



HOUSTON'S FIRST
BAPTIST CHURCH

Weekly Guide
Aug 17, 2014

GIVING LIFE AWAY

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

Have a passion for ministering to international students? Through the ISFM, open your heart and home to University of Houston students by sharing meals, holidays, and more! Please note - this is not a live-in exchange program. Contact Marie Downing to learn more details about ways you can get involved with ISFM or visit HoustonsFirst.org/Missions!

CONTACT Downings@flash.net

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

AS OUR OWN HALF-MARATHON

Sun, Oct 26

Join our half-marathon team to raise money for girls in India through our MISSION 1:8 partner, As Our Own. For more details and to register, visit asourown.com/run.

CONTACT Meganwjohanson@gmail.com

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

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.



SHUTTLE PARKING

Attend The Loop on Sunday mornings? Use shuttle parking to make room for others! It's a simple way to expand the ministry of our church. Get details on the 5 garages at HoustonsFirst.org/ShuttleParking.

BACK to SCHOOL SUNDAY

AUGUST 24

AS WE RETURN FROM SUMMER, WE'RE
COLLECTING BACKPACKS (NO WHEELS)
AND \$30 ACADEMY GIFT CARDS FOR
THE FAITH CENTER AND GALVESTON
URBAN MINISTRIES.

VISIT HOUSTONSFIRST.ORG/EVENTS FOR DETAILS
& BRING YOUR DONATIONS ON AUG 24!



MILESTONES & MIDLINK PREVIEW NIGHT

Wed, Aug 27 @ 6:30-8p — The Loop

See inside for details about this start to Wednesday evenings this fall at The Loop!



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



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

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 Aug 20, Executive Pastor David Self will speak on the topic "Understanding, Failure & Forgiveness."

CONTACT Diane.Bagby@HoustonsFirst.org

Become A Stephen Minister

Applications due Sun, Aug 24

Stephen Ministers are church members equipped to minister to people experiencing a crisis, facing a challenge, or experiencing difficulty. If you're interested in serving, apply by Sun, Aug 24, to attend 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 details and discounted tickets!

WOMEN

Women's Retreat

Oct 3-4 — Omni Westside Hotel

Women will gather for this in-town weekend getaway to discover that There's More To The Story! Retreat personalities include Donna Stuart, Kelly Matte, and others. Register by Sep 14 at HoustonsFirst.org/Events!

CONTACT Haylee.Nelson@HoustonsFirst.org

MEN

Generation-to-Generation Launch

Sat, Sep 20 @ 8a-12p — The Loop (Oasis Rm)

Generation-to-Generation (G2G) is a mentoring ministry providing training, tools, and network for men to develop into the spiritual leaders. Come learn more about the vision of this ministry and ways you can get involved! Breakfast will be provided. Register at HoustonsFirst.org/Events.

CONTACT Elise.Price@HoustonsFirst.org

THE LOOP

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

Milestones & MidLink Preview Night

Wed, Aug 27 @ 6:30-8p

Gather for worship and a word from Pastor Gregg in the Worship Center as we look ahead to the fall at The Loop Campus! Then, discover opportunities Milestones has to offer during our Open House. Come early for a BBQ dinner from 4:45-6:30p. Preschool, Children, and Student programming starts that night, too!

CONTACT Courtney.Schisler@HoustonsFirst.org

CanHope

Mon, Sep 8 @ 6:45p — Reception Rm

CanHope ministers to families touched by cancer. Bro. John Bisagno, Pastor Emeritus, will speak with music by Lisa Pierre. 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

LBS Leadership Luncheon

Sun, Sep 14 @ 12:30p-1:45p — Fitness & Rec Ctr

All Life Bible Study leaders from all age group divisions will gather for lunch, inspiration and vision-casting as we celebrate all that God is doing through our LBS ministry. Those interested in serving in a Life Bible Study are also invited. The luncheon is free. Register at HoustonsFirst.org/Events!

CONTACT Cynthia.Carranza@HoustonsFirst.org

Make It Your Church Orientation

Sat, Sep 21 @ 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. Register at HoustonsFirst.org/Events.

CONTACT Malcolm.Marshall@HoustonsFirst.org

CHILDREN

Back 2 School Bash

Fri, Aug 22 @ 6-10p — Warrior Field

Kids in Grades 1-5 will celebrate the end of summer with inflatables, water games, prizes, and more! Wear your swimsuit! Dinner is provided and it's all FREE! Warrior Field is at Silber and Long Point Drive, 2.5 miles from The Loop Campus.

CONTACT Hannah.Stovall@HoustonsFirst.org

STUDENTS

The HUB Fall Kickoff

Fri, Aug 22 @ 6-10p — The Loop (Level 3)

We're pumped about the fall so we're having a party! Middle School and High School students will meet at The Loop then go to the Faith Center fields for games you won't want to miss! Cost is \$10 and includes dinner. No registration required!

CONTACT Amy.Pardue@HoustonsFirst.org

CYPRESS

Back To School Sunday

Sun, Aug 24 — Smith Middle School

At the Cypress Campus, we're wearing our favorite team's colors on Back To School Sunday! Whether it's your alma mater, a professional team, your kids' school — or any team — show your spirit as we get ready for a great semester!

MidLink

Begins Wed, Sep 3

Wednesday nights this fall offer opportunities for Preschool and Children plus PLACE Ministry Training at the Ministry Center, and *The Art of Neighboring* class at a home in Fairfield. Watch for details coming soon!

CONTACT Rebecca.Dinkins@HoustonsFirst.org

DOWNTOWN

All Church Lunch

Today @ 12:30p — 1010 Lamar

Join your church family after the worship service for food and fellowship! Take advantage of this time to meet someone new, as well as reconnect with someone you haven't seen in a while!

CONTACT Tiffany.Butterfras@HoustonsFirst.org

Free Coffee Night at Minuti

Fri, Aug 22 @ 7-9p — Minuti Coffee (909 Texas Ave)

Join other members from the Downtown Campus for an evening of free coffee and great conversation! This is a perfect opportunity to invite a friend!

CONTACT Lee.Hsia@HoustonsFirst.org

SIENNA

Counseling Services in Sienna

Our church's Julianna Poor Memorial Counseling Center has services available at the Sienna Campus on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9a-5p. Counseling sessions are by appointment only. For info or to schedule an appointment, contact the JPMCC at 713.335.6462.

WOMEN






Women's Fall Bible Studies

Every Tue beginning Sep 16

Choose from two studies as we gather this fall! Cost is \$20 and includes a workbook. Visit HoustonsFirst.org/Sienna to register and sign-up for childcare.

- Children of the Day (1 & 2 Thessalonians)
by Beth Moore @ 9:30-11:30a
- You Are Not Alone (Psalm 23)
with Laura Seifert @ 6:30-8:30p

**CONTACT Kathy Pfoff, Kpfoff@hotmail.com
or 281.732.5508**

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.