# NFW AT VBS

Two new options this year during Vacation Bible School at The Loop Campus:

#### Unknown to Us, Known to Him Jun 29-Jul 2 @ 9:30-11:15a — Garden Room

Taught by Alisa Redweik, this Bible study for women focuses on following God's will and trusting His plan for your life. RSVP at HoustonsFirst.org/Events.

#### **Family Night** Wed, Jul 1 @ 6-7:30p

Kids and their families will gather in the Worship Center for a special program followed by an Open House to visit classrooms and more. Dinner available for \$5 in the Fellowship Center from 4:45-5:50p.

## SUMMER SPEAKERS

While Pastor Gregg is on sabbatical, the Sunday message will be given by Campus Pastors, staff members, and the following guest speakers. Visit HoustonsFirst.org for the schedule at your campus.

Jul 5	Nabeel Qureshi
	Author of Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus

**Jul 12 Doug Bischoff** Houston's First NextGen Minister

**Jul 19 Pastor Gregg returns** 



## SOFA CAMPS

The School of Fine Arts at The Loop Campus offers a variety of options this summer. Visit HoustonsFirst.org/SoFA for details.

- Summer Private Lessons Jun 1-Aug 7
- Drum Camps Jul 6-10 @ 10-11:30a
- Musical Theater Camps Aladdin (Jul 13-17), Beauty and the Beast (Aug 3-7) @ 10-11:30a
- Drama Camps Jun 29-Jul 2 @ 1:30-4:30p
- Beginning Dance Camp Jul 13-15 @ 7-8p & 8-9p



#### HOUSTON 1:8

Be a missionary to our city! Houston 1:8 takes place in the evenings during the week of July 6 at locations around Houston, Visit HoustonsFirst.org/Houston18 to discover what your campus is doing this summer to share the love and truth of Jesus with our neighbors. While there, sign up to join this churchwide mission trip! CONTACT Jonathan.Huegel@HoustonsFirst.org

### EAST ASIA MISSION TRIP INTEREST MEETING Today @ 12:30p - The Loop (Rm 264)

Come learn more about this mission trip and how you can help reach an unreached people group in East Asia. CONTACT Ameer.Omar@HoustonsFirst.org

For more information on Giving Life Away, contact Charlotte.Nease@HoustonsFirst.org

## SUMMER NIGHTS AT HOUSTON'S FIRST

Visit HoustonsFirst.org/Summer for details about these weeknight gatherings and other summer opportunities!

#### MONDAYS

Jun 8-Jul 13 HUB Nights (6th-12th Grades) — The Loop

#### WEDNESDAYS

Jun 3-Jul 1 HUB SURGE Nights (6th-12th Grades) — Cypress Jun 3-Jul 29 Single Parent Families Bible Studies — The Loop Jun 10-Aug 12 HUB Charged Nights (6th-12th Grades) — Sienna

#### THURSDAYS

Jun 4-Aug 5 MetroLIVE (20s/30s) — The Loop

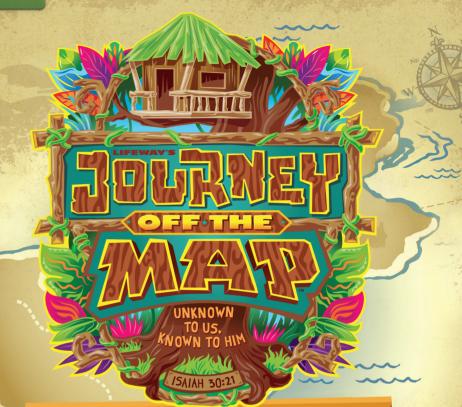
# ENTER HIS GATES PRESENTS: AN EVENING WITH

FRI. JUL 24 @ 7P — THE LOOP CAMPUS TICKETS AVAILABLE AT TICKETSERVANT.COM



#### HOUSTON'S FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH PASTOR GREGG MATTE

Weekly Guide Jun 28, 2015



JUN 29-JUL 2 @ 9A-12:30P THE LOOP CAMPUS

## FOR KIDS ENTERING K-6TH GRADE (PLUS KIDS BORN SEP-DEC 2010)

Pray for kids from around Houston gathering at The Loop for VBS this week. They'll take a journey off the map into uncharted territory as they follow God's lead and discover His truth! Register your child for the journey at HoustonsFirst.org/Events.

## **NEW IN 2015**

SEE BACK FOR MORE ABOUT THESE OPPORTUNITIES: Bible Study for Moms – Mon-Thu @ 9:30-11:15a

Family Night – Wed, Jul 1 @ 6-7:30p

## SUNDAYS AT HOUSTON'S FIRST

The Loop Campus Cypress Campus 7401 Katy Fwy Houston, TX 77024 Worship 9:15a • 11a • 5p Life Bible Studies 8a • 9:15a • 10:45a • 6:30p

Smith Middle School 10300 Warner Smith Blvd Cypress, TX 77433 Worship 11a Life Bible Studies 9:30a

**Downtown Campus** Four Seasons Houston 1300 Lamar St Houston, TX 77010 Worship 11a Life Bible Studies 9:30a

#### Spanish Campus **Sienna Campus** 4309 Sienna Pkwy 7401 Katy Freeway Houston, TX 77024 Missouri City, TX 77459 Worship 9:30a & 11a Worship 5p Life Bible Studies 9:30a & 11a Life Bible Studies

NEWS + UPDATES States of the Week: "@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.

## ALL CAMPUSES HighPoint Bible Study

Wednesdays @ 11:30a

This weekly downtown Bible study will not meet on Wed, Jul 1, but watch for updates on the next gathering in the Weekly Guide or at HoustonsFirst.org/HighPoint. **CONTACT Diane.Bagby@HoustonsFirst.org** 

#### Deacon & Minister Ordination Sun, Jul 19 @ 8a — The Loop (Chapel)

Pastor Gregg Matte and Houston's First invite our church family to observe and celebrate the ordination of three new deacons and two ministers of the Gospel. We will also recognize two previously ordained deacons. For details, visit HoustonsFirst.org/Events.

#### **Biblical Principles of Estate Planning**

Sun, Jul 26 @ 12:15-2:30p — The Loop (Fellowship Ctr) Over lunch, learn about the biblical and practical aspects related to having a will, life insurance, and legal documents. Incapacitation and health information with an emphasis on families with minor children are major topics covered. The event is free and childcare is available for babies through fifth grade. Registration is required at HoustonsFirst.org/Events.

CONTACT Sara.Johnson@HoustonsFirst.org

#### Stephen Ministry Training Class Applications due Sun, Aug 16

Stephen Ministry training equips members through 50 hours of classes to come alongside individuals who are experiencing loneliness, relationship difficulties, loss, divorce, grief or spiritual crises in their lives. To become a Stephen Minister, apply at HoustonsFirst.org/PastoralCare. Classes begin in the fall on Wednesday nights. **CONTACT Denise.Munton@HoustonsFirst.org** 

## NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

Rush Week Rally Wed, Jul 15 @ 6:30-8:30p The Loop (Fitness & Rec Center)

Parents, students and leaders of Rush Week are invited to the Rush Week Rally! Students will meet their leaders and hear about the ministry/church they will be working with. Parents will hear information about what to bring and be encouraged with a special prayer time. Come ready to get pumped and prepared for the biggest Rush Week ever!

CONTACT Susan.Newman@HoustonsFirst.org

#### Family Mission Trip Fri, Jul 24 @ 8a-4p

Great things happen when families serve together, putting their attention on the needs of others and using their gifts along the way. On this one-day mission trip, kids in 1st-5th grades and their families will work together helping a local church in Houston. The cost is \$30 per family member, with a maximum cost of \$120 per family. Register at HoustonsFirst.org/Events. **CONTACT Derek.Nease@HoustonsFirst.org** 

#### SINGLES/COLLEGE/MARRIED MetroLIVE

Thursdays @ 7:13p — The Loop (Worship Center) People in their 20s/30s from across Houston will gather on Thursday nights this summer for Bible teaching and worship. This week, teaching is by Adam Tarnow. Visit MetroLIVE.org for more about what's ahead this summer! CONTACT Joshua.Bagby@HoustonsFirst.org

#### **MARRIED YOUNG ADULTS**

ReCreate Date Night

Fri, Aug 14 @ 6-10p — The Loop Plan ahead to enjoy a night out with your spouse! We'll provide "date kits" for download from HoustonsFirst.org designed to help you be intentional about the time you spend together. Registration for childcare at The Loop (birth through Kindergarten) opens on Tue, Jul 14, at HoustonsFirst.org/Events. Space is limited!

#### CONTACT Melanie.Russell@HoustonsFirst.org

#### THE LOOP NEXTGEN MINISTRIES Summer Rush 2015

Now thru Aug 3

Students entering 6th-12th grades this fall — come beat the heat and hang out with The HUB this summer for Amp and Wired Unplugged, HUB Nights, Schlitterbahn, Rush Week, and so much more! Find a full list of details and campus information at HoustonsFirst.org/SummerRush or on The HUB Students app.

CONTACT Susan.Newman@HoustonsFirst.org

#### WOMEN

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CONTACT Haylee.Nelson@HoustonsFirst.org

#### The Beauty of Perseverance Tue, Aug 11 @ 7-8:30p — Fellowship Ctr

Sometimes the Christian life feels like a fight and sometimes it feels like a race loaded with obstacles. Gather with us for a night with Kelly Matte as we fix our eyes on Jesus and learn from His perseverance. This event is free and includes light refreshments. RSVP and register for childcare (for a fee) at HoustonsFirst.org/Events. **CONTACT Haylee.Nelson@HoustonsFirst.org** 

## **CYPRESS** Back Vard Kids

**Back Yard Kids Club** 

Throughout the entire month of July, families can partner with our Kids Ministry to be a light throughout Cypress! Back Yard Kids Club is a way to share Jesus through VBS-type curriculum in your own back yard. There is still room to sign up! To be a part of this opportunity, contact Erin Ruddle, Director of Preschool & Children's Ministries. **CONTACT Erin.Ruddle@HoustonsFirst.org** 

# DOWNTOWN

#### If God is Good: Faith in the Midst of Suffering & Evil Every Mon, Jul 20-Sep 14 @ 6:30-8p Vine Street Studios

Every one of us will experience suffering in our lives. Why would an all-good and all-powerful God create a world full of evil and suffering? In this eight-session study, author Randy Alcorn challenges the logic of disbelief and brings a fresh, realistic, and thoroughly biblical insight to the issues raised by these important questions. Register at HoustonsFirst.org/Downtown. (Vine Street Studios are located at 1113 Vine Street, Ste. 117, 77002). **CONTACT Lee.Hsia@HoustonsFirst.org** 

## **SIENNA** WOMEN

**Women's Summer Nights** 

Tuesdays, Jul 21, Aug 18 6:30-9p — Worship Center Ladies are invited to four summer evenings of Bible study at the Sienna Campus. We'll gather together to worship God and create community through authentic relationships. Childcare is not available. Register at HoustonsFirst.org/Sienna.

CONTACT Amy.Rowzee@me.com

# **SPANISH**

## International Feast Potluck

Sun, Jul 5 @ 6:30p — The Loop (Fellowship Ctr) Gather with the Spanish Campus for a time of prayer to give thanks to God for living in this country, for the different needs of our countries of origin, and for the nations where Christians are persecuted. Afterward, we will share foods that represent the various nationalities of our church family. Bring your family and a friend. No RSVP is required.

CONTACT Karina.Bazaldua@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.

#### 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.