

REDEMPTION: HOLY WEEK ART SHOW Mar 22-Apr 12 — The Loop

Sponsored by IMAGO, this collection of works by amateur and professional artists focuses on redemption. Meet The Artists receptions will take place on Sat, Mar 28 and Wed, Apr 8.

BROKEN FOR YOU

Thu, Apr 2 @ 7p — The Loop

All campuses will gather at The Loop as we remember Christ's sacrifice on the cross as He was broken for us. Mark Lanier is our guest speaker and we will observe the Lord's Supper.

EASTER SUNDAY Sun, Apr 5 —

All Campuses Celebrate Christ's resurrection with your campus family! Each campus has an additional worship service, so invite others to come and hear the Good News that He is Risen! • The Loop — 8a, 9:30a, 11a, 5p

- Cypress 9:30a, 11a
- Downtown 9:30a, 11a
- Sienna 8a, 9:30a, 11a



SPRING 2015

Wednesday evenings — The Loop

There's more to Houston's First than Sundays! Gather at The Loop on Wednesday evenings for MidLink featuring MidLink Cafe, Milestones classes, worship rehearsals, NextGen programs. and more. Visit HoustonsFirst.org/MidLink

THERE'S MORE TO CHURCH THAN SUNDAY MORNINGS

The Loop has a worship service at 5p and Life Bible Studies at 6:30p. The message is the same as the morning service — with room to park on campus! So, go on a weekend getaway, get your grocery shopping done, or just sleep in — then go to church on Sunday night!



SHUTTLE PARKING

Do you 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 five garages at HoustonsFirst.org/ShuttleParking.

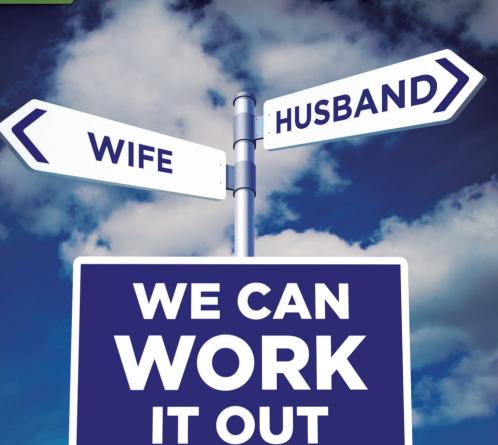
MAKE IT YOUR CHURCH

Houston's First encourages believers in Jesus Christ to commit to a local body of fellow Christians. If interested in making us your church, come forward at the end of a worship service, visit the Connection Center at your campus, contact Malcolm Marshall at Malcolm.Marshall@HoustonsFirst.org or 713.335.6453 or talk with any member of your campus team.



HOUSTON'S FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH PASTOR GREGG MATTE

Weekly Guide Mar 15, 2015



Navigating the roles and responsibilities of marriage is difficult. In Pastor Gregg's next series, he uses God's Word as a road map for keeping husbands and wives on course.

Mar 22 & 29 // Ephesians 5:22-32

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 300 Life Bible Studies 9:30a

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Sienna Campus 4309 Sienna Pkwy Missouri City, TX 77459 Worship 9:30a & 11a Life Bible Studies 9:30a & 11a 🚫 🧐 🕤 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.

S TWEET OF THE WEEK: "God speaks if we'd only listen. Today He spoke loudly to me through @GreggMatte @HoustonsFirst. #LiveIntentionally make the most of our time" — Betsy Assad, @BBetsy

ALL CAMPUSES HighPoint Bible Study

Wednesdays @ 11:30a

On Mar 18 and 25, HighPoint will meet at the Wells Fargo Plaza auditorium (1000 Louisiana) with Dr. David Self speaking. Food service is not available, so bring your own lunch! Teaching starts at 12:10p. Visit HoustonsFirst.org/ HighPoint for updates and to find previous messages. CONTACT Diane.Bagby@HoustonsFirst.org

NEWS + UPDATES

The Minalina of Souls

Fri, Apr 17 @ 7p — The Loop (Worship Center) At this live event, author and pastor Matt Chandler will explore God's design for love, marriage, sex, and redemption. The event is for single and married adults. regardless of age or stage of life. \$20 per person thru Mar 26. Register at HoustonsFirst.org/Events. CONTACT Kristin.Hawkinson@HoustonsFirst.org

NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

Spring Weekend of Choir (SWOC) Apr 23-25 — The Loop

At this power-packed musical weekend, children in Grades 1-5 will prepare for and present an entire musical! Along the way, there will also be exciting times of Bible study, Bible Ouizzing, crazy games, and more, SWOC happens Thu and Fri evening @ 6-8:30p and Sat @ 9a-2p. The musical is presented on Sat @ 6p! **CONTACT** Joy.Harris@HoustonsFirst.org

Camp Intersect Jun 15-19 — Trinity Pines Conf Center

Two camps, one location! This amazing camp opportunity full of worship and teaching, outdoor activities, and crazy fun is for children, students, and their friends who are entering Grades 4-7 this fall. Sign up now at HoustonsFirst. org/Events. (Early Bird rate ends Apr 30!) CONTACT Kristin.Hawkinson@HoustonsFirst.org

SENIOR ADULTS

Senior Adult Revival

Mar 16-18 @ 10:30-11:45a — The Loop (Chapel) Senior Adults (60+) will gather to hear the Word preached by Dr. Jimmy Draper, former president of LifeWay, with worship led by our own John Bolin and the Revival Choir.

CONTACT Tracie.Bowman@HoustonsFirst.org

THF I OOP Night of Worship

Wed, Mar 18 @ 6:30-8p — Worship Center

The California Baptist University Choir and Orchestra returns to Houston's First to lead a night of worship. Featuring over 150 students, this premiere performance group is known for their musical excellence and engaging style. Admission is free! **CONTACT Dora.Pop@HoustonsFirst.org**

iPhonography

Sat, Mar 21 @ 11a-12p — Rehearsal Hall Presented by our School of Fine Arts, iPhonography will teach how to take better pictures with your smartphone. The one-hour class (11a-12p) is free to attend. For additional learning, an optional lunch and an extended session with Jack and Jackson is available from 12-2p for \$20 per person. RSVP for both options at HoustonsFirst.org/Events. **CONTACT Eric.Belvin@HoustonsFirst.org**

Milestones: Session 2 Begins Wed, Mar 25 @ 6:30-8p

Milestones classes during MidLink on Wednesday nights start up after a two-week Spring Break. While some continue from Session 1, new classes are available during Session 2, including:

- 33 the Series: A Man and His Work
- Dealing with Entitlements and a Lack of Respect (Apr 29 only)
- Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts Through PLACE Growing Up Social
- IMAGO: Introduction to Theological Aesthetics
- Local Orphan Care & You (Mar 25 only)
- Student Perspectives: Setting Boundaries (Apr 29 only)
- Understanding The Bible

Visit HoustonsFirst.org/Milestones for details and the full Midl ink schedule.

CONTACT Courtney.Schisler@HoustonsFirst.org

SINGLE PARENT FAMILIES

Hippity Hoppin' Easter Party Sat, Mar 28 @ 10a-1p — East Parking Lot

Single parents are invited to celebrate Easter in a special way with their children — for free! Egg hunts, baby chicks and ducklings, inflatables and carnival games are all part of the fun, with Skeeter's burgers provided for lunch. Hop on over and RSVP at HoustonsFirst.org/Events! CONTACT Amber.Willet@HoustonsFirst.org

CYPRESS

The Steps of Paul & the Beginning of the Church Sep 7-14, 2015 — Italy

Join Jason and Paige Swiggart, along with Wanda Jean Hickey, for a tour of Italy where you will walk in the steps of Paul and travel from the Bay of Naples on to Rome. Learn more at an interest meeting on Sun, Mar 22 @ 2-4p at The Loop Campus (Connection Center) and visit HoustonsFirst.org/Events. The trip is open to the entire Houston's First family!

CONTACT Jason.Swiggart@HoustonsFirst.org

WOMEN

The Word with Friends Begins Tue, Mar 24 @ 9:30-11:30a — Cypress **Ministry Center**

Nancy Taylor, author of Taking the Word to Heart, will focus on three specific words in this Bible study for women: Courage, Faithful and New. Childcare is provided. **CONTACT Andi.Farrell@HoustonsFirst.org**

NNWNTNWN **Prayer & Praise Night**

Fri, Mar 20 @ 7:30-9p — The Grove Fellowship The Downtown Campus family is gathering for an evening of worship through music and prayer. The evening takes place at The Grove Fellowship (946 W. 17th St, 77008) and childcare will be provided for ages 4 and under. **CONTACT** Peter.Lee@HoustonsFirst.org

Greater Expectations Sun, Mar 22 & 29 @ 1-2:30p

Vine St. Studios — 1113 Vine St., Ste 117 Dodge burnout and set yourself up for success! In this world, it's easy to feel like your life is small, that you aren't doing enough, that other lives, careers, and even cities are more exciting than yours. The challenge today is, with unlimited public pressure on how your life measures up against everyone else's, how do you find contentment? Taught by Lee Hsia. Register at HoustonsFirst.org/ Downtown.

CONTACT Peter.Lee@HoustonsFirst.org

SIENNA

Closet/Cupboard Clean

Sat, Mar 28 @ 9a-1p — 4309 Sienna Parkway Look through your closets and cupboards for clothes and non-perishable foods! The Second Mile truck will be in the Sienna Campus parking lot to receive your donations. Invite your neighbors to participate, too! CONTACT Kelli.Boylan@HoustonsFirst.org

2nd Annual Helicopter Easter Egg Drop Sat, Apr 4 @ 9a — 4309 Sienna Parkway

One helicopter. Lots of eggs. Endless fun! Preschoolers through 5th graders will have a blast as eggs drop from the sky over the Sienna Campus lawn. Registration starts at 9a, along with food trucks and carnival games. The egg drop will take place at 10a. Invite your neighbors to this free event!

CONTACT Kelli.Boylan@HoustonsFirst.org

SPANISH

Pre-Launch Services

Sun, Mar 22 & Mar 29 @ 5p — The Loop (Oasis Rm) Our Spanish Campus officially launches on Sun, Apr 12! You're invited to these pre-launch worship services at the same time and place where the campus will gather each week. Learn more about this new campus at HoustonsFirst.org/Espanol.

CONTACT Cynthia.Carranza@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.



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.