



HOUSTON'S FIRST
BAPTIST CHURCH

Weekly Guide
Nov 30, 2014

GIVING LIFE AWAY

FIRST PANTRY

The Food Pantry & Clothes Closet serve over 1,000 people each month. At The Loop Campus next Sun, Dec 7, 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.

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. Complete an interest form and a Missions team member will follow-up about the next step!

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!

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.

READING OF EPHESIANS

Add a recorded reading of Paul's letter to the Ephesians to your playlist! Produced by Houston's First, the recording features different voices from our church family and is available for free at HoustonsFirst.org/Ephesians and on iTunes, and on CD in CornerBooks for \$3.

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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!

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.

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS AT HOUSTON'S FIRST!



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

DEC 7 "FROM HEAVEN" BY PASTOR GREGG MATTE



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

DEC 14 "...TO THE HAY..." BY PASTOR GREGG MATTE



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

DEC 21 "...IN THE HEART" BY PASTOR GREGG MATTE



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

Pastor Gregg's messages and local worship leaders
available each Sunday at our multisite campuses

Cypress @ 11a | Downtown @ 11a | Sienna @ 9:30a & 11a

Christmas Eve CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

THE LOOP CAMPUS
4P & 6P

CYPRESS CAMPUS
AT HISTORIC TIN HALL
4P & 6P

SIENNA CAMPUS
4P & 6P

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

Celebration

Our musical presentation of
the Spirit, the Songs, and the Story of Christmas
returns next year on December 10-13, 2015!

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 and to find previous messages!

CONTACT Diane.Bagby@HoustonsFirst.org

Tour of the Holy Land — Info Meeting

Sun, Dec 7 @ 2p — Connection Ctr (The Loop)

Come learn about a tour of the Holy Land taking place next Apr 20-30, 2015. The trip includes stops in Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Galilee, and more. An optional excursion to the Greek islands (Apr 30-May 5) includes a stop at Ephesus. Tour leaders are Wanda Jean Hickey, William & Nancy Taylor, and Glen & Melinda Ginter.

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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.

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YOUNG SINGLES

Summit New Year's Eve Party

Wed, Dec 31 @ 9p-1a — Ideson Library Building

What does the next year hold in store? Spend an enjoyable evening on the case, bringing in this mysterious new year with dancing, karaoke, and much more! If you don't have New Year's Plans, you might have just solved them! Early Bird tickets just \$39 through Dec 14 at HoustonsFirst.org/Events.

CONTACT Joshua.Bagby@HoustonsFirst.org

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.

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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.

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THE LOOP

SINGLE PARENT FAMILIES

Merry & Bright

Sun, Dec 14 @ 12:15p — Oasis Room

Bring in the Christmas season as a family by celebrating our Savior! Find out why the angels said there is "good news of great joy that will be for all people." (Luke 2:10) Enjoy lunch, laughter, and a gift for each family. Merry & Bright is for all single parent families — and it's free! RSVP at HoustonsFirst.org/Events.

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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. Visit HoustonsFirst.org/Events for details.

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CYPRESS

Christmas Eve at Tin Hall

Wed, Dec 24 @ 4p & 6p — Tin Hall

The Cypress Campus returns to historic Tin Hall on Christmas Eve as we prepare our hearts for Christmas morning. Plan to invite neighbors and friends to either of the two identical candlelight services!

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DOWNTOWN

Christmas Party

Sun, Dec 7 @ 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).

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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.

SIENNA STUDENTS

Second Mile Mission Project

Thu, Dec 18 @ 4:30-9p

Students in Grades 6-12 will give life away by interacting with families at the Second Mile Mission Center during their Christmas Toy Store. We'll meet at the Sienna Campus at 4:30p and drive to Second Mile together, returning at 9p.

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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.



POINSETTIAS

Donate a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one and help us decorate our campuses this Christmas! Visit HoustonsFirst.org/Christmas to donate online, or pick up an envelope in CornerBooks at your campus to pay by cash or check. Poinsettia donations are \$12 each.



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.