

WELCOME TO HOUSTON'S FIRST!

We're glad you've joined us as we celebrate Christ's resurrection. If you're a guest today and are not familiar with Houston's First — great! We openly welcome new people, no matter where they are in their relationship with Christ or the Christian faith.

Our vision as a church is to be a relevant biblical community. In essence, that means we make applicable connections to real life, we focus on and follow what the Bible says, and we provide a place where encouraging relationships can flourish. It's a great place to be!

At the end of the worship service today, I encourage you to come forward and ask questions about the church, the Christian faith, or anything on your mind. Volunteers and staff members will be available to answer your questions, pray with you, or simply listen.

As we celebrate Christ's victory over death, I pray that we have a renewed appreciation for what He did for us. If you're hearing about Jesus or what He did for the first time today, I invite you to return to Houston's First to discover more about Him — and the one thing that changed everything!

He is risen!

Pastor Gregg

Pastor Gregg Matte



OUR CAMPUSES

The Houston's First family gathers for worship services and Life Bible Studies each Sunday at four campuses around Houston. Pastor Gregg's message from that morning at The Loop is shown by video at the three other locations on most Sundays, with the Campus Pastors speaking live other weeks. Find the campus near you and invite others to connect with a relevant biblical community in your part of town!



The Loop Campus
7401 Katy Freeway
Worship @ 9:15a, 11a & 5:30p
Life Bible Studies @ 8a, 9:15a,
10:45a, 4:15p & 6:45p



Cypress Campus
Jason Swiggart, Campus Pastor
Smith Middle School
10300 Warner Smith Blvd @ Fry Rd.
Worship @ 11a
Life Bible Studies @ 9:30a



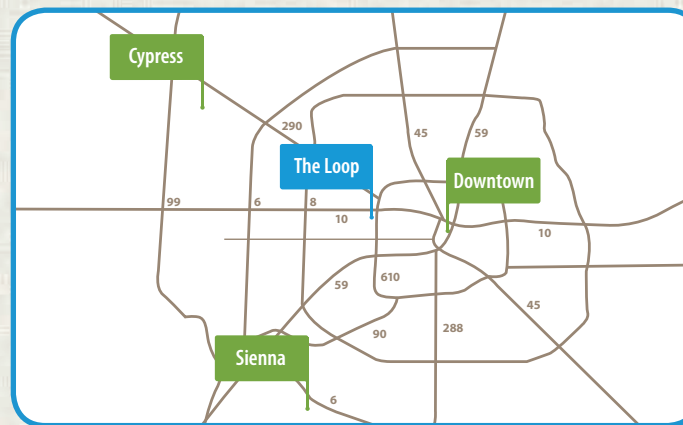
Downtown Campus
Lee Hsia, Campus Pastor
1010 Lamar @ Fannin (Tunnel Level)
Worship @ 11a
Life Bible Studies @ 9:30a



Sienna Campus
Jeff Rees, Campus Pastor
4309 Sienna Parkway
Worship @ 11a
Life Bible Studies @ 9:30a

LIFE BIBLE STUDIES

Life Bible Studies are the primary method for connecting with others and growing together at Houston's First. They make a large church much smaller, no matter which campus you attend. Within a Life Bible Study, you can go deeper into God's Word, find community with others, and experience the Bible as something 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. (Life Bible Studies are not meeting on Easter Sunday, but they will resume on Apr 27!)



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: "Powerful message from @GreggMatte this morning at Houston's FBC. Thankful for his faithfulness to preach God's Word." — Jim Richards, @RichardsJim

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 23, Malcolm Marshall will talk about "A Forgotten Spiritual Discipline."
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

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.
CONTACT Derek.Nease@HoustonsFirst.org
Tony.Bianco@HoustonsFirst.org

YOUNG SINGLE ADULTS
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.
CONTACT Joshua.Bagby@HoustonsFirst.org

THE LOOP

SINGLE PARENT FAMILIES
Birthday Bash
Sun, Apr 27 @ 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 April birthdays and enjoy a free lunch, too.
CONTACT Holly.Crain@HoustonsFirst.org

CYPRESS

Singles Lunch with the Swiggarts
Sun, Apr 27 @ 12:30p — Antonia's Italian Ristorante (26281 Northwest Fwy, Cypress)
Come get to know our Pastor over pasta! Anything you've ever wanted to know about Pastor Jason...now's the time to ask! The 1:9 Singles Class will leave together after the service and head to Antonia's for this special time of fellowship.
CONTACT Rebecca.Dinkins@HoustonsFirst.org

Cypress Marriage Ministry Dinner Series: Help Wanted
Fri, May 16 @ 6:30-9p — Longwood Golf Club
Help Wanted: Seeking couples who want the marriage that God intended for them! Guest speaker Adam Mason will help couples identify tools and explore keys to a godly, fulfilling marriage. All experience levels welcome! Register now at the Opportunities Table and online registration is coming soon! Cost: \$40 per couple thru April 30, \$50 per couple starting May 1. Complimentary childcare available at the Ministry Center.
CONTACT Rebecca.Dinkins@HoustonsFirst.org

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) or Teresa Triplett (tttriplett@aol.com or 281.389.4625)

DOWNTOWN

All Church Lunch
Sun, May 4 @ 12:30p — 1010 Lamar St
Join our church family after the worship service for food and fellowship! Take advantage of this time and meet someone new, as well as reconnect with someone you haven't seen in a while. This would be a great day to invite a friend to church!
CONTACT Tiffany.Butterfras@HoustonsFirst.org

SIENNA

Make It Your Church Orientation
Sun, May 4 @ 12:30p — 4309 Sienna Pkwy
Enjoy lunch with Pastor Jeff and the Sienna Campus staff while you learn more about what it means to be a member of Houston's First Baptist Church! Registration is required for attendance and childcare. RSVP to Kelli Boylan if you plan to attend!
CONTACT Kelli.Boylan@HoustonsFirst.org

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

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.



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 @ 4:45-6:30p — Fellowship Ctr
Milestones classes @ 6:30-8p — Various rooms

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

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

HE IS RISEN

Apr 20, 2014

HOUSTON'S FIRST
BAPTIST CHURCH



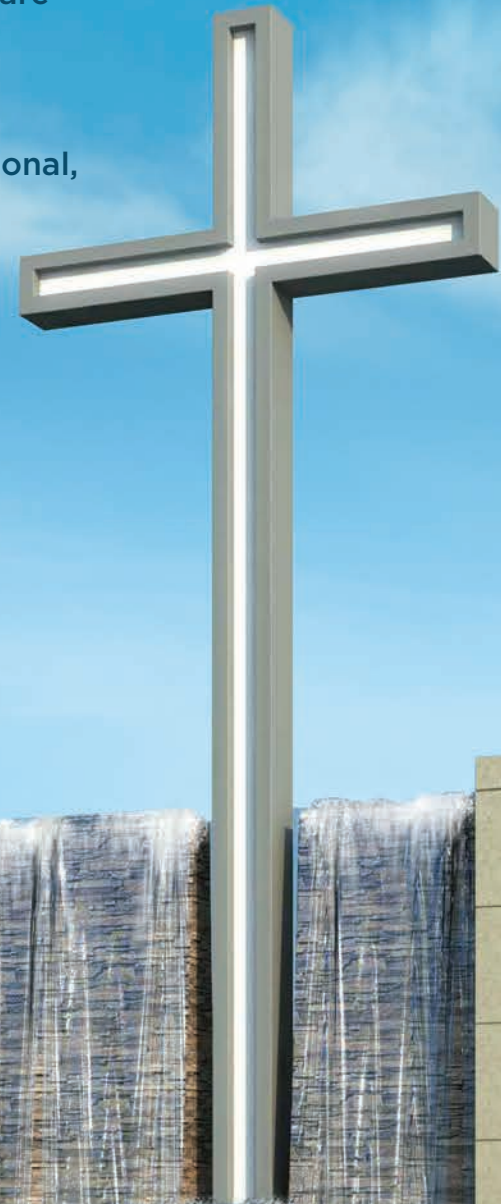
A SIGN OF DECLARATION

Hundreds of thousands of vehicles on I-10 pass by The Loop Campus of Houston's First every day. Now, these passersby will see a new landmark that identifies our church and declares why we're here. The water wall and cross tower bear the name of the church, but also feature John 7:38:

“THE ONE WHO BELIEVES IN ME, AS THE SCRIPTURE HAS SAID, WILL HAVE STREAMS OF LIVING WATER FLOW FROM DEEP WITHIN HIM.”

In keeping with our church's passion for missions, we are partnering with Living Water International to bring attention to the work they're doing around the world to provide clean water. The wall includes a plaque noting our ongoing support for Living Water International, and our commitment to provide funds each year for new water wells.

Join us in praying for God to use this new feature on our campus to capture the attention and the hearts of those who see it. May it boldly declare His truth for generations to come!



HOUSTON'S FIRST
BAPTIST CHURCH

EXPANDING OUR IMPACT

Houston's First is in the middle of MISSION 1:8—a two-year initiative to expand our financial generosity to both support our current ministry and multiply our missional endeavors to the poor, widows, orphans, and prisoners, and to our city, our nation, and our world. Through the contributions made by the Houston's First family since March 2013, the church has increased our overall giving to missional endeavors from 22% to nearly 50% of our budget. Here are the ministries we've given to so far, and the strategic locations we're focusing on as we seek to expand God's kingdom. Learn more at HoustonsFirst.org/MISSION18.

POOR, WIDOWS, ORPHANS, & PRISONERS

POOR

Family Legacy Missions International
Generation One
Houston Habitat for Humanity
Living Water International
Maasai Tribe
Star of Hope
WorkFaith Connection

WIDOWS

Mission:Dignity
Romanian Christian Enterprises

ORPHANS

As Our Own (India)
Family Legacy Missions International
His Cherished Ones (Kenya)
Into Abba's Arms (Kenya)
Mike Eden Ministries (Kenya)
Romanian Christian Enterprises
The Harbor (Russia)
Village of Hope (Guatemala)

PRISONERS

C.H.A.R.M. Prison Ministries
WorkFaith Connection

OUR CITY

Cypress Campus
Downtown Campus
Sienna Campus
Future campuses

OUR NATION

New England
New York City
San Francisco/Oakland

OUR WORLD

East Asia
Madrid
Rio de Janeiro

MISSION 1:8



Every Wed, Apr 23–May 14
The Loop Campus

In addition to Life Bible Studies, Milestones are the other primary way we grow our souls at Houston's First. Most Milestones classes wrapped up on April 9, but on Wednesday, April 23, we kick off a Milestones Bonus Semester at The Loop with the following opportunities. Each week, our regular Wednesday evening activities will continue—MidLink Cafe, activities for children and students, music rehearsals, fitnesses classes, and more.

Visit HoustonsFirst.org/Milestones for descriptions of these four free classes!

Apr 23–May 7 @ 6:30–8p

How To Study Scripture
Chad Chambers & 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

COMING SOON AT HOUSTON'S FIRST



Begins Sun, May 4 — All Campuses

Within the Christian faith, there are words that have special meaning for followers of Christ. Pastor Gregg will look at 10 of these words in his next message series beginning on May 4 — Words With Friends. The words are grouped into three subjects: God (Holiness, Kindness, Power), the Christian Life (Growth, Lust, Patience, Friendship), and Impact (Evangelism, Revival, Worship). Gather with Houston's First at any of our four campuses as we explore these words together!

ESPECIALLY FUN!

Sun, May 4 @ 2p — The Loop Campus (Worship Center)

Our High 5 Kids' Choir and Thru The Roof special needs ministry invite special needs families to a concert designed especially for you! The 130+ kids in High 5 are dedicating this show to families with special needs loved ones as a way to serve others. Children and adults are welcome to come and just be themselves! The concert is free, so RSVP at HoustonsFirst.org/Events.

CONTACT Denise.Briley@HoustonsFirst.org

SUMMER AT HOUSTON'S FIRST

Visit HoustonsFirst.org/Summer for more about these and other opportunities for all ages!



May 27–Aug 15
May 30
May 31
June 5–8
June 5–Aug 7
June 16–19
June 22
June 23–27
July 6–10
July 25
July 26
July 19–26
Aug 4–8

Daycation Summer Day Camp
NextGen Summer Kick-Off Party
Summer Kick-Off Party
Camp Intersect (Grades 3–6)
MetroLIVE
Vacation Bible School
Family Splash Party
Vacation Bible School
Sports Camp
Family Mission Trip
Family Fun Night
Rush Week (Grades 7–12)
Super Place Camp (Special Needs)

The Loop Campus
The Loop Campus
Cypress Campus
Trinity, TX
The Loop Campus
Sienna Campus
Cypress Campus
The Loop Campus
Cypress Campus
Galveston, TX
Cypress Campus
Panama City, FL
The Loop Campus

HOUSTON'S FIRST
BAPTIST CHURCH

Fri, Aug 29 @ 7:10p
Minute Maid Park

Night at 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!

