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PROJECTED

Operating Budget

\$45
MILLION
OVER 2 YEARS

Funding for missional endeavors increasing from **22% to 51%** of Houston's First's budget!

MISSION 1:8Operating Budget
Original Goal**\$60**
MILLION
OVER 2 YEARS**MISSION 1:8**Operating Budget
Expected**\$75**
MILLION
OVER 2 YEARS

The Projected and MISSION 1:8 Operating Budgets do not include contributions to special giving opportunities, such as the World Mission Offering, local missions, and mission trips. The 2-year time frame for these budgets is from Mar 2013-Feb 2015.

Our City**\$9,000,000**

\$9,000,000 already allocated or given to our multisite campuses in Cypress, Downtown, and Sienna
An **additional \$9,000,000** will go to these campuses and our new Spanish Campus launching on Easter Sunday 2015

Our Nation**\$2,250,000**

\$2,250,000 already allocated or given to church plants and ministries in New York City, New England, San Francisco/Oakland
An **additional \$2,250,000** will go to strategic partners across North America: **New York City, Boston, Montreal, Edmonton, & other various mid-major cities**

Our World**\$2,250,000**

\$2,250,000 already allocated or given to church plants and ministries in East Asia, Madrid, and Rio de Janeiro
An **additional \$2,250,000** will go to strategic partners in: **Africa, East Asia, Europe, India**

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: "Blessed to hear a message in person this morning from someone I normally only hear online. Great message from @GreggMatte on Gods love" — Danielle Smith, @seekingjay360

ALL CAMPUSES**HighPoint Bible Study**

Every Wed @ 11:30a — 1010 Lamar (tunnel level)

HighPoint is temporarily suspended while our Downtown Campus at 1010 Lamar undergoes some repairs. Visit HoustonsFirst.org/HighPoint for updates on the progress!
CONTACT Diane.Bagby@HoustonsFirst.org

This Can't Be Happening

Mon, Nov 10 @ 7-8:30p — The Loop (Chapel)

Guest speaker Cindy Janecka shares an inspiring story of hope for those with cancer and those who love them. The evening includes worship led by Ryan Langford and Amanda Murray. Discover more and share with others at HoustonsFirst.org/Events.
CONTACT Sherry.Oradat@HoustonsFirst.org

Veterans Day Service

Tue, Nov 11 @ 9:30a — The Loop (Worship Center)

First Baptist Academy invites veterans and their guests to a special service so students can honor you for your service to our nation. Continental breakfast at 8:30a (Reception Room) followed by ceremony at 9:30a. RSVP to Vicki Gates.
CONTACT Vicki.Gates@HFBA.org

America's Best Hope

Fri, Nov 14 @ 8a-3p — The Loop (Chapel)

Our careers do not define us. But our work does give us a great platform for serving God and serving others. Houston's First hosts this simulcast presentation of a national event featuring Christian leaders from various industries. Registration required (\$49 per person) at HoustonsFirst.org/Events.
CONTACT Emily.Brown@HoustonsFirst.org

MEN**Warrior's Heart**

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

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.
CONTACT Emily.Brown@HoustonsFirst.org

THE LOOP**MARRIED YOUNG ADULTS****Re>Create Date Night**

Fri, Dec 5 @ 6-10p

Enjoy a night out alone with your spouse or with other couples! We'll provide "date kits" for download from HoustonsFirst.org to help you be intentional about the time you spend together. Childcare is available at The Loop by registering at HoustonsFirst.org/Events. Space is limited!
CONTACT Melanie.Russell@HoustonsFirst.org

CYPRESS**Smith Teacher Appreciation Breakfast**

Thu, Nov 20 @ 7:30a — Smith Middle School

Let's show our appreciation for the teachers and administrators of Smith Middle School! Sign up at the Opportunities Table to bring breakfast items and to volunteer at the event. (We'll need breakfast items to be dropped off by 7a that morning.)
CONTACT Dana.Haddad@HoustonsFirst.org

DOWNTOWN**Prayer & Praise Night**

The Loop (Rm 363) — 1010 Lamar

Our Downtown church family is coming together on a Friday night for an evening of worship through music and prayer!
CONTACT Peter.Lee@HoustonsFirst.org

Downtown Members' Meeting

Sun, Nov 16 @ 2-3:30p — Location TBD

Calling all members at Houston's First's Downtown Campus! Don't miss our next Members' Meeting on Nov 16! We'll gather for fellowship and share updates on what the Lord is already doing, as well as what to look forward to in the near future.
CONTACT Peter.Lee@HoustonsFirst.org

SIENNA**Thanksgiving Celebration**

Sun, Nov 23 @ 4p — Sienna Campus

As you make plans for the holiday season, save the date for our Sienna Campus Thanksgiving Celebration! We'll each bring a dish for the potluck, play games, and share some testimonies, too.
CONTACT Kelli.Boylan@HoustonsFirst.org

PRESCHOOL MINISTRY**Take a Break with Mommy**

Fri, Nov 14 @ 10a — Stomping Ground Playlands

Preschoolers and their mommies are getting together at this 2,000-square-foot indoor playground (15415B Southwest Fwy, Sugar Land)! Babies (under 1) and Adults are free, toddlers (1-2 yrs) are \$4.25, and kids (3 yrs+) are \$7.75. Concessions are available onsite, and drinks are free for the children. Don't forget your socks!
CONTACT Cara.Buis@HoustonsFirst.org

ONE SACRED EFFORT**WORLD MISSION OFFERING**

The World Mission Offering is an opportunity to further support the advancement of the Gospel. Collected Nov-Jan, the offering goes to mission work in Texas, North America, and around the world. Give using designated envelopes or online at HoustonsFirst.org/WorldMissionOffering.

MAKE IT YOUR CHURCH

Discover what being a member is all about and how you can make Houston's First your church! RSVP for Make It Your Church Orientation on Sun, Nov 16, at your campus. It's not required to join the church, but we encourage you to attend! RSVP and read members' stories at HoustonsFirst.org/Membership.

The Loop @ 12:15-1:45p — Fellowship Center**Cypress** @ 4:30-6p — Heritage Lodge at Towne Lake**Downtown** @ 12:45-1:45p — Location TBD**Sienna** @ 12:30-2p — Worship Center**GIVING LIFE AWAY****MISSION TRIP REVEAL LUNCH**

Today @ 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 today. Walk-ins are welcome!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Due on Sun, Nov 16 — The Loop & Sienna

Pick up a shoebox at The Loop (Missions Office) or the Sienna Campus, fill the box with gifts for a boy or a girl, include a \$7 donation to Operation Christmas Child, return the box by Sun, Nov 16 — then pray for the child who will receive your shoebox!

**New Format — Greater Impact!**

Our format is changing, but the Houston's First family is still asked to provide new, unwrapped gifts so families we serve can "shop" for gifts this Christmas!

Collection Day is Sun, Nov 23.

Details and gift ideas at HoustonsFirst.org/TheChristmasStore

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

MISSION 1:8

Nov 9, 2014

**THE FAITH CENTER****Ministry From The Heart****INSIDE**

See where another **\$15,000,000** will go through **MISSION 1:8!**

MISSION 1:8**WE'RE NOT DONE YET!**

In early 2013, Pastor Gregg asked the Houston's First family to imagine what we could do as a church if we grew in the spiritual discipline of giving. At the time, the church projected contributions over the following two years to be \$45,000,000. But, how much more could our missional impact be as a church if we each took a step up on the generosity ladder? We listened, prayed, and sought God's will as the MISSION 1:8 initiative got underway.

This \$60,000,000 covers our operating expenses of \$45,000,000 for 2 years (Mar 2013-Feb 2015) and provides us with \$15,000,000 to multiply our missional impact in our city, our nation, and our world, and among the poor, widows, orphans, and prisoners.

But, we're not done yet!

Now, thanks to the generous giving of the Houston's First family, we surpassed the original 2-year goal for MISSION 1:8 — \$60,000,000 — at the end of September. That's five months ahead of schedule!

As we all fulfill our generosity commitments between now and Feb 2015, Houston's First has the opportunity to multiply our missional impact even further. With pledges and expected gifts to MISSION 1:8 totaling more than \$75,000,000, here's how our church will use **the next \$15,000,000** to bless others and expand God's kingdom.

Poor, Widows, Orphans, & Prisoners**\$1,500,000**

Over \$1,500,000 already given to ministries serving the poor, widows, orphans, and prisoners
An **additional \$1,500,000** will go to these local, national, and international ministries:

OUR CITY

- C.H.A.R.M. Prison Ministry
- CLAY Student Leadership *
- Cornerstone Family Ministries *
- Free Indeed Ministries *
- Hope for Youth *
- Houston Habitat for Humanity
- Houston Pregnancy Center
- LifeHouse of Houston *
- Mission Centers of Houston *
- Montrose Street Reach *
- Open Door Mission *
- Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary — Darrington Unit *
- Star of Hope
- The Forge for Families *
- The Source for Women
- The WorkFaith Connection
- Youth Reach *

OUR WORLD

- As Our Own (India)
- AsoCriGui — Association of Christian Orphanages of Guatemala (Guatemala) *
- Back2Back Ministries (Mexico) *
- Empowered to Connect (various countries) *
- Every Village (South Sudan) *
- His Voice Global (South Sudan) *
- Northrise University (Zambia) *
- Romanian Christian Enterprises
- Village of Hope (Guatemala) *

* FIRST-TIME RECIPIENTS OF CONTRIBUTIONS FROM MISSION 1:8 FUNDS

MINISTRY FROM THE HEART

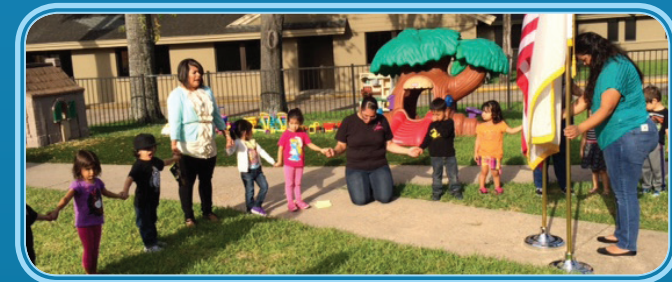
In the early 1950s, the Houston's First at our location in the heart of the city in Downtown helped establish a church in the sparsely populated suburb of Spring Branch — Long Point Baptist Church.

Fast forward more than 50 years to Hurricane Ike in September 2008. The storm did extensive damage to our church's Mission Training Center at Long Point and Silber — the home of our food pantry, clothes closet, benevolence ministry, several churches, and other ministries. Without a building, where would they go?

The answer was one mile down the street at Long Point Baptist Church. The members of that church voted in October 2008 to entrust their property to Houston's First. The facility was the ideal new home for the thriving ministries at the Mission Training Center. In 2009, the ministries relocated and changed their collective name from the Mission Training Center to the Faith Center.

"Today, the Faith Center is in constant flux as the Lord brings new opportunities to serve Him and fulfill the Great Commission," says Scotty Sanders, Director of the Faith Center. "We do not want to operate out of our memory. We seek the Lord every day inquiring what it is that He desires and then we listen and keep our eyes open."

Our church reached out from the heart of the city to build Long Point Baptist Church decades ago. Now, the Faith Center is the heart of our ministry to those in need as we expand its ministries in Spring Branch and to new locations in the Harwin and Timbergrove areas.



"We want to be the Body of Christ, joining with other ministries to make Jesus known."

Scotty Sanders
Director of the Faith Center

SPRING BRANCH MINISTRIES AT THE FAITH CENTER - SPRING BRANCH

BENEVOLENCE

Mon-Thu @ 7:30-11:30a
Assists families going through hardship with rent and utilities

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COMPUTER MINISTRY

Provides computer-related resources and support to individuals, Christ-centered missions and non-profit organizations

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CONCRETE CHRISTIANS

Thu @ 6:30-9p
Provides a meal and a Bible study for area homeless people

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CORNERSTONE FAMILY MINISTRY

Wed @ 6:45-8:15pm
Bible classes for PreK-12, mentoring/discipleship, relationship building, recreation and crafts

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EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Partnership with Nabor House Community to provide free care for children ages 2 months to 5 years

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ESL

(English as a Second Language)
Tue & Thu @ 9:30-11:30a & 7-9p
Language and computer literacy courses for over 400 registered students

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FIRST HOPE JOB MINISTRY

Provides job-seeking strategies, practical resume tips, networking opportunities, and biblical encouragement (by appointment only)

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OAK FOREST KIDS' CLUB

Mon-Thu @ 2:45-4:30p — Tutoring
Sat @ 10a-12p — Games, crafts, Bible stories, snacks, and sports
Investing in the lives of kids at Oak Forest Apartments (1370 Afton #733, Houston, Texas 77055)

In addition to these ministries, the Faith Center is also a base for C.H.A.R.M. Prison Ministry and Pray The Word Ministries — both founded by Houston's First members!



FOOD PANTRY & CLOTHES CLOSET

Mon-Thu & Sat @ 10a-2p
One of the most utilized ministries of the Faith Center is located just down the street at 8244 Long Point Drive. Each month, the ministry provides food to an average of 665 families (2,008 individuals), and clothes and household items to an average of 525 families (1,305 individuals). Shoppers take home much-needed goods, and they also hear the Good News and see Christ's love lived out by our team of volunteers — people just like you!

CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSETS!

The Food Pantry and Clothes Closet rely on donated items to serve area residents. In addition to non-perishable food items, they also need clothing of all sizes, household items, toys, books — almost anything! Donations can be dropped off Mon-Thu and Sat from 10a-2p at 8244 Long Point. (Before donating furniture, please call 713.554.8801.)

GIVE LIFE AWAY AT THE FAITH CENTER!

Almost all Faith Center ministries have opportunities for individuals, families, and Life Bible Studies to serve! To volunteer, contact Claudia Reyes at Claudia.Reyes@HoustonsFirst.org or 713.554.8817.



CHURCHES AT THE FAITH CENTER

In addition to all of these ministries, four churches gather at the Spring Branch location

- Long Point Baptist Church (English)
- God's Dream Church (Korean)
- First Baptist Lao Mission Church (Laotian)
- Iglesia Bautista Casa de Dios (Spanish)

THANKS, TRADER JOE'S!

Every Monday through Friday at 8a, Food Pantry volunteers arrive at Trader Joe's on Voss to pick up 2,000 pounds of donated produce, meat, cheese, salads, prepared meals, and more — including fresh flowers! The food is taken to our Food Pantry and given out to families in need. Thanks, Trader Joe's!

TIMBERGROVE

Timbergrove Baptist Church graciously gifted their property and facilities to Houston's First in 2012. Located at 946 W. 17th Street about 5 miles from The Loop Campus, the 2.5 acres includes a church building with a sanctuary, chapel, gym, and classrooms, as well as a cottage and two-story bunkhouse. The property is already used by the two ministries below. As additional improvements are made and the site transitions into Faith Center - Timbergrove, it is expected to be used by Houston's First to expand our local impact, as a place for training church planters and mission interns, and as a resource for other churches and ministries.



THE GROVE FELLOWSHIP

Open to anyone, The Grove gathers on Sunday evenings at Timbergrove at 5:30p for an interactive time of "capacity building discipleship." The Grove seeks to guide Christian leaders in being more strategic in what they are doing, and they pursue evangelistic discipleship with their local neighbors. The Grove is lead by Russell Minick, our Missions Consultant at Houston's First.

KAREN BAPTIST CHURCH

The Karen people are among the Burmese refugees living in the greater Houston area. From babies to senior adults, approximately 200 Karen gather at Timbergrove on Sunday mornings for Sunday school at 9:30a and worship at 11a. Led by Pastor Meh, a refugee himself, these believers mostly live south of NRG Park on the 610 Loop and commute to Timbergrove each Sunday.

HARWIN

Since 2013, SunBlossom has been an active ministry site during Houston 1:8 — our churchwide mission trip to our city. Located off Harwin near the Westpark Tollway and the Sam Houston Parkway, the apartment complex is home to several refugee communities — including Burmese, Nepalese, and Bhutanese. Life Bible Study members from Houston's First have continued the ministry beyond Houston 1:8 week by hosting kids' clubs every other Saturday.

As an outgrowth of these relationships with the residents, the Faith Center has plans to rent space in the area to enable expanded and ongoing ministry. JP and Megan Johnson, the Houston 1:8 ministry site leaders for SunBlossom, are looking forward to the possibilities.

"Our prayer for the Faith Center - Harwin is to provide ELS classes, citizenship classes, after-school tutoring, kids' clubs, a clothes closet and food pantry, a counseling/crisis center, computer classes, and an art business class to empower women through microenterprise," says Megan, who also serves on the church's Missions Council. "In addition, we want to make the space available to other churches around

Houston who have ongoing outreach efforts in the area. We want to focus on the Kingdom, not just our church."

