

## GIVING LIFE AWAY

### FIRST PANTRY

Sun, Sep 7 — The Loop Campus

The Food Pantry & Clothes Closet serve over 1,000 people each month. At The Loop Campus next Sunday, bring non-perishable food items, gently used clothing, and other household goods to help serve those in need in the Spring Branch community. Donation bins will be located at main entrances to the church and in the Missions Office.

### 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 [HoustonFirst.org/Missions!](http://HoustonFirst.org/Missions!)  
**CONTACT** [Downings@flash.net](mailto:Downings@flash.net)

## 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@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:Malcolm.Marshall@HoustonFirst.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 [HoustonFirst.org](http://HoustonFirst.org) to find one that's right for you, or ask the Welcome Team at your campus for assistance.



### EVERY WED THRU NOV 19 — THE LOOP

There is more to Houston's First than what happens on Sundays! Join us at The Loop on Wednesday evenings for MidLink — an evening of food and activities for all ages! MidLink: connecting the body from Sunday to Sunday!

#### CHURCHWIDE

MidLink Cafe @ 4:45-6:30p — Fellowship Ctr  
The Link (Adult Bible Study) @ 6:30-7:30p — Garden Rm  
Palabras de Vida: Words of Life (Adult Spanish Bible Study) 7-8:15p — Rm 145  
Milestones classes @ various times and locations

#### WORSHIP/MUSIC

Singers @ 7-8:30p — Rm 337  
Worship Choir @ 7-8:30p — Rehearsal Hall  
Worship Orchestra @ 7-8:30p — Worship Center

#### FITNESS

TRX @ 5:15-5:45p — Rm 274  
Boot Camp @ 5:45-6:30p — Rm 270  
Cardio Circuit @ 6-6:45p — Rm 274

#### PRESCHOOL

Thru the Roof - Special Needs @ 5:45-8:30p — Rm 329  
Wee Worship (Babies-1s) @ 6-7p — Preschool Suite  
W.O.W. (Worship Our Way) (2s & 3s) @ 6-7p — Preschool Suite  
High 5 Kids' Choir (4 yrs-K) @ 6-7p — Rm 303 (Clubhouse)  
Mission Friends (Birth-K) @ 7-8p — Preschool Suite

#### CHILDREN

Thru the Roof - Special Needs @ 5:45-8:30p — Rm 329  
High 5 Kids' Choir (1st-5th Grade) @ 6-7p — Rm 301 (Loft)  
Breakout (1st-3rd Grade) @ 7-8:30p — Fitness & Rec Ctr  
Friction (4th-5th Grade) @ 7-8:30p — Rm 332

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL

Wired @ 6:30-8p — Rm 364

#### HIGH SCHOOL

AMP @ 6:30-8p — Rm 363



HOUSTON'S FIRST  
BAPTIST CHURCH

Weekly Guide  
Aug 31, 2014

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

FRI, SEP 12 @ 7P  
THE LOOP

\$10 TICKETS  
GENERAL ADMISSION

100% OF PROCEEDS  
BENEFIT STAR OF HOPE

SPECIAL  
MUSICAL GUEST  
SARA GROVES



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### 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



# 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: "I love the routine and buzz of MidLink at @HoustonsFirst. Excited for Wednesday night!" — @HannahStovall

## 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 Sep 3, Executive Pastor David Self talks on "God's Pattern for Meaningful Worship."

**CONTACT** [Diane.Bagby@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Diane.Bagby@HoustonsFirst.org)

### SoFA Fall Semester

The fall semester at the School of Fine Arts at Houston's First is underway! 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](http://HoustonsFirst.org/SoFA) for details and to register.

**CONTACT** [Eric.Belvin@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Eric.Belvin@HoustonsFirst.org)

### New Counseling Groups

The Counseling Center offers two new groups, with each lasting 15 sessions for \$50 per session.

- Women of Security, begins Wed, Sep 3 @ 6:30-8p — for wives of current/recovering sex addicts as you explore new ways to grow in the security of Christ
- Men of Integrity, begins Thu, Sep 4 @ 5:30-7p — for men struggling with compulsive behavior, including internet pornography or homosexual thoughts/behaviors

## 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](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Events)!

**CONTACT** [Haylee.Nelson@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Haylee.Nelson@HoustonsFirst.org)

## MEN

### Warrior's Heart

**Begins Thu, Sep 4 @ 6:30-7:30a — The Loop (Garden Rm)**

This weekly Bible study and breakfast for men focuses on unleashing men for kingdom impact. Dr. Bruce Fong, our primary teacher, brings a wealth of wisdom, humor, and application from the Bible. While men are encouraged to come weekly, you can come whenever you can. Details at [HoustonsFirst.org/Events](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Events).

**CONTACT** [Elise.Price@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Elise.Price@HoustonsFirst.org)

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

**CONTACT** [Elise.Price@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Elise.Price@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. RSVP at [HoustonsFirst.org/Events](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Events).

**CONTACT** [Elise.Price@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Elise.Price@HoustonsFirst.org)

## THE LOOP

### CanHope

**Mon, Sep 8 @ 6:45p — Reception Rm**

CanHope ministers to families touched by cancer. Malcolm Pierre 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](mailto: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. RSVP at [HoustonsFirst.org/Events](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Events)!

**CONTACT** [Cynthia.Carranza@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto: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. RSVP at [HoustonsFirst.org/Events](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Events).

**CONTACT** [Malcolm.Marshall@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Malcolm.Marshall@HoustonsFirst.org)

## STUDENT MINISTRY

### Parent Sunday

**Sun, Sep 7**

Parents of Middle School and High School students in The HUB Student Ministry are invited to attend their student's Life Bible Study at 9:15a, 10:45a, or 6:30p. You'll meet the teachers and staff and hear their plans for the year ahead.

**CONTACT** [Tony.Bianco@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Tony.Bianco@HoustonsFirst.org)

## COLLEGE MINISTRY

### Free Fajita Dinner

**Sun, Sep 7 @ 7-8p — Oasis Rm**

College students are invited to a free fajita dinner and to meet Pastor Gregg and the College Ministry Team. Meet other students and hear how you can get involved and connected with the College Ministry at Houston's First!

**CONTACT** [Brad.Talbert@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Brad.Talbert@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** [Rebecca.Dinkins@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Rebecca.Dinkins@HoustonsFirst.org)

### New Adult Life Bible Study

**Begins Sun, Sep 7 @ 9:30a**

Married adults with college-aged and young adult children have a new Life Bible Study option starting next Sunday! Don & Lisa Gaskin are the Directors, Mark Hoppman is the Teacher, and the class will meet in the LGL1 room.

**CONTACT** [Rebecca.Dinkins@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Rebecca.Dinkins@HoustonsFirst.org)

## WOMEN

### Soup and the Spirit

**Begins Mon, Sep 16 @ 6:30-8p**

### Cypress Ministry Center

Come enjoy some girl time and a light dinner as we study A Million Little Ways by Emily Freeman. The study is facilitated by Andi Farrell and Dana Haddad. Childcare is not provided.

**CONTACT** [Andi.Farrell@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Andi.Farrell@HoustonsFirst.org)

## DOWNTOWN

### XEE Downtown

**Every Wed, Sep 10-Oct 22 @ 7-8p — Vine Street Studios**

XEE equips Jesus-followers to share the Gospel effectively in everyday encounters. You will learn and put into practice relevant, biblical, and relational evangelism skills for our postmodern times. Register at [HoustonsFirst.org/Downtown](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Downtown).

**CONTACT** [Peter.Lee@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Peter.Lee@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](mailto: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](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Events). (Offered again Jan 9-11, 2015.)

**CONTACT** [Jeff.Rees@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Jeff.Rees@HoustonsFirst.org)

## 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.



Need more information? Call 713.681.8000, visit [HoustonsFirst.org](http://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.