

HOLY WEEK 2015

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REDEMPTION

2015 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.*

REMEMBERING CHRIST'S SACRIFICE

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.



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 (Hyatt Regency- 1200 Louisiana St)
- Sienna — 8a, 9:30a, 11a

EASTER
SUNDAY



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

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
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Weekly Guide
Mar 22, 2015



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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

1300 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

Spanish Campus

Launches Sun, Apr 12
7401 Katy Freeway
Houston, TX 77024
Worship 5p
Life Bible Studies 6:30p

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ALL CAMPUSES

Italy Tour Information Meeting

Today @ 2-4p — The Loop (Connection Center)

Join Jason and Paige Swiggart, along with Wanda Jean Hickey, this Sep 7-14 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 this interest meeting and visit HoustonsFirst.org/Events.

CONTACT Jason.Swiggart@HoustonsFirst.org

HighPoint Bible Study

Wednesdays @ 11:30a

On Mar 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.

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Widows and Widowers Spring Luncheon

Sat, Apr 11 @ 11:30a — The Loop (Fellowship Ctr)

The Deacon Care Committee and Pastoral Care Ministries host this gathering honoring the widows and widowers of our church family. If you would like to attend, call Pastoral Care at 713.957.6760 to RSVP.

CONTACT Peggy.Jones@HoustonsFirst.org

The Mingling 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

Three Strands Marriage Retreat

May 29-31 — Jordan Ranch, Schulenburg, TX

Facilitated by Sienna Campus Pastor Jeff Rees and his wife Martha, the Three Strands Marriage Retreat is designed to equip you with insights and tools. You'll leave with a better understanding of yourself and your spouse, and increase the joy and intimacy of your marriage. The retreat is open to members and non-members of Houston's First. Register at HoustonsFirst.org/Events.

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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 Quizzing, crazy games, and more. SWOC happens Thu and Fri evening @ 6-8:30p and Sat @ 9a-2p. The musical is presented on Sat @ 6p!

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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 Derek.Nease@HoustonsFirst.org

THE LOOP

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 MidLink schedule.

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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!

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NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

HUB Spring Retreat

Apr 10-12 — Lake Tomahawk

Middle School and High School students from the Cypress and Sienna Campuses are coming together for their first retreat! This is a great opportunity to take a break from life as you know it and be encouraged through worship, teaching, and lots of fun. Register at HoustonsFirst.org/Events.

CONTACT Kaylyn.Sinclair@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.

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DOWNTOWN

Sharing Jesus in the Sharing Economy

Mon, Mar 23 @ 7-9p — Vine Street Studios

The emerging sharing economy is revolutionizing our culture in the way we conduct business, share resources, care for the environment, and make friends. Teacher Lee Hsia will show how to maximize apps like Uber, Airbnb, and others to steward resources, meet new friends, and share the Gospel. Bring your web-connected device to class at Vine Street Studios, 1113 Vine St., Ste 117.

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The Story of God Through Chinese Writing

Mon, Apr 6 @ 7-9p — Vine Street Studios

Man and woman, the garden, the institution of marriage, the temptation and fall, death, Noah's flood, the tower of Babel, and the sacrifice of Jesus are all found in the tiny drawings and strokes that make up Chinese characters. Teacher Lee Hsia will help you appreciate the biblical origins of the Chinese language and share the Gospel with Chinese friends. Class meets at Vine Street Studios, 1113 Vine St., Ste 117.

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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!

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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. Visit HoustonsFirst.org/Sienna for details about parking and more. Invite your neighbors to this free event!

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SPANISH

Pre-Launch Services

Today & Sun, 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 and complete an interest survey at HoustonsFirst.org/Espanol.

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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.

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.