

BIENVENIDOS

SPANISH CAMPUS TO LAUNCH EASTER 2015

Building upon the fellowship of Spanish-speaking believers already engaged in the missional ministry of Houston's First, a new Spanish Campus will launch on Easter Sunday, April 5, 2015. Through the Spanish Campus, Houston's First seeks to reach Spanish speakers from all nations who desire to worship through song in their heart language.

The Spanish Campus will be housed along with The Loop Campus at 7401 Katy Freeway. This campus will not only be new to our church, but it will also

be different in the way typical Spanish ministries are run. Worship services will be bilingual with Pastor Gregg delivering the message the majority of the time, and worship through music being led in Spanish.

Leading the new campus will be Campus Pastor Juan Alaniz — and he starts this week as a Houston's First staff member! Campus Pastor Juan will focus on leadership development, pastoral care, and organizing the worship service experiences in the Chapel.

ABOUT CAMPUS PASTOR JUAN

Pastor Juan Jesus Alaniz was born in Weslaco, Texas. As a migrant family, the Alanizes followed the crop-picking seasons through several states each year. In 1972, they settled in Riverbank in the Central Valley of California. A love for basketball carried Juan through high school and college. His coaching career started while finishing his Masters Degree in Counseling Psychology. He began counseling at DeAnza Community College while coaching boys' varsity high school basketball.

Three high schools and 20 years later, Juan received the call from the Lord in 2006 to pastor the first Spanish-speaking service at Big Valley Grace Community Church in Modesto. In September 2013, he was called to open another Spanish-speaking service at Calvary Baptist Church in Turlock. Now, he has accepted the call to join us at Houston's First to begin our new Spanish Campus.

Josie, Juan's wife, is an Instructional Coach for intermediate and high school teachers at Turlock School District and a professor at California State University, Stanislaus. Their daughter Quimi is a Student Ministry Worship Leader here at Houston's First, and their daughter Sami serves as worship leader for the youth at Big Valley Grace Community Church while attending college. The family has extensive experience in discipleship, missions, leadership, music and message.



"We are looking forward to working alongside the incredible staff and family in Christ at Houston's First," says Juan. "Quimi has been so blessed to be loved as she has been here and we appreciate it so much. Now, we want to grow in our salvation (1 Peter 2:1-3) and in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus (2 Peter 3:18) through the great word of God taught at Houston's First by Pastor Gregg and others."

CURRENT SPANISH OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAYS

Palabras de Vida

9:15a — The Loop (Rm 602 A/B)
Life Bible Study each Sunday
for adults of all ages

Unidos en Cristo

9:15a — The Loop (Gym - SW corner)
Life Bible Study each Sunday for
singles ages 20s-30s

Translation Services

11a worship service — The Loop
Pick up listening devices at
Receptionist Desk in Main Foyer

WEDNESDAYS

Palabras de Vida

7-8:15p — The Loop (Rm 145)
Bible study for adults offered
during the MidLink semester

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: "@HoustonsFirst waiting for Bible Study to start so I'm eavesdropping on staff meeting! Yay @GreggMatte for encouraging a healthy lifestyle!" — @ThatAlanaHolmes

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 Sep 10, Executive Pastor David Self talks on "God's Pattern for Meaningful Worship."

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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!

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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. RSVP at HoustonsFirst.org/Events.

CONTACT Elise.Price@HoustonsFirst.org

THE LOOP

Voter Registration Main Foyer

New address? New name? Not sure if you're registered? Stop by the voter registration table to update or verify your status so you can cast your vote this November!

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.

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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!

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. RSVP at HoustonsFirst.org/Events.

CONTACT Malcolm.Marshall@HoustonsFirst.org

STUDENT MINISTRY

Parents Welcome!

Today, 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.

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COLLEGE MINISTRY

Free Fajita Dinner

Today, 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!

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CYPRESS

New Adult Life Bible Study

Begins today @ 9:30a

Married adults with college-aged and young adult children have a new Life Bible Study option starting today! Don & Lisa Gaskin are the Directors, Mark Hoppman is the Teacher, and the class meets in the LG11 room.

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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.

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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.

CONTACT Peter.Lee@HoustonsFirst.org

Baptisms

Sun, Sep 14 @ 12:45p — Tellepsen Family YMCA

Immediately after the worship service next week, we'll head over to the YMCA (808 Pease) to celebrate baptisms! If you're interested in learning more about baptism, contact Peter Lee or Campus Pastor Lee Hsia.

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SIENNA

Three Strands Marriage Retreat

Nov 7-9 — Jordan Ranch, Schulenburg, TX

Facilitated by Jeff & Martha Rees, this retreat will equip you with valuable insights and tools. You'll leave with a better understanding of yourself and your spouse, and increase the joy and intimacy of your marriage. Register at HoustonsFirst.org/Events. (Offered again Jan 9-11, 2015.)

CONTACT Jeff.Rees@HoustonsFirst.org

GIVING LIFE AWAY

VOLUNTEER AT FOOD PANTRY & CLOTHES CLOSET

Give your life away by sharing the Gospel, sorting clothes, helping people shop, and sorting food. Also, bilingual volunteers and evangelism team members are needed.

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.

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MIDLINK

Every Wed thru Nov 19 — The Loop

There is more to Houston's First than what happens on Sundays! Gather at The Loop on Wednesday evenings for MidLink — an evening of food and activities for all ages including MidLink Cafe, Milestones classes, fitness classes, music rehearsals, and programs for Preschoolers, Children, and Students. Visit HoustonsFirst.org/MidLink for the full schedule!

LIFE BIBLE STUDIES

Life Bible Studies are the primary method for connecting with others and growing together at Houston's First. Go deeper into God's Word, find 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.

MISSION 1:8

Sep 7, 2014



MULTISITE CAMPUSES

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OF THEIR TENTS

ISAIAH 54:2

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 9:30a-11a

Life Bible Studies 9:30a-11a



OUR CHURCH HOMES

CYPRESS

Since the Cypress Campus launched in March 2013, faithful volunteers have arrived early each Sunday to unload six 28' trailers and set up all the equipment and supplies needed to "do church" inside Smith Middle School. But now, the Cypress Campus is looking forward to a permanent home in 2016. With your MISSION 1:8 contributions, Houston's First is in negotiations to purchase land just off the Grand Parkway and would plan to break ground on a new building in early 2015. Campus Pastor Jason Swiggart assembled a team of eight church members to spearhead the effort going forward, calling them Team 54:2 after Isaiah 54:2: "Enlarge the site of your tent, and let your tent curtains be stretched out; do not hold back; lengthen your ropes, and drive your pegs deep."



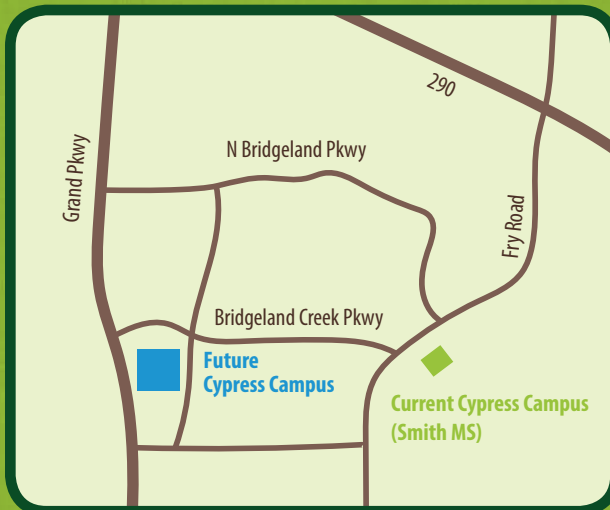
FUTURE CYPRESS CAMPUS

LOCATION:

- 35 acres in Bridgeland
- 150 yards east of the Grand Parkway, just south of Bridgeland Creek Parkway
- Adjacent to a new Cypress-Fairbanks ISD school complex (High School, Middle School, Elementary School)
- 3,200 new homes expected in next 5 years in this area of Bridgeland

FACILITY:

- Approximately 87,000 square feet
- Worship Center connected by foyer to two-story education building
- Worship Center to seat 1,000 with ability to expand to 2,000 in Phase II
- Life Bible Study space for Preschool, Children, Students, and Adults
- Space for Corner Books, Connection Center, Kids' Worship, HeartLand, offices
- Parking for approximately 700 vehicles



Houston's First Baptist Church has called several buildings "home" since we began in 1841. But from our first hand-built structure to our modern complex on the Katy Freeway, we've always known that "the church" is really defined by the people, not the building. Now, as we've established campuses around Houston to reach our city with the Gospel, our homes are taking on different shapes and sizes to meet the needs of our growing ministry. Just as generations before us provided for our various church homes, your MISSION 1:8 contributions are making these homes possible today.

DOWNTOWN

The Downtown Campus gathers for worship and Life Bible Studies each Sunday at 1010 Lamar. However, the campus' second home is at Vine Street Studios on the north side of I-10 near UH-Downtown. Originally known as the Union Transfer and Storage Building, Vine Street Studios was built in 1905-1917 and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Just two METRORail stops from 1010 Lamar, the Vine Street location provides office space for 6 staff members and 2 campus missionaries who are working with local Baptist Student Ministries. The space is also used by one of Downtown's Life Bible Studies on Sunday mornings, and the rest of the week it's used for meetings, counseling appointments, prayer gatherings, Milestones classes, and other events.

VINE STREET STUDIOS

- Approximately 1,740 square feet
- 1/4 mile walk to UH-Downtown
- Fellow tenants include law firms, architects, photographers, designers, non-profits, and others



SIENNA

The Sienna Campus has expanded its space a few times since launching in March 2013. While they began with their own leased space within a two-story commercial building on Sienna Parkway, they've negotiated with other tenants to borrow space on Sunday mornings for Life Bible Studies. Eventually, the campus was able to lease additional space of their own — allowing for the new worship center and Life Bible Study rooms that opened earlier this year. Seeing the growing need for more space and the financial benefits of owning versus leasing, Houston's First recently used your MISSION 1:8 contributions to purchase the entire building — including the undeveloped land adjacent to it. Today, the Sienna Campus is expanding to two worship services and Life Bible Study hours (9:30a and 11a), and looks forward to how God will continue to grow their ministry.



SIENNA CAMPUS PROPERTY

- Located on Sienna Parkway about 1 mile south of Ft. Bend Parkway Toll Road and 2 miles south of Highway 6
- Approximately 4 acres
- Building with 21,483 total square feet (Sienna Campus was leasing 14,242 square feet)
- Current tenants are Jim's Taekwon-do Academy and Snap Fitness, and Houston's First is honoring their current leases

