri, Dec 6 @ 6-10p

Enjoy a night out with your spouse — dinner, a movie, Christmas shopping, or whatever. We'll provide some "date kits" for download from HoustonsFirst.org. These kits will help you be intentional about the time you spend together. (Sorry, but childcare is already full!)

CONTACT Melanie.Russell@HoustonsFirst.org

CYPRESS

Teacher Appreciation Breakfast

Thu, Nov 21 @ 6:30a — Smith Middle School

Be a part of expressing our gratitude to Smith Middle School as we provide and serve breakfast for the staff and faculty. Nothing says "We appreciate you!" like casseroles, pastries, fruit and coffee! Sign up at the Opportunities Table TODAY!

CONTACT Rebecca.Dinkins@HoustonsFirst.org

Parents' Night Out & Kiddo Christmas Party

Fri, Dec 13 @ 6-10p — Ministry Center

Parents can enjoy a night out or take care of some shopping while their kids have a blast at a Christmas party just for them! The party is for kids birth-5th Grade, and the cost is \$5 per child (\$20 max per family). Register at HoustonsFirst.org/Cypress or at the Opportunities Table on Sundays.

CONTACT Natalie.Stotts@HoustonsFirst.org

DOWNTOWN

Baptisms

Today, Nov 17 — Tellepsen Family YMCA

Immediately after today's 11a worship service, we'll head over to the YMCA (808 Pease) to celebrate the baptism of some of our Downtown family members. If you're interested in being baptized or learning more about it, contact Peter Lee or Campus Pastor Lee Hsia.

CONTACT Peter.Lee@HoustonsFirst.org

Make It Your Church Orientation

Sun, Nov 24 @ 12:30-2p — 1010 Lamar

Come discover what it means to be a member of Houston's First Baptist Church as Campus Pastor Lee Hsia and other staff members share the vision and mission of the church.

Lunch is provided, so RSVP at HoustonsFirst.org/Downtown.

CONTACT Peter.Lee@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 to find one that's right for you, or ask the Welcome Team at your campus for assistance.

