

## GIVING LIFE AWAY

### PERSPECTIVES ON THE WORLD CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT

Now thru 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](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Events).

CONTACT [Peggymeeks50@gmail.com](mailto: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!](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Missions!)

CONTACT [Downings@flash.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://asourown.com/run).

CONTACT [Meganwjohanson@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 to hear it. More importantly, others need to hear it. Your story may provide the encouragement someone is seeking. Visit [HoustonsFirst.org/MyStory](http://HoustonsFirst.org/MyStory) to share what God has done.



## 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](http://HoustonsFirst.org/ShuttleParking).



HOUSTON'S FIRST  
BAPTIST CHURCH

Weekly Guide  
Aug 24, 2014

HOUSTON'S FIRST  
BAPTIST CHURCH

# Night at Minute Maid Park

Fri, Aug 29 @ 7:10p  
Houston Astros vs. Texas Rangers



**PASTOR GREGG**  
THROWS THE  
FIRST PITCH!

**HFBC SINGERS**  
LEAD THE  
NATIONAL ANTHEM!

**FIREWORKS**  
IMMEDIATELY  
AFTER THE GAME!

## SUNDAYS AT HOUSTON'S FIRST

### The Loop Campus

7401 Katy Fwy  
Houston, TX 77024  
Worship 9:15a-11a-5p  
Life Bible Studies 8a-9:15a-10:45a-6:30p

### 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

Houston's First family members from all four campuses are headed to the ballpark for a night of baseball, hot dogs, fireworks, and more! Have any Houston's First t-shirts? Be sure to wear one! Visit [HoustonsFirst.org/Events](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Events) for details about the night and discounted tickets, too!



## 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 27, Minister of Assimilation Malcolm Marshall will speak.

CONTACT Diane.Bagby@HoustonsFirst.org

### Become A Stephen Minister

Applications due today!

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 today to attend the fall training Wed, Sep 3-Nov 19, at The Loop @ 6:30-9p.

CONTACT Denise.Munton@HoustonsFirst.org

### SoFA Fall Semester

The fall semester at the School of Fine Arts at Houston's First begins this week! SoFA offers private instruction in piano, voice, guitar and all orchestral instruments by outstanding professionals. Weekly half-hour lessons are available for \$35 per lesson. Visit HoustonsFirst.org/SoFA for details and to register.

CONTACT Eric.Belvin@HoustonsFirst.org

### 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 Debbie Stuart, Kelly Matte, and others. Register by Sep 14 at HoustonsFirst.org/Events!

CONTACT Haylee.Nelson@HoustonsFirst.org

### MEN

#### Men: Serve

Sat, Sep 13 @ 8a-1p

Men will gather at The Loop then go out in teams to serve the widows of our church family through yard work, home repairs, and other projects. Advance registration is required, so sign up to serve by Sep 5 at HoustonsFirst.org/Events.

CONTACT Eric.Reed@HoustonsFirst.org

### 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

### 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

Sun, 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

## CYPRESS

### 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 Dana.Haddad@HoustonsFirst.org

## DOWNTOWN

### Make It Your Church Orientation

Today @ 12:30-1:30p — Vine Street Studios

Learn what it means to be a member of Houston's First at the Downtown Campus as you visit with staff and other new Downtown members over a free lunch.

CONTACT Tiffany.Butterfras@HoustonsFirst.org

### NYC Mission Trip

Oct 24-Nov 1

Interested in being on the Fall NYC team? Contact Peter Lee soon for more details. The team must be finalized by Sep 7!

CONTACT Peter.Lee@HoustonsFirst.org

## SIENNA

### Moving to Two Services

The Sienna Campus is moving to two worship services starting Sun, Sep 7! We'll gather for worship at 9:30a and 11a, and have Life Bible Studies at both hours, as well. Who could you invite to join you?

### Three Strands Marriage Retreat

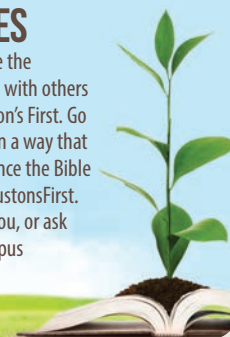
Nov 7-9 — Jordan Ranch, Schulenburg, TX

Facilitated by Jeff & Martha Rees, this retreat will equip you with insights and tools — with luxury accommodations and 5 meals, too! You'll leave with a better understanding of yourself and your spouse, and increase the joy and intimacy of your marriage. The retreat is open to members and non-members of Houston's First. Register at HoustonsFirst.org/Events. (Offered again Jan 9-11, 2015.)

CONTACT Jeff.Rees@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.