

HOUSTON 1:8

July 6-10

What can God do through missionaries of Houston's First as we share the love of Jesus at ministry sites around town? We'll find out this week — or begin to, at least. The impacts of Houston 1:8 will resonate long after we load up supplies and head home on Thursday night. Pray for our missionaries to boldly share His love in truth and action — and ask God to prepare our neighbors to receive the Good News!

Ministry Sites

- 1 Faith Center
- 2 Hope for Youth
- 3 Iglesia Bautista Del Redentor
- 4 Kelly Village
- 5 North Central Baptist Church
- 6 Nottingham Park
- 7 Park Temple Baptist Church
- 8 Pebble Brook (formerly Royal Pines)
- 9 Spring Woods
- 10 SunBlossom Apartments
- 11 Third Ward
- 12 Sienna — CrossingPoint Church
- 13 Cypress — The Mansions at Hastings Green
- 14 Cypress — Sports Camp
- 15 Cypress — Back Yard Kids' Clubs
- 16 Downtown

#HOUSTON18

Share your Houston 1:8 experience on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram! Use the official hashtag #Houston18 when posting about your ministry site. We look forward to following along!

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: "Challenged to share my faith story by @GreggMatte this Sunday @HoustonsFirst. By Noon on Monday, God already gave me chance 2. #GodIsAlive" — @MichaelMWalter

ALL CAMPUSES

CELEBRATING PASTOR GREGG & KELLY MATTE'S 10 YEARS OF MINISTRY AT HOUSTON'S FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

FRI, SEP 12 @ 7P
THE LOOP

\$10 TICKETS
ON SALE JULY 13

100% OF PROCEEDS
BENEFIT STAR OF HOPE

SPECIAL MUSICAL GUEST
SARA GROVES



FOR TICKETS OR MORE INFORMATION
HOUSTONSFIRST.ORG/GM10

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 Jul 9, Executive Pastor David Self will speak on the topic "Overcoming Discouragement."
CONTACT Diane.Bagby@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!

SPECIAL NEEDS

Super Place Camp

Aug 4-Aug 8 @ 9a-12:30p — The Loop
This free week-long camp for children and young adults with special needs features mornings full of God-honoring times of music, laughter, and learning about Jesus! To register your loved one or to volunteer, visit HoustonsFirst.org/Events.
CONTACT Brittany.Perkins@HoustonsFirst.org

COLLEGE / SINGLES / MARRIED

MetroLIVE

Begins Thu, Jun 5 @ 7p — The Loop (Worship Center)
People in their 20s/30s across Houston gather on Thursday nights this summer at The Loop. On Jul 10, Jimmy Needham will lead a special night of worship. Speaker Jonathan "JP" Pokluda will return on Jul 17 with musical guest Rend Collective. Visit MetroLIVE.org for more about what's ahead this summer!
CONTACT Joshua.Bagby@HoustonsFirst.org

THE LOOP

CanHope

Mon, Jul 14 @ 6:45p — Reception Rm
CanHope ministers to families touched by cancer. Christine Sofka will share about her experience as a cancer survivor at this month's gathering. 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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Family Mission Trip

Fri, Jul 25 @ 7a-6p — Galveston
Great things happen when families serve together! On this one-day mission trip, Houston's First partners with a mission organization in Galveston to help rebuild and minister to those in need. Kids in 1st-5th grades and their families will work on evangelism, service and building projects. Register online at HoustonsFirst.org/Events.
CONTACT Amanda.Westberry@HoustonsFirst.org

HUB STUDENT MINISTRY

Summer Rush 2014

Thru Aug 22
Students in Grades 6-12 — don't sit around all summer being bored...jump into Summer Rush with AMP and Wired Unplugged, Rushmore, Rush Week, and more! Check out the details at HoustonsFirst.org/SummerRush or on The HUB Students App.
CONTACT Susan.Newman@HoustonsFirst.org

CYPRESS

Family Day at Tin Hall

Sun, Jul 13 @ 10a
Tin Hall (14800 Tin Hall Rd, Cypress, 77429)
Gather with the Cypress Campus family for worship at 10a with a BBQ lunch to follow! Kids will enjoy water activities and bounce houses. Bring your favorite side dish or dessert, lawn chairs, and picnic blankets, and join us for a day of church and family fun!
CONTACT Dana.Haddad@HoustonsFirst.org

WOMEN

Summer Lovin' Take 2

Mondays @ 9:30-11:30a — Cypress Ministry Center
Come enjoy the last two sessions of the Summer Lovin' Women's Bible Study Series! On Jul 14 and Aug 4, speakers Katie Brou and Candace Ganjavi will cover the topics Lovin' Your Church and Lovin' Your God. Childcare will be provided. Registration required at HoustonsFirst.org/Cypress.
CONTACT Andi.Farrell@HoustonsFirst.org

DOWNTOWN

IMAGO Arts Gathering

Mon, Jul 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!
CONTACT Lee.Hsia@HoustonsFirst.org

SIENNA

Sienna Astros Tickets

Join others from the Sienna Campus at Houston's First Baptist Church Night at Minute Maid Park on Fri, Aug 29! Tickets are on sale now at HoustonsFirst.org/Sienna and will be available for pick up closer to the event.
CONTACT Kelli.Boylan@HoustonsFirst.org

MARRIED YOUNG ADULTS

Re|Create Date Night

Fri, Jul 25 @ 6-10p
Go out for an evening with your spouse or join in with other couples while we take care of the kids! Whether you go to dinner, go to a movie, or just hang out at home, use this time to invest in one another. Registration for childcare is required and will open Jul 1, so visit HoustonsFirst.org/Events to sign up then!
CONTACT Cara.Buis@HoustonsFirst.org



Pray for the mission teams heading out into the field this month: East Asia (Jul 4-13), Houston 1:8 (Jul 6-10), India (Jul 10-18), Kenya (Jul 10-24), Boston - Awaken Life Bible Study (Jul 11-15), NYC - HUB Student Ministry (Jul 12-19), Ireland (Jul 19-30), Panama City Beach - HUB Student Ministry (Jul 19-26), Kenya - Choir & Orchestra (Jul 22-Aug 2), and Brazil (Jul 29-Aug 5).

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.

SUNDAYS AT HOUSTON'S FIRST

The Loop Campus

7401 Katy Fwy • Houston, TX 77024
Worship 9:15a-11a-9:30p
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

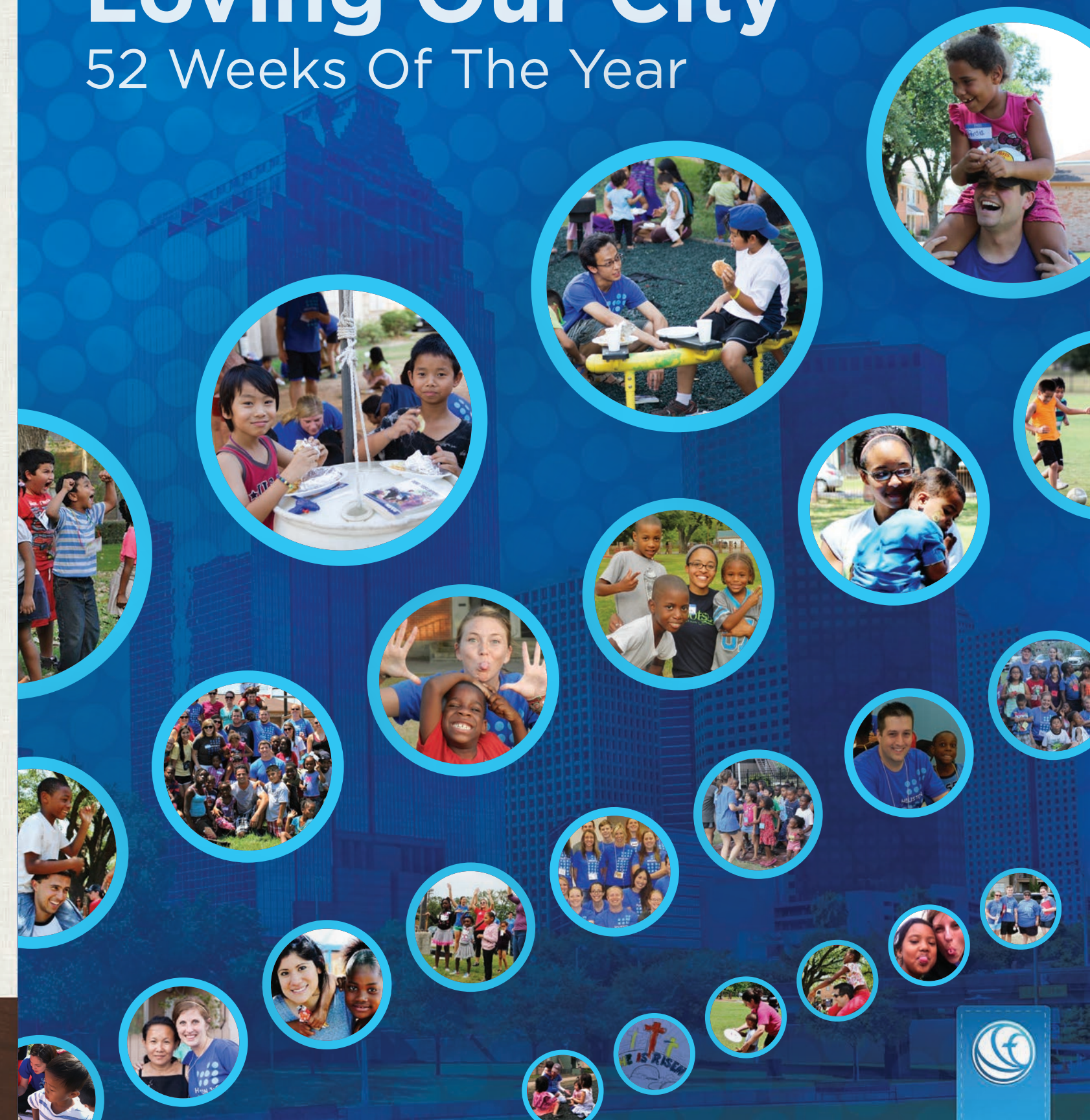
4309 Sienna Pkwy • Missouri City, TX 77459
Worship 11a
Life Bible Studies 9:30a

MISSION 1:8

Jul 6, 2014

Loving Our City

52 Weeks Of The Year



YEAR-ROUND MISSIONARIES IN H-TOWN

While it's true that the Houston's First family is sharing the love of Christ with our city during Houston 1:8 this week, saying it that way can be misleading. It implies we're not sharing His love the rest of the year — but we certainly are! Besides, whether we're with neighbors or co-workers, family or friends, our church family doesn't need snow cones or matching t-shirts to spread the Good News!

Since it started in the late '90s, Houston 1:8 has sought to train people for the mission field. For many, it's given them skills and confidence to share their faith on the "mission field" of their daily lives. For some,

it was a step that led them to being full-time missionaries around the globe. And for others, being a Houston 1:8 missionary for a week was the beginning of an ongoing relationship with their ministry site and the fellow Houstonians they had come to know.

We asked some of these year-round missionaries to our city to share what God is doing at their ministry sites. As Houston 1:8 takes place this week, ask God to reveal how you or your Life Bible Study could continue the relationships formed at your ministry site after the last snow cone is served!

"In the fifty-one weeks a year we aren't doing Houston 1:8, we are giving our lives away at Kelly Village in a few ways. We have the privilege to be the tangible hands and feet of Jesus to the people who live there through service every third Saturday of the month, and we are consistently lifting up Kelly Village through prayer both individually and as a Life Bible Study. The long-term impact of Houston 1:8 is what makes it much more than a short-term mission trip inside our city."

Madeline Mohr

"Since serving at Houston 1:8 at North Central Baptist Church in 2009, we have continued to disciple children and teenagers every Wednesday night. Some kids come with their parents, but most walk to the church from the government housing next door. This past Spring, the number of kids coming on Wednesday nights doubled. These kids really want to come to church and learn about God!"

Vernon & Lynn Tyger

"A few times a year at the Faith Center, members of the our Life Bible Study teach a Wednesday night Bible study. We typically serve the children ranging from infants to 5th graders. The children are so loving, energetic, and are truly hungry for the Gospel. It is such a great way to serve the community and we are so thankful for the relationship we have with the Faith Center!"

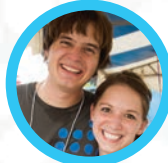
Keith & Kayla Boyd

"By people's willingness to serve at Kids' Club, Homework Helpers, or the Summer Lunch Program, members of our church body who live in the Oak Forest apartment complex have a better leg to stand on when trying to help families know Jesus. Our Life Bible Study's commitment to the ministry helps us build relationships with the kids, and that makes the week of Houston 1:8 more effective. It has been exciting to see God call people from our Life Bible Study to serve in capacities across that entire spectrum. God uses a small amount of obedience to do big things."

Corey & Sarah McKeon

"As soon as you enter the gates at the SunBlossom Mountain apartments, you immediately feel as if you are in another country. People from various parts of East Asia can be found playing, doing laundry, working on their car, or sitting on their porches. Last year, we felt an incredible burden to continue doing ministry at the site. Through volunteer efforts from some Life Bible Studies, we have been able to return to the site twice a month for the entire year. We host a kids' club on Saturday mornings where we teach the children a Bible lesson, play games, and feed them a snack. Also, we were fortunate to host a Christmas and Easter event there. These efforts would not be possible without the Life Bible Studies that volunteer. They have enjoyed building and maintaining relationships with the children, and that makes them feel even more invested to show up during Houston 1:8 in a big way."

JP & Megan Johnson



HOUSTON 365?

"As we work towards the good of our city and Gospel expansion through every ZIP code in the Greater Houston area, keep in mind that your powerful presence in the lives of kids and families in the city truly does make a difference. Your ongoing involvement beyond one week of service at your ministry site is the key to long-term disciple-making as we continue to transition how we love people and truly "Pastor Our Streets." Pray for the Missions staff as we learn and lead in loving our city week in and week out. Also, pray for yourself (and your family, if applicable) as you find ways to serve in the same place and love the same kids with the hope of seeing the life of Jesus move in their hearts. My prayer is that Houston 1:8 would become Houston 365!"

Jerrell Altic, Minister of Mobilization

WHAT'S YOUR NEXT STEP?

When Houston 1:8 wraps up this week, do you want to give your life away the rest of the year, too? Talk to your Houston 1:8 ministry site leaders about possible ongoing opportunities. Also, visit HoustonsFirst.org/Volunteer to:

- Discover current volunteer opportunities in the church
- Tell us what you're interested in doing
- Take a free online Spiritual Gifts Assessment