

GIVING LIFE AWAY

MISSION TRIP REVEAL LUNCH

Sun, Nov 9 @ 12:30-2p — The Loop

Where is Houston's First headed in 2015? Our Missions team will reveal the locations and dates at this special lunch at The Loop. RSVP at HoustonsFirst.org/Events!

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FRIENDSHIP MINISTRY

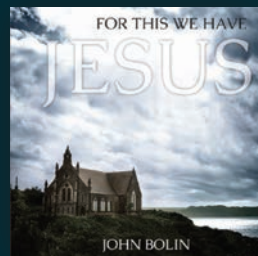
Volunteer to befriend one of 22 students at the University of Houston who signed up for a non-live-in family or single adult to share cultures, experiences, and practice their English. Students are from Bangladesh, Chile, China, Ethiopia, Iran, Germany, and Venezuela.

CONTACT Marie Downing, downings@flash.net



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.



FOR THIS WE HAVE JESUS

New CD from John Bolin, Minister of Worship & Arts at Houston's First. Featuring 11 songs & available now at Corner Books



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
Oct 12, 2014

I AM A MEMBER



"Houston's First is a refuge. I can do it all here — study, share, serve, worship, and hang out with brothers, sisters, and friends. It's like being at home."

Carlos Gutierrez

CARLOS GUTIERREZ
MEMBER SINCE 1986

Read my story and discover how you, too, can become a member of Houston's First Baptist Church. HoustonsFirst.org/Membership

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: "TY @GreggMatte for speaking TRUTH and the GOSPEL unashamedly with heart and passion @HoustonsFirst God used u mightily! #notforitchingears" — @j0shlandrum

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 15, Executive Pastor David Self's message is "Do Not Lose Heart."

CONTACT Diane.Bagby@HoustonsFirst.org

Israel Tour Info Meeting

Today @ 2p — The Loop (Connection Ctr)

Take a tour of Israel with Houston's First next Apr 20-30, 2015! If you've already signed up or are interested in going, come to this meeting today and learn more about this trip to the Holy Land.

CONTACT Wanda.Jean.Hickey, 713.817.8157

Habitat for Humanity

Oct 17-18

We're partnering 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 this Friday or Saturday at HoustonsFirst.org/Events.

CONTACT Emily.Brown@HoustonsFirst.org

FirstFest & Light The Night Fri, Oct 31

Whether you invite people to The Loop for FirstFest or stay in your neighborhood to Light The Night, the Houston's First family is asked to choose how you'll reach out to people on October 31. Explore the options and start making your plans at HoustonsFirst.org/October31.

STUDENTS

Middle School Retreat

Oct 24-26 — Lake Tomahawk

Middle School students (Grades 6-8) from The Loop and Sienna will leave homework and technology behind! The theme is Ignite and we're praying the weekend will spark a fire for following the Lord more deeply. We'll mix worship, games, teaching, and small groups at our annual retreat! Register at HoustonsFirst.org/Events.

CONTACT Tony.Bianco@HoustonsFirst.org

YOUNG SINGLE ADULTS

Under The Texas Sky Hoedown

Sat, Oct 25 @ 6-11p — Hunt Retreat

Young single adults are roundin' up for their 17th annual hoedown! Dance the night away with live music and enjoy hayrides, western games, and more. Tickets are on sale now, so round up yours at HoustonsFirst.org/Events!

CONTACT Kelly.Leffingwell@HoustonsFirst.org

MEN

Men: Serve

Sat, Oct 25 @ 8a-1p — The Loop

Men will 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 Oct 17 at HoustonsFirst.org/Events.

CONTACT Emily.Brown@HoustonsFirst.org

THE LOOP

STUDENTS

High School Guys Camping Thing

Oct 17-19 — Sam Houston National Forest

Join Justin Holcomb and the crew for a weekend of hang time with other guys, fishing, hiking, and just all around guy stuff! We'll leave from The Loop at 6:30p Friday and return at 12:30p Sunday. Sign up now at HoustonsFirst.org/Events.

CONTACT Justin.Holcomb@HoustonsFirst.org

MARRIED YOUNG ADULTS

Big Night Out: Nightmarriage

Fri, Oct 24 — The Loop

Married young adults are invited to go to dinner then gather at The Loop with other couples for dessert and laughs as we look at why marriage doesn't have to be a nightmare! Sign up at HoustonsFirst.org/Events, including for childcare if you need it!

CONTACT Melanie.Russell@HoustonsFirst.org

CYPRESS

STUDENTS

SURGE

Every Sunday @ 6-8p — Cypress Ministry Center

Students in Grades 6-12 gather each Sunday night to hang out, play games, worship, hear a message, and break out into smaller groups. A new series called Phobias will give them all a lot to learn and talk about, too! SURGE is a great place to invite classmates, so what are you afraid of? Ask a friend to join you!

CONTACT Josh.Ganjavi@HoustonsFirst.org

DOWNTOWN

Imago Arts Gathering

Mon, Oct 13 @ 7-9p — Vine Street Studios

Amateur and professional artists from all media are invited to our Vine Street Studios for the next gathering of the IMAGO artist ministry. Connect with and learn from other artists about using the arts to glorify God — no matter what the media!

CONTACT Lee.Hsia@HoustonsFirst.org

WOMEN

Downtown Women's Bunco Night

Sat, Oct 18 @ 6:30-9p — Vine Street Studios

Invite your friends for a fun game night of fellowship, dinner, and Bunco! RSVP by Mon, Oct 13, to Julie Waters at Julie@FreeTheCaptivesHouston.com, and contact Tiffany if you have any questions!

CONTACT Tiffany.Butterfras@HoustonsFirst.org

SIENNA

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

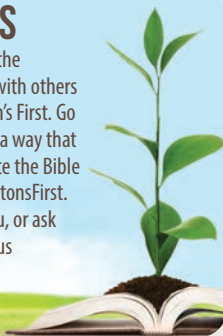
THERE'S MORE TO CHURCH THAN SUNDAY MORNINGS



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!

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.



MAKE IT YOUR CHURCH ORIENTATION

On Sun, Nov 16, discover what it means to be a member of Houston's First! Over lunch or dinner, pastors and staff members from your campus will share our vision, mission, and strategy — and you can learn how to find your place to gather, grow, and give. The class is not required to join the church, but we highly encourage you to attend! RSVP at HoustonsFirst.org/Events.

- **The Loop** @ 12:15-1:45p — Fellowship Center
- **Cypress** @ 4:30-6p — Heritage Lodge at Towne Lake
- **Downtown** @ 12:45-1:45p — Worship Center
- **Sienna** @ 12:30-2p — Worship Center

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.