

#### PERSPECTIVES ON THE WORLD CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT Every Wed, Aug 20-Dec 10 @ 6:30-9:30p The Loop (Reception Rm)

Perspectives helps believers from all walks of life see how they can get threaded into God's story of redeeming people from every tribe, tongue, and nation to Himself. Cost is \$250. Register at HoustonsFirst.org/Events. **CONTACT** Peggymeeks50@gmail.com

#### INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FRIENDSHIP MINISTRY

Do you have a passion for ministering to international students? If so, contact Charlotte Nease in the Missions Office to learn more details about ways you can get involved with the International Student Friendship Ministry! **CONTACT** Charlotte.Nease@HoustonsFirst.org

#### VOLUNTEER AT THE FOOD PANTRY & CLOTHES CLOSET

We need your help! Opportunities include sharing the Gospel, sorting clothes, helping people shop, and sorting food. More specifically, there is a great need for bilingual volunteers and evangelism team members. **CONTACT** Claudia.Reyes@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.

# **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.

### **EVANGELISM TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**

The following classes are free to attend and open to members and guests from any campus of Houston's First Baptist Church. Registration is not required unless noted otherwise. Visit HoustonsFirst.org/Events for additional details.

#### **Share Your Faith Workshop**

Learn how your hand can be a memory tool to share a Gospel presentation. Register at HoustonsFirst.org/Events.

• Sat, Aug 16 @ 9:30a-2p — The Loop (Fellowship Center) Facilitator: Jonathan Huegel, Evangelism Associate

#### Everyday Evangelism

Interactive training that builds on what you learn in the Share Your Faith Workshop (a prerequisite to attend). • Sun, Aug 24-Oct 5 @ 4-5p — The Loop (Garden Rm)

Facilitator: Lee Hsia, Downtown Campus Pastor

**XEE** Learn and practice relevant, biblical, and relational

- evangelism skills for our postmodern times. Two options: • Wed, Sep 10-Oct 22 @ 6-8:30p
- Downtown Campus Ministry Center (Vine Street Studios, 1113 Vine St., Houston, TX 77002) Facilitator: Lee Hsia, Downtown Campus Pastor
- Wed, Oct 15-Nov 19 @ 6:30-8p The Loop (Connection Center) Facilitator: Jonathan Huegel, Evangelism Associate

#### Crown Heart World

This one-page tool based on the pattern of God's overall story is great for learning how to naturally share your faith. • Wed, Oct 15-Nov 19 @ 6:30-8p — The Loop (Rm 257)

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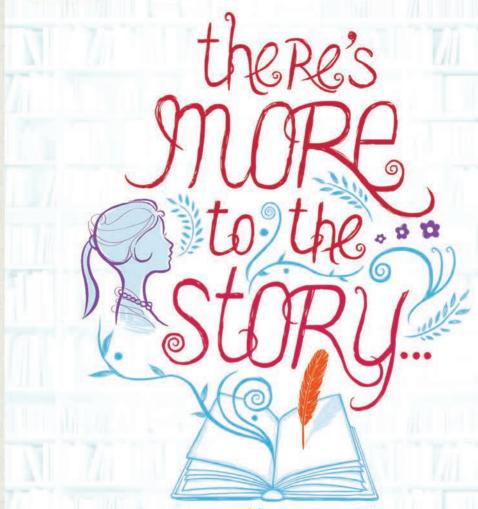
### **SHUTTLE PARKING**

Houston's First encourages people at The Loop to use shuttle parking on Sunday mornings. No matter which of the five parking garages you use, you'll find it's a simple way to expand the ministry of the church. Get details at HoustonsFirst.org/TheLoop!



# HOUSTON'S FIRST

### Weekly Guide Aug 3, 2014



John 21:25

# **WOMEN'S RETREAT**

Oct 3-4 – Omni Westside Hotel

Women from each campus will gather for this in-town weekend getaway to discover that There's More To The Story! Retreat personalities include Debbie Stuart, Kelly Matte, Dora Pop, Courtney Gilmore, Rebekah DiMartino, Courtney Strong, and others.

### SUNDAYS AT HOUSTON'S FIRST

 Ine 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

 Smith Blvd
 1010 Lamar St

 433
 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

REGISTER BY SEP 14 AT HOUSTONSFIRST.ORG/EVENTS!

# **NEWS + UPDATES**

New Solution'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.

# **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 NOW

100% OF PROCEEDS BENEFIT STAR OF HOPE

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 Aug 6, Executive Pastor David Self will speak on the topic "Principles for Right Living." **CONTACT Diane.Bagby@HoustonsFirst.org** 

#### **Church Conference**

Today @ 4:30p — The Loop (Oasis Rm) All are welcome to attend the Church Conference, but only church members may vote.

CONTACT Pam.Collins@HoustonsFirst.org

#### First Place 4 Health Orientation Aug 7 & Aug 10 — The Loop (Rm 258)

Discover a new way to healthy living with First Place 4 Health! This weight loss and healthy living ministry will hold its Fall Orientation on Thu, Aug 7 @ 6:30p and Sun, Aug 10 @ 3p. Orientation attendance is required for new members wanting to participate in a FP4H group. Learn more at FirstPlace4Health.com.

CONTACT Donna.Roberts@HoustonsFirst.org or 713.957.6704

## 3 Day Marriage Clinic

Aug 13-15 @ 1-7p — The Loop (Rm 501/502) Though couples experience different symptoms such as anger, resentment, and withdrawal, the root problem is usually the same: violating one or more of 25 Essential Marriage Skills found in the Bible. Led by Dr. Karl Elkins LPC, this unique marriage intensive provides the equivalent of 18 weeks of counseling in just three days. Cost is \$75 per couple. Register online at HoustonsFirst.org/Events. CONTACT Greg.Curnutte@HoustonsFirst.org

#### Become A Stephen Minister Applications due Sun, Aug 24

Stephen Ministers are Houston's First members equipped after 50 hours of training to minister to people experiencing a crisis, facing a challenge, or experiencing difficulty in their lives. If you're interested in becoming a Stephen Minister, apply by Sun, Aug 24, to attend the fall training Wed, Sep 3-Nov 19, at The Loop @ 6:30-9p. **CONTACT Denise.Munton@HoustonsFirst.org** 

# Houston's First Baptist Church Night at Minute Maid Park

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

### COLLEGE / SINGLES / MARRIED

MetroLIVE

Every Thu thru Aug 7 @ 7p — The Loop (Worship Center) Join us for the last night of MetroLIVE for 2014! Jamie George will be teaching and the musical guest is All Sons & Daughters. Visit MetroLIVE.org for additional info! CONTACT Joshua.Bagby@HoustonsFirst.org

#### MEN

**Generation-to-Generation Training Wed, Aug 6 @ 6-9p — The Loop (Oasis Rm)** Generation-to-Generation (G2G) is a mentoring ministry that provides the training, tools, and network for men to develop into the spiritual leaders God has created and called them to be. Training is required for all participants. Register at HoustonsFirst.org/Events. **CONTACT Elise.Price@HoustonsFirst.org** 

# THE LOOP

#### 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** 

#### **Evening Schedule Change**

Beginning Sun, Aug 24, the Sunday evening schedule at The Loop Campus is changing! The worship service will still feature Pastor Gregg with worship led by our Band & Singers.

• 5p – Worship Service

• 6:30p – Life Bible Studies

## COLLEGE

#### College Retreat Aug 8-9 — Hunt Retreat

Join other college students for a time of fun, fellowship, and reflection at Hunt Retreat! The theme of the retreat is "Making Your Time Count." Attendees will leave on Fri @ 6p and return on Sat @ 11:30a. There is no cost to attend. For more details and to register, contact Brad Talbert. **CONTACT Brad.Talbert@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. Register at HoustonsFirst.org/Cypress. **CONTACT Rebecca.Dinkins@HoustonsFirst.org** 

# WOMEN

### Summer Lovin' Take 3

Mon, Aug 4 @ 9:30-11:30a — Cypress Ministry Center Come enjoy the last session of the Summer Lovin' Women's Bible Study Series! On Aug 4, Candace Ganjavi will speak on the topic Lovin' Your Church. Childcare will be provided. Registration required at HoustonsFirst.org/Cypress. CONTACT Andi.Farrell@HoustonsFirst.org

# DOWNTOWN

#### Volunteer Fair Today & Aug 10 @ Before/After Service 1010 Lamar

Interested in serving at the Downtown Campus? Stop by tables in the lobby to learn about our volunteer team opportunities. Team leaders will answer questions and help you find the best fit of where to serve our church! **CONTACT Tiffany.Butterfras@HoustonsFirst.org** 

#### **IMAGO Arts Gathering**

#### Mon, Aug 11 @ 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

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

### WOMEN

#### Women's Summer Nights

Tue, Aug 12 @ 7-8:30p — Sienna Worship Center All women are invited to the Sienna Campus for a night of fellowship, worship, and teaching with Laura Seifert! CONTACT Kelli.Boylan@HoustonsFirst.org

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.