



## 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.

The Story Goes On tells the story of our church and shows how God has used Houston's First to tell His story for over 170 years.

## PRE-ORDER YOUR COPIES TODAY!

- \$20 through Sep 30 (a savings of \$10)
- Place orders at CornerBooks or at [HoustonsFirst.org/TheStoryGoesOn](http://HoustonsFirst.org/TheStoryGoesOn)
- Books will be available before year end

## GIVING LIFE AWAY

### FIRST PANTRY

Sun, Oct 5 — The Loop

The Food Pantry & Clothes Closet serve over 1,000 people each month. At The Loop Campus next Sunday, please 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.

## 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](http://HoustonsFirst.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

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# HELP US MAKE A GREAT FIRST IMPRESSION!

From the street to a seat, the Welcome Team at each campus provides guests (and members) with warm greetings and helpful information. See today's insert and consider giving your life away as a Welcome Team member!



## 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: "Looking for a church in Houston and stumbled upon @HoustonsFirst. Their pastor @GreggMatte is an Aggie. Well, that settles it. #gigem" — @KatedeShetler

## 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 Oct 1, Executive Pastor David Self talks on "God's Pattern for Meaningful Worship."  
**CONTACT** [Diane.Bagby@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Diane.Bagby@HoustonsFirst.org)

### 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 Oct 3-4, 10-11, or 17-18 at [HoustonsFirst.org/Events](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Events).  
**CONTACT** [Elise.Price@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Elise.Price@HoustonsFirst.org)

### First HOPE Job Ministry

#### Sat, Oct 4 @ 9a-Noon — Faith Center

The First HOPE Job Ministry helps others procure employment. At the next gathering, First HOPE will provide training on Excel and PowerPoint use. First HOPE is open to anybody seeking a job or to improve the one they have now. Breakfast is provided! The Faith Center is located at 8009 Long Point, Houston, 77055.  
**CONTACT** [Fay.Suitor@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Fay.Suitor@HoustonsFirst.org)

## STUDENTS

### Middle School Retreat

#### Oct 24-26 — Lake Tomahawk

Middle School students (Grades 6-8) from The Loop and Sienna Campuses will leave homework and technology behind! The theme is Ignite and we're praying that this weekend will spark a fire for following the Lord more deeply. We'll mix worship, games, teaching, and small groups for our annual retreat away! Register at [HoustonsFirst.org/Events](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Events).  
**CONTACT** [Tony.Bianco@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Tony.Bianco@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](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Events).  
**CONTACT** [Eric.Reed@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Eric.Reed@HoustonsFirst.org)

## THE LOOP

### Voter Registration

#### Main Foyer & FRC Lobby

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! The deadline to register for this November's elections is Oct 7!

### One-Night Classes for Parents

#### Wed, Oct 8 @ 6:30-8p — The Loop

These will equip you to be the primary disciplers in your child's life. Classes are free and open to anybody — including guests of Houston's First! Learn more about these and other Milestones classes at [HoustonsFirst.org/Milestones](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Milestones).

- The HUB 101  
Justin Holcomb (Rm 333)
- Praying the Scriptures Over Your Child  
Tania Overton (Rm 334B)
- Understanding Gender Confusion In Males (for foster and adoptive families) — Ricky Chelette (Harbor Rm)
- You Gotta Give 'em Grace: Parenting with Grace  
Marty Scholars (Rm 336A)

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## STUDENTS

### Girl Meets World

#### Sat, Oct 11 @ 4-9p — Fellowship Ctr

Girls in Grades 6-12 are invited to the first of many events with the new HUB Girls Ministry! Come hear from Leigh Kohler about how to navigate as a girl in this crazy world. Jourdan Johnson, worship leader for Breakaway at Texas A&M, will lead and share, too. Bring a friend and don't miss out on a day of encouragement and challenge. Register at [HoustonsFirst.org/Events](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Events).  
**CONTACT** [Linda.Sproule@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Linda.Sproule@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](mailto:Ian.Brou@HoustonsFirst.org)

### Make it Your Church Orientation

#### Sun, Oct 19 @ 4:30-6p

#### Towne Lake Community Center

Discover what it means to be a member of Houston's First at the Cypress Campus! Pastor Jason and the staff will share our vision and mission, and talk about how you can make it your church. Dinner will be served. Childcare available at the Cypress Campus Ministry Center. RSVP at [HoustonsFirst.org/Cypress](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Cypress).  
**CONTACT** [Dana.Haddad@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Dana.Haddad@HoustonsFirst.org)

## DOWNTOWN

### Downtown 3 Year Anniversary Celebration

#### Sat, Oct 11 @ 2-6p — Vine Street Studios

Celebrate all that God has done over the past 3 years at the Downtown Campus! Join us for a team race scavenger hunt in Downtown starting and ending at Vine Street Studios. Come ready to eat, play, and celebrate together! Guests are welcome, so bring your friends! Contact Tiffany if you want to be a scavenger hunt driver, bake-off participant — or both!

**CONTACT** [Tiffany.Butterfras@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Tiffany.Butterfras@HoustonsFirst.org)

## SIENNA

### PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

### WOW (Worship Our Way) Choir

#### Begins Tue, Oct 14 @ 6:30-7:30p — The Loft

Preschoolers from age 3 through Kindergarten will learn about music and worshipping God in the new WOW Choir at the Sienna Campus! We'll meet every Tuesday evenings starting October 14. See you there!

**CONTACT** [Kendra.Boehning](mailto:Kendra.Boehning)

[kendrakboehning@gmail.com](mailto:kendrakboehning@gmail.com)

## MEN

### Men's Tailgate

#### Mon, Oct 20 @ 7:30p — Worship Center

When the Texans battle the Steelers on Monday Night Football, men will gather to watch the game and challenge each other in a Chili Cook-Off, too. Doors open at 6p, judging begins at 7p, and the kick-off is at 7:30p. Contact Ron for Chili Cook-Off details — and invite some guys to join us!

**CONTACT** [Ron.Barkley@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Ron.Barkley@HoustonsFirst.org)

## 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.



## THERE'S MORE TO CHURCH THAN SUNDAY MORNINGS



There's more to church than Sunday mornings. 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! So, go on a weekend getaway, tailgate at a Texans game, or just sleep in — then go to church on Sunday night!

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.