



HOUSTON'S FIRST  
BAPTIST CHURCH

Weekly Guide  
Feb 16, 2014



### INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FRIENDSHIP MINISTRY

Volunteer to befriend one of 25 international students at the University of Houston who have signed up for a non-live-in family or single adult to share cultures, experiences, and practice their English. Students are from China, India, Denmark, Iran, Nigeria, Russia, Turkey and Vietnam.

**CONTACT** Marie Downing, [downings@flash.net](mailto:downings@flash.net)



### BUSINESS DIRECTORIES

Print editions of the Houston's First Baptist Church Business Directory are available now at each campus. Pick up a copy (one per family), and visit the online version at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org).

### 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.



### EVERY WED THRU MAY 14 — 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 145  
Milestones classes @ various times and locations

#### WORSHIP/MUSIC

Singers @ 7-8:30p — Rm 337  
Worship Choir @ 7-8:30p — Rehearsal Hall  
Worship Orchestra @ 7-8:30p — Worship Center

#### FITNESS

TRX @ 5-5:45p — Rm 274  
Boot Camp @ 5:45-6:45p — Rm 270  
Zumba @ 6-7p — Rm 274

#### PRESCHOOL

Thru the Roof - Special Needs @ 5:45-8:30p — 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 @ 5:45-8:30p — 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



## Placing our names upon the Cross

Houston's First family members at each campus who have accepted Christ's gift of salvation are invited today to place their names upon the Cross to be installed at The Loop Campus. May it symbolize that you, too, have been crucified with Him (Galatians 2:19-20).

### 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 Feb 19, Executive Pastor David Self talks about "Understanding The Times."

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

### Three Strands Marriage Retreat

**Apr 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**

### YOUNG SINGLE ADULTS

#### Summit Intramural Softball

**Sat, Feb 22-Mar 29 @ 10a-4p — Herman Brown Park**  
Invite a friend to join you for doubleheaders each Saturday (10a-4p) followed by the playoffs on Mar 29. Teams are forming now, so check with your Life Bible Study leaders or visit [HoustonsFirst.org/Events](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Events) to sign up. Cost is \$30 for the season or \$5 per game at the door. (Feb 22 games from 1-5p.)

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## THE LOOP

### Make It Your Church Orientation

**Sun, Feb 23 @ 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 STUDENT MINISTRY

#### Senior Celebration

**Sun, May 4 @ 12:15-2:30p — Fellowship Ctr**  
Graduating High School Seniors and their immediate families will gather for a formal banquet and a message from Pastor Gregg as we celebrate our graduates' accomplishments! To participate, complete the online registration process by March 25 at [HoustonsFirst.org/Events](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Events).

**CONTACT Amy.Pardue@HoustonsFirst.org**

### SINGLE PARENT FAMILIES

#### Birthday Bash

**Today, Feb 16 @ 12-2p — Harbor Rm**  
The Single Parent Family Ministry gathers once a month to celebrate all the birthdays that month. Come wish a "happy birthday" to parents and kids with February birthdays and enjoy a free lunch, too.

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### MARRIED YOUNG ADULTS

#### Recreate Date Night

**Fri, Feb 21 @ 6-10p**  
Enjoy a night out with your spouse — dinner, a movie, hang out with friends, or whatever. We'll provide "date kits" for download from [HoustonsFirst.org/Events](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Events). These kits will help you be intentional about the time you spend together. Sorry, childcare is already full!

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### ADULTS 60+

#### Rodeo Round-Up

**Sat, Feb 22 @ 3-6p — Fellowship Ctr**  
Head 'em up! All adults 60+ will gather to focus on reaching our lost peers at whatever stage in life, and wherever they may be. Message by Bruce Humbert, music by Wess Adams, BBQ lunch and contests for best biscuits, cornbread, and cowboy and cowgirl outfits. Cost \$10. Register at 713.957.7661 or [Adult.Enrichment@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Adult.Enrichment@HoustonsFirst.org).

**CONTACT Adult.Enrichment@HoustonsFirst.org**

## CYPRESS

### Shake, Rattle and Roll!

**Sat, Mar 15 @ 9a-Noon — Smith Middle School**

Join the fun as we shake, rattle and roll towards fall! We'll roll out all our gear, rattle around cleaning up the equipment, and shake off all the dust from our first year of doing church. We'll end the morning with lunch cooked by our own Jose Rodriguez! No experience necessary. Sign up at the Opportunities Table or email Michelle.

**CONTACT Michelle.Roberts@HoustonsFirst.org**

### Tuesdays at the Ministry Center

There's something for men and women each Tuesday morning at the Ministry Center (22220 NW Fwy @ Telge).

- 6:30-7:30a — Men's Bible Study: Fight the Good Fight
- 9:30-11:30a — Women's Studies: Lord, I Want to Know You; Motherwise; The Modern Girl's Guide to Bible Study

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### MidLink

#### Wednesdays — Ministry Center

The Ministry Center is the place for children and students — and their friends — to be on Wednesday evenings!

- 6-8p — Mission Friends (birth-K)
- 6-8p — BLAST (Grades 1-5)
- 6:45-8:15p — Surge (Middle & High School)

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## DOWNTOWN

### KSBJ Prayer Station Training

**Thu, Feb 20 @ 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.

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### New York Mission Trip

**Apr 16-20 — New York City**

The Downtown Campus is heading up a trip to the Big Apple to help The Bridge Church in Brooklyn — a MISSION 1:8 partner — as they prepare for their upcoming launch. Want to go? Complete the Mission Trip Interest Form at [HoustonsFirst.org/Missions](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Missions).

**CONTACT Peter.Lee@HoustonsFirst.org**

## SIENNA

### Daddy/Daughter Dance

**Sat, Mar 29 @ 6-8p — 4309 Sienna Pkwy**

Girls, grab your poodle skirts! Dads, grab your leather jackets! We're putting on an awesome '50s-style sock-hop for dads and daughters! The cost is \$8/person (\$20 max per family) and includes dinner, too. Sign up at [HoustonsFirst.org/Sienna](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Sienna).

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## 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.



## 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.