

## GIVING LIFE AWAY

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

**Due on Mon, Nov 17 — 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 tomorrow, Mon, Nov 17 — then pray for the child who will receive your shoebox!

### 2015 MISSION TRIPS

Where is God calling you in 2015? If it's on a mission trip, explore the newly-released list of trips at [HoustonsFirst.org/Missions](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Missions). Complete an interest form and a Missions team member will follow-up about the next step!

## the Christmas store



**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](http://HoustonsFirst.org/TheChristmasStore)

## MIDLINK FALL 2014

### WED, NOV 19 — THE LOOP

The fall semester of MidLink comes to a close this Wednesday! Gather at The Loop for one last night of MidLink Cafe and activities for all ages. The spring semester kicks off with a Preview Night on Wed, Jan 21!

## 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](http://HoustonsFirst.org/WorldMissionOffering).



### 2015 DEVOTIONAL

Our churchwide devotional for 2015 is Daily Light. A bound leather edition is available in CornerBooks for \$15. Make Daily Light a part of each day in 2015!

### SHUTTLE PARKING

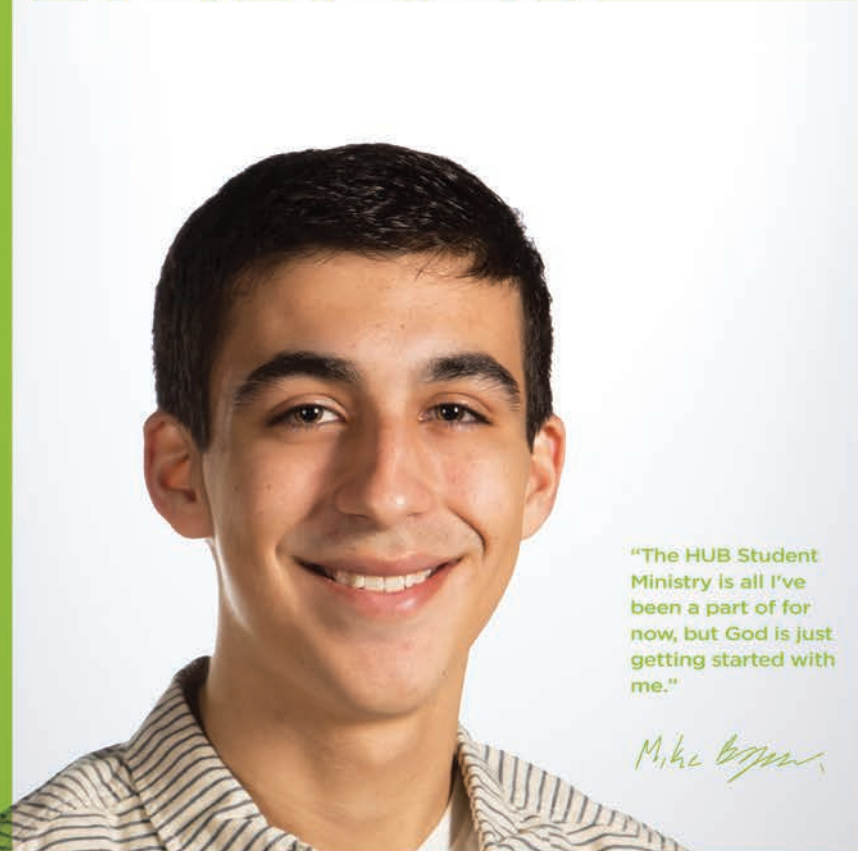
Attend The Loop on Sunday mornings? Use shuttle parking to make room for others! It's a simple way to expand the ministry of our church. Get details on the 5 garages at [HoustonsFirst.org/ShuttleParking](http://HoustonsFirst.org/ShuttleParking).



HOUSTON'S FIRST  
BAPTIST CHURCH

Weekly Guide  
Nov 16, 2014

# I AM A MEMBER



"The HUB Student Ministry is all I've been a part of for now, but God is just getting started with me."

*Mike Bagnasco*

**MIKEY BAGNASCO**  
MEMBER SINCE 2006

Read my story and discover how you, too, can become a member of Houston's First Baptist Church. [HoustonsFirst.org/Membership](http://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: "This MISSION1:8 stuff gets me fired up! @HoustonsFirst Let's DO MORE! #ChangeTheWorld" — @KentMatthews

## 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](http://HoustonsFirst.org/HighPoint) for updates on the progress and to find previous messages!

**CONTACT** Diane.Bagby@HoustonsFirst.org

## STUDENTS

### Christmaspalooza

**Sun, Dec 14 @ 11:30a-7p**

At this "not-so average Christmas party" students (Grades 6-12) from The Loop, Cypress, and Sienna will have a party throughout the city of Houston! Middle School students will do one thing while High School does another, then we'll meet up at the same location to hang, play games, relax, and celebrate as a Student Ministry. Register at [HoustonsFirst.org/Events](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Events).

**CONTACT** Tony.Bianco@HoustonsFirst.org

## YOUNG SINGLES

### Summit Snow Jam

**Apr 9-13, 2015 — Winter Park, CO**

Hit the slopes with Pastor Gregg and friends from Summit! Early bird cost of \$749 (thru Dec 31) includes airfare, lodging at Zephyr Lodge (ski-in, ski-out), lift tickets, and more. Details and registration at [HoustonsFirst.org/Events](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Events).

**CONTACT** Jody.Rogers@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](http://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](http://HoustonsFirst.org) to help you be intentional about the time you spend together.

**CONTACT** Melanie.Russell@HoustonsFirst.org

## SENIOR ADULTS

### Bus Trip to Hunt Retreat

**Mon, Nov 24 @ 9a-4p — Hunt Retreat**

It's time for our annual pecan pickin', barbeque eatin', all around good time at Hunt Retreat! Anybody 50+ can ride the bus from The Loop Campus at 9a, or you can meet us at Hunt Retreat at 10a. Cost is \$20 per person and includes lunch. RSVP to Tracie Bowman before it fills up!

**CONTACT** Tracie.Bowman@HoustonsFirst.org,  
713.957.7661

## DOWNTOWN

### Christmas Party

**Sun, Dec 6 @ 5:30p — The Mosaic**

Don't miss our 3rd annual Downtown Christmas Party with great food, live music, and more! (We've heard rumors that Santa might make an appearance, as well!) Bring a friend and your favorite Christmas dessert to this festive gathering at The Mosaic (5925 Alameda Road).

**CONTACT** Tiffany.Butterfras@HoustonsFirst.org

## DOWNTOWN CAMPUS TEMPORARY HOME

While 1010 Lamar undergoes repairs from recent flooding, the Downtown Campus is meeting at the Hyatt Regency on Sundays! Get details at [HoustonsFirst.org/Downtown](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Downtown).

## 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

## SIENNA

### Thanksgiving Celebration

**Sun, Nov 23 @ 4p — Sienna Campus**

Next Sunday, we'll each bring a dish for a potluck dinner, play games, and share some testimonies, too. It's the perfect way to begin Thanksgiving week!

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## WOMEN

### Celebrate Hope

**Thu, Nov 20 @ 9:30-11:30a — Sienna Campus**

Help the Sienna Campus "Deck the Halls" for Christmas! Learn how to tie a professional bow from a local interior designer, and make wreaths to donate to Star of Hope. Bring your own ribbon and a friend! Childcare is provided. RSVP at [HoustonsFirst.org/Sienna](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Sienna).

**CONTACT** cherryhsears@gmail.com

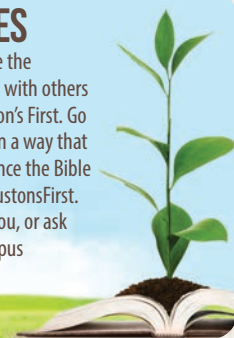
## MAKE IT YOUR CHURCH!

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](mailto: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](http://HoustonsFirst.org) to find one that's right for you, or ask the Welcome Team at your campus for assistance.



## CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS AT HOUSTON'S FIRST!

SUNDAYS AT THE LOOP CAMPUS  
IDENTICAL WORSHIP SERVICES EACH SUNDAY AT 9:15a, 11a & 5p

DEC 7



Worship led by  
**Natalie Grant**  
Five-time GMA Dove Award winner  
for Female Vocalist of the Year

DEC 14



Worship led by  
**The Choir & Orchestra at  
Houston's First Baptist Church**

DEC 21



Worship led by  
**Preschool, Children's,  
Student, and Adult Choirs**

Pastor Gregg's messages and local worship leaders available each Sunday at our other campuses: Cypress @ 11a | Downtown @ 11a | Sienna @ 9:30a & 11a

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.