## **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.

WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

Do you have a story about God working in your life? We want

may provide the encouragement someone is seeking. Visit

HoustonsFirst.org/MyStory to share what God has done.



Pray for these mission teams as they share the Good News this month:

- East Asia (Jul 4-13)
- India (Jul 10-18)
- Kenya (Jul 10-24)
- Boston Awaken Life Bible Study (Jul 11-15)
- NYC HUB Student Ministry (Jul 12-19)
- Panama City Beach HUB Student Ministry (Jul 19-26)
- Ireland (Jul 19-30)
- Africa Choir & Orchestra (Jul 22-Aug 2)
  Brazil (Jul 29-Aug 5)



#### **Every Sun @ 4-7p — The Loop** The Cafe at The Loop serves grab-n-go dinner options on Sunday evenings. Pick up something to eat at The Cafe, then take it with you to your Life Bible Study at 4:15p or 6:45p. (Please, no food or drinks in the Worship Center.) The Cafe is also open on Sunday mornings with their full menu from 8a-1p.



## **SHARE YOUR HOUSTON 1:8 STORY AND PICTURES!**

How did you see God at work last week at your ministry site? What impact did being a missionary to your own city have on you?

Share your Houston 1:8 story and pictures at HoustonsFirst.org/MyStory



## HOUSTON'S FIRST

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## 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

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 Downtown Campus

 ith Blvd
 1010 Lamar St

 Houston, TX 77002
 Worship 11a

 9:30a
 Life Bible Studies 9:30a

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

## PRAYING FOR OUR PASTOR

WHILE PASTOR GREGG IS ON SABBATICAL, USE THE PRAYER GUIDE PROVIDED TO PRAY FOR HIS HEART, HIS HOME, AND HIS MINISTRY. MAY WE ALWAYS BE A CHURCH WHO JOYFULLY INTERCEDES ON BEHALF OF OUR PASTOR AND HIS FAMILY!

Weekly Guide
Jul 13, 2014

## 🚫 🧐 🕤 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. **NEWS + UPDATES**

S TWEET OF THE WEEK: "Tonight, #Houston18 was incredible. I wish I had the words to share what God stirred in my soul. This is what life is about." — A.B., @racyabacy

## **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 Jul 16. Executive Pastor David Self will speak on the topic "What To Do When You're Under Attack." 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

Every Thu thru Aug 7 @ 7p — The Loop (Worship Center) People in their 20s/30s across Houston gather on Thursday nights this summer at The Loop. Speaker Jonathan "JP" Pokluda returns this week with musical quest 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** 

#### **Biblical Principles of Estate Planning** Sun, Aug 10 @ 12:15-2:30p — The Loop (Fellowship Ctr)

Why do I need a Will? What are Incapacity Documents? Do the Scriptures teach about these? This free seminar will answer these questions and more as you learn about estate planning, life insurance, and designating someone to act on your behalf. Childcare available. Register for seminar and childcare at HoustonsFirst.org/Events. **CONTACT Sara.Johnson@HoustonsFirst.org** 

## CHILDREN

## **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

### MARRIED YOUNG ADULTS **Recreate Date Night**

Fri, Aug 22 @ 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. These kits will help you be intentional about the time you spend together. Childcare is available at The Loop by registering at HoustonsFirst.org/ Events starting Jul 22. Space is limited! CONTACT Melanie.Russell@HoustonsFirst.org

## CYPRESS

Marriage Ministry Dinner Series - Help Wanted: Fun Fri, Aug 15 @ 6:30-9:30p

#### Northwest Forest Conference Center

Help Wanted: Seeking couples who want the marriage that God intended for them! All experience levels welcome! Through our marriage dinner series, we will identify tools and explore keys to a godly, fulfilling marriage. Cost: \$50 per couple. Complimentary childcare available at the Ministry Center. Registration opens Mon, Jul 14 at HoustonsFirst.org/Cypress.

CONTACT Rebecca.Dinkins@HoustonsFirst.org

## WOMEN

Summer Lovin' Take 2

Jul 14 & Aug 4 @ 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, Katie Brou will speak on the topic Lovin' Your God, and on Aug 4, Candace Ganjavi will cover the topic Lovin' Your Church. 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** 

### **Members' Meeting** Sun, Jul 20 @ 2-3:30p — 1010 Lamar

Members of Houston's First who attend the Downtown Campus are invited to go to lunch then come back to hear more about how God is moving in the life of our campus! Childcare is available by registering in advance with Seresa.Carpenter@HoustonsFirst.org. CONTACT Tiffany.Butterfras@HoustonsFirst.org

## MFN

#### The Main Event - Downtown Men's Conference Aug 4-Aug 8 @ 9a-12:30p — The Loop

Calling all men! Streamed live from Nashville, TN, hear from an amazing lineup of leaders, soldiers, coaches, athletes, and performers who will inspire and challenge us to be servant leaders — as Jesus served us. Event is Fri @ 5:30-10:30p and Sat @ 7:30a-2:30p. Cost includes dinner on Friday, and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Limited to the first 30 men who register online at HoustonsFirst.org/Downtown. CONTACT Peter.Lee@HoustonsFirst.org

## SIFNNA

**Family Pool Party** Sun, Aug 17 @ 6:30-8:30p Club Sienna Waterpark (9600 Scanlan Trace, 77459) Join us for a fun-filled night at the Sienna Bucket Pool! Please invite your friends and family to attend. Food and drinks will be provided. CONTACT Kelli.Boylan@HoustonsFirst.org

### 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** 

## **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.



#### 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.