



DOWNTOWN IS ON THE MOVE!

The Downtown Campus is in a season of great flexibility while their regular Sunday home at 1010 Lamar is undergoing repairs. Starting Sun, Dec 28, they will gather each Sunday morning at the Four Seasons Hotel (1300 Lamar) until further notice. Pray that God will use this time to reach new people along the way! Visit HoustonsFirst.org/Downtown for details and updates.

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.

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, get your grocery shopping done, 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.

GIVING LIFE AWAY

GIVING LIFE AWAY EXPO

Jan 11-23, 2015

Houston's First's heart for missions is presented in a compelling way at this annual Expo showcasing the many ways we're involved with spreading the Gospel. The Expo will have a presence at each of our campuses in 2015.

NIGHT OF PRAYER

Tue, Jan 13 @ 7-9p — The Loop (Chapel)

Gather with the Houston's First family to pray for our missionaries, mission partners, upcoming mission trips — and for God to raise up people to share the Gospel here at home and on the mission field.

SPRING MISSION TRIPS

Ready to go on the mission field? Complete the interest form at HoustonsFirst.org/Missions to learn more about these and other 2015 opportunities:

- Mar 7-17 — Costa Rica - Cypress Campus
- Mar 14-21 — Costa Rica
- Mar 14-21 — Guatemala (orphan care)
- Mar 14-21 — Canada
- April 1-5 — New York City
- April (TBD) — Canada
- Apr 23-May 3 — East Asia (unreached people group)
- Apr 23-May 3 — East Asia (major city)



HOUSTON'S FIRST
BAPTIST CHURCH
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Weekly Guide
Dec 21, 2014

HOUSTON'S FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
invites you and yours to

Christmas Eve

CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

WED, DEC 24

THE LOOP @ 4P & 6P

CYPRESS AT HISTORIC TIN HALL @ 4P & 6P

SIENNA @ 4P & 6P

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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: "Love being at @HoustonsFirst today. Especially love that they have the Seahawks game on a big screen for me right now. #lovelanguage" — @NatalieGrant

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

HUB STUDENTS

AsWeGo 2015

Jan 9-10

Short for "AS Christians WE help people GO to Heaven," AsWeGo is a weekend filled with missions, worship, fun times, and great relationship building. We'll spend Friday night at The Loop, then serve others throughout Houston on Saturday as we learn about missional issues around the world. Register at HoustonsFirst.org/Events!

CONTACT Susan.Newman@HoustonsFirst.org

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! Tickets \$44 thru Dec 30 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.

CONTACT Jody.Rogers@HoustonsFirst.org

MEN

Men: Serve

Sat, Jan 17 @ 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 Jan 9 at HoustonsFirst.org/Events.

CONTACT Emily.Brown@HoustonsFirst.org

THE LOOP

Milestones & MidLink Preview Night

Wed, Jan 21 @ 6:30-8p

Come for chili at MidLink Cafe (4:45-6:30p) followed by worship led by Elevate Student Worship and a presentation by Andrew Lazo, an expert on the life and writings of C.S. Lewis. After that, discover opportunities for growth and discipleship through Milestones during an Open House. Preschool, Children, and Student programming starts that night, too!

CONTACT Courtney.Schisler@HoustonsFirst.org

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!

CONTACT Dana.Haddad@HoustonsFirst.org

DOWNTOWN

Welcome Team & Service Logistics Team

Give your life away as a volunteer while the Downtown Campus gathers in temporary spaces! To serve on the Welcome Team, contact Joanna Poor (jpoor2@comcast.net). To serve on the Service Logistics Team, contact Bobbie Chun (bas_chun@hotmail.com).

Marathon Sunday!

Sun, Jan 18

At 8a at 1010 Lamar, come cheer on the marathon runners and show hospitality to fellow spectators through conversation and hot cocoa and coffee! Then, gather at 5p for a worship service at the Four Seasons Hotel! Want to help with this special day? Contact Tiffany!

CONTACT Tiffany.Butterfras@HoustonsFirst.org

SIENNA

NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

Popcorn and Pajamas Family Movie Night

Fri, Jan 9 @ 6:30p — Sienna Worship Center

Everything is awesome when families with preschoolers and children come together to watch The LEGO Movie! Make yourself at home by wearing your pajamas. We'll provide light refreshments.

CONTACT Katie.Walker@HoustonsFirst.org

Dad's Day at the Rockets Game

Mon, Jan 19 @ 4:30p — Toyota Center

Dads — bring your kids to cheer on the Houston Rockets as they take on the Pacers! The game starts at 4:30p. Tickets are available in the Worship Center foyer at the Sienna Campus for \$15 each. Dads and kids from other campuses are welcome, too! Contact Jordan for tickets.

CONTACT Jordan.Floro@HoustonsFirst.org

LIFE BIBLE STUDIES

Life Bible Studies are the primary method for connecting with others and growing together at Houston's First. Visit HoustonsFirst.org to find one that's right for you, or ask the Welcome Team at your campus for assistance.



SOFA SPRING REGISTRATION

Registration now for the spring semester at SoFA! Private instruction is available on piano, voice, guitar, and all orchestral instruments. The semester begins Jan 5, 2015. Visit HoustonsFirst.org/SoFA for details and to register!


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!



YEAR-END GIVING

As 2014 draws to a close, prayerfully consider how God may lead you to give to Houston's First Baptist Church. To qualify as a 2014 contribution for IRS purposes, gifts must be received in person by 4:30p on Wed, Dec 31, be made online at HoustonsFirst.org by midnight on Wed, Dec 31, or be mailed with a postmark of Dec 31 or earlier. Contact Sara Johnson at 713.957.5806 or Sara.Johnson@HoustonsFirst.org for additional information.

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.