

## 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. More specifically, there is a great need for bilingual volunteers and evangelism team members.

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### 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).

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### 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).

### SUNDAY NIGHTS @ THE LOOP

Go on a 2-night weekend getaway. Enjoy a leisurely brunch. Or, just sleep in! Do all of that when you go to church on Sunday nights. The Loop has a worship service at 5p and Life Bible Studies at 6:30p. Same message as the morning — with room to park on campus, too!



### 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

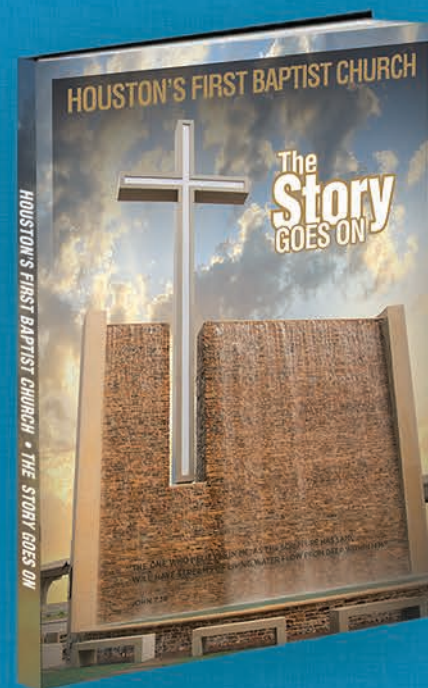
#### HIGH SCHOOL

AMP @ 6:30-8p — Rm 363



HOUSTON'S FIRST  
BAPTIST CHURCH

Weekly Guide  
Sep 14, 2014



## HOUSTON'S FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH: THE STORY GOES ON

As a gift for Pastor Gregg on his 10th anniversary at Houston's First, we've updated the beloved "red book" telling the story of our church.

Originally published in 1985, the new edition covers what God has done from 1841 through today — including last Friday's celebration.

As you read about the story of our church, The Story Goes On shows how God has used Houston's First to tell His story for over 170 years.

### ORDER YOUR COPIES OF THE STORY GOES ON TODAY!

• Pre-order copies for \$20 through Sep 30 (a savings of \$10) •

• Place orders at [CornerBooks](http://CornerBooks) or at [HoustonsFirst.org/TheStoryGoesOn](http://HoustonsFirst.org/TheStoryGoesOn) •

• Books will be available before year end •

### 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

# 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: "Thought about handing Pastor Gregg my ticket to get it "sealed" Great message! #SignedSealedDelivered #Ephesians @GreggMatte @HoustonsFirst" — @KPRCgillmore

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

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### Habitat for Humanity

#### October

Houston's First is partnering with with Houston Habitat for Humanity to build a home funded by your MISSION 1:8 contributions. Groups or individuals (ages 16 and older) can sign up to serve on weekends in October at HoustonsFirst.org/Events.

**CONTACT** Elise.Price@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 today, Sep 14 at HoustonsFirst.org/Events!

**CONTACT** Haylee.Nelson@HoustonsFirst.org

## MEN

### Warrior's Heart

**Every Thu @ 6:30-7:30a — The Loop (Fellowship Ctr)**

This weekly Bible study and breakfast focuses on unleashing men for kingdom impact. Dr. Bruce Fong, our primary teacher, brings a wealth of wisdom, humor, and application from the Bible. Includes a 30-minute session followed by table discussions. Open to men throughout Houston. Details at HoustonsFirst.org/Events.

**CONTACT** Andi.Farrell@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.

**CONTACT** Eric.Reed@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!

### 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 and walk-ins are welcome!

**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

## YOUNG SINGLE ADULTS

### Summit Kickball Tourney

**Sat, Sep 20 @ 12:30-9p — Warrior Field**

Got skills from your days on the school playground?

Whether it's been years since you've played or you've never played at all, come for a day of kickball action — and bring a friend, too! \$15 per person to play. Register at HoustonsFirst.org/Events.

**CONTACT** George.Watson@HoustonsFirst.org

## CYPRESS

### Baptisms

**Sun, Oct 12**

Our next day to observe baptisms is Sun, Oct 12. If you or a family member are interested in being baptized this day, please contact Ian Brou about taking the next step!

**CONTACT** Ian.Brou@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

## DOWNTOWN

### Baptisms

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

Immediately after the worship service, 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.

**CONTACT** Peter.Lee@HoustonsFirst.org

### Work as Worship

**Every Tue, Sep 23-Oct 28 @ 12-1p — 1010 Lamar**

Facilitated by Dong Lee, this study will challenge you to consider the reason God calls us to work, why He may have you in your current position, and encourage you to look beyond how your job makes you feel and see purpose and significance in your work. Lunch provided at the first meeting only. Register at HoustonsFirst.org/Downtown.

**CONTACT** Peter.Lee@HoustonsFirst.org

## SIENNA

### 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

## WOMEN

### Women's Bible Studies

**Every Tue beginning Sep 16 — 4309 Sienna Pkwy**

For each of these classes, visit HoustonsFirst.org/Sienna to register for class and childcare. A \$20 fee per class includes a workbook.

- 9:30-11:30a — "Children of the Day" Beth Moores' study of 1&2 Thessalonians
- 6:30-8:30p — "You are Not Alone"

A fresh look at Psalm 23 with Laura Seifert

**CONTACT** Kathy Pfoff, kpfoff@hotmail.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.



## 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 to share what God has done.

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.