



HOUSTON'S FIRST
BAPTIST CHURCH

Weekly Guide
Apr 13, 2014



EVERY WED, APR 23-MAY 14 — THE LOOP

Most Milestones classes that meet on Wednesday evenings wrap up on Apr 9 — but we're not done yet! On Wed, Apr 23, we'll kick off a short Milestones Bonus Semester with additional opportunities to grow your soul.

The Bonus Semester includes the classes below and a churchwide Night of Prayer. Each week, regular Wednesday evening activities will continue — MidLink Cafe, programming for children and students, music rehearsals, fitness classes, and more. For class descriptions, visit HoustonsFirst.org/Milestones.

APR 23-MAY 7 @ 6:30-8P

How To Study Scripture

Chad Chambers and Ben Blackwell — Garden Rm

Pastoring Your Street

Jerrell Altic — Rm 257/258

Parenting Like You Mean It

Doug Bischoff — Harbor Rm

Crown Heart World

Russell Minick — Reception Rm

MAY 14 @ 6:30-8P

Night of Prayer

Focus on summer missions — Chapel

By the way — on Wed, Apr 16, MidLink Cafe and activities for Preschool, Children, and Students will not meet. Fitness classes will meet but there will not be childcare available.

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.

LIFE BIBLE STUDIES

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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.

BROKEN FOR YOU

THU, APR 17 @ 7P — THE LOOP

All four campuses will gather at The Loop to observe the Lord's Supper as we remember Christ's sacrifice on the cross. Guest speaker Robert J. Morgan, author of *Red Sea Rules*, will deliver the message. As weather and construction permit, we will conclude the service by moving outside for the dedication of our new cross tower.

EASTER SUNDAY

SUN, APR 20 — ALL CAMPUSES

Celebrate Christ's resurrection with Pastor Gregg and the Houston's First family at one of our four campuses:

The Loop @ 8a, 9:30a, 11a, & 5:30p • Cypress @ 9:30 & 11a • Downtown @ 11a • Sienna @ 9:30a & 11a

Life Bible Studies will not gather on Easter at any campus. Regular attenders at The Loop are asked to attend the 8a or 5:30p services and to use shuttle parking during all of the morning services.

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 11a
Life Bible Studies 9:30a

NEWS + UPDATES

 Houston's First Baptist Church is a relevant, biblical community where we **gather our hearts**, **grow our souls** and **give our lives** as we seek to fulfill the Great Commission.

 TWEET OF THE WEEK: "Every baptism @HoustonsFirst is just amazing, God's presence is so sweet and wonderful" — The Bakery Studio, @thebakerystudio

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 Apr 16, Executive Pastor David Self will talk about "Becoming a Blessing to Others."
CONTACT Diane.Bagby@HoustonsFirst.org

First HOPE Job Ministry

Sat, May 3 @ 9a-Noon — The Loop Campus (Rm 602)
Looking for a new or better job? The First HOPE Job Ministry's next free workshop looks at resume writing, interviewing and networking. Breakfast foods and coffee are provided! Registration is not required.
CONTACT Fay.Suitor@HoustonsFirst.org

Houston's First Baptist Church Night at Minute Maid Park

Fri, Aug 29 @ 7:10p — Minute Maid Park
Astros vs. Rangers! Pastor Gregg throws the first pitch! Houston's First's Singers lead the national anthem! Houston's First family members from all four campuses are headed to the ballpark for a night of baseball, hot dogs, fireworks, and more! Visit HoustonsFirst.org/Events for discounted tickets and more information about our night at Minute Maid Park!

NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

Camp Intersect

Jun 5-8 — Trinity Pines, Trinity, TX
Camp Intersect is two camps in one location — one for Grades 3 & 4, and one for Grades 5 & 6. This 4-day camp and missions experience includes small groups, worship, recreation, swimming, and games! Don't miss out on all God has in store for you! Details and registration at HoustonsFirst.org/Events.

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YOUNG SINGLES

Summit Spring Retreat

May 2-4 - Trinity Pines, Trinity, TX
Unwind from your daily routine and join other single adults at the Summit Spring Retreat! Speakers Jerrell and Kay Altic will dive deeper into the idea of "Bold and Courageous: Living Set Apart" while the David Gentiles Band leads worship. Register online at HoustonsFirst.org/Events.
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THE LOOP

First Place 4 Health Orientation

Today @ 3p — Rm 257
Discover a new way to healthy living with First Place 4 Health! The spring session of this weight loss and healthy living ministry will start Apr 24. Orientation attendance is required for new members wanting to participate in a FP4H group. Learn more at FirstPlace4Health.com.
CONTACT Debbie.Brown@HoustonsFirst.org

Make It Your Church Orientation

Today @ 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

ADULTS 50+

Bluebonnet Bus Trip

Mon, Apr 21 @ 9a-4p — Brenham Area
Time for the spring pilgrimage for every Texan — wildflower photo ops! Our trip to Washington County will include flowers, lunch, and Blue Bell ice cream! Bring a camera — and a friend! We'll give 'em a Texas-sized welcome! RSVP to Tracie.
CONTACT Tracie.Bowman@HoustonsFirst.org
713.957.7661

CYPRESS

Walking Through Cancer?

Then we want to pray with and encourage you! This new ministry is for cancer patients and caregivers. Ella Edmiston and Teresa Triplett are both cancer survivors and would welcome the opportunity to pray with you!
CONTACT
Ella Edmiston (ellaedmiston@gmail.com or 832.788.0697)
Teresa Triplett (tttriplett@aol.com or 281.389.4625)

New Women's Bible Study

Begins Tue, Apr 15 @ 9:30-11:30a

Cypress Ministry Center

Girl Talk by Jen Hatmaker is a new women's Bible study that will help you reset your priorities while studying God's design for community. In the frenzy of everyday life, friendships are often the first casualty on an overwhelming to do list. Facilitated by Katie Brou, this study will explain five levels of communication that nurture intimacy and deepen friendships.
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DOWNTOWN

IMAGO Arts Gathering

Mon, Apr 14 @ 7-9p — Vine Street Studios
Amateur and professional artists from all media are invited to our Vine Street Studios for the next gathering of the IMAGO artist ministry. Connect with and learn from other artists about using the arts to glorify God — no matter what the media!
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SIENNA

Helicopter Easter Egg Drop

Sat, Apr 19 @ 9a
Sienna Amphitheater (9600 Scanlan Trace East)
One helicopter. Lots of eggs. Endless fun! Over 4,000 eggs will drop from the sky at this event for children through 5th grade! Who will you invite? Registration is free and will take place onsite that morning. 9a - Food Truck, Breakfast and Registration; 10a - Egg Drop.
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Leadercast

Fri, May 9 @ 8a — 4309 Sienna Pkwy

Come hear Laura Bush, Andy Stanley, Archbishop Desmond Tutu and more via a live telecast at the Sienna Campus. This year's theme - Beyond You - challenges leaders to focus outward rather than inward. Experience Leadercast live and discover what it means to be a leader worth following. Registration includes breakfast and lunch. Sign up today at HoustonsFirst.org/Sienna.
CONTACT Kelli.Boylan@HoustonsFirst.org



BLESSED: HOLY WEEK ART SHOW

Apr 6-20 — The Loop (Main Foyer)
Professional and amateur artists from IMAGO present works inspired by the Beatitudes. The show is open for viewing when the church building is open.

SUMMER FUN AT HOUSTON'S FIRST

Visit HoustonsFirst.org/Summer for details about these and other summer fun opportunities!

May 27-Aug 15	Daycation
May 30	NextGen Summer Kick-Off Party
June 2-Aug 15	Summer at SoFA
June 5-8	Camp Intersect (Grades 3-6)
June 16-19	VBS — Sienna Campus
June 23-27	VBS — The Loop
July 14-18	Summer Week of Choir
July 19-26	Rush Week (Grades 7-12)
July 25	Family Mission Trip
Aug 4-8	Super Place Camp

Need more information? Call 713.681.8000, visit 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.