



LEGACY 685 ANNUAL POOL PARTY

Sat, Aug 1 @ 5-8p — 149 Quail Creek Ct.

Adoptive and Foster families are gathering for our annual pool party! It will be a great night for families to connect, laugh and enjoy friendship. RSVP to Legacy685@HoustonsFirst.org

FIRST PANTRY

Sun, Aug 2

The Food Pantry & Clothes Closet serve over 1,000 people each month. At The Loop Campus next Sunday, please bring nonperishable food items, gently used clothing (clip hangers - no wire hangers please), 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.

PEOPLE GROUP DISCOVERY & ENGAGEMENT WORKSHOP

Fri, Sep 25 @ 5:30-8:30p - Sat, Sep 26 @ 9a-7p
The Loop (Garden Room)

A workshop in partnership between the International Mission Board, the North American Mission Board, the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention and Houston's First Baptist Church. Participants will have the opportunity to learn about the diverse people groups in Houston, how to engage them, and will have the opportunity to go on a people group excursion encounter and learn to engage. Space is limited. \$20 registration is required at HoustonsFirst.org/Events.

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

WHAT'S YOUR STORY

Do you have a story about God working in your life? We want to hear it. More importantly, others need to hear it. Your story may provide the encouragement someone is seeking. Visit HoustonsFirst.org/MyStory to share what God has done.



Celebration

Celebration returns this December 9-13 at The Loop Campus! This musical Christmas presentation will be seen by more than 20,000 people. There are roles to play before and during the show, on stage and behind the scenes. Visit TheFirstChristmas.org to discover how you can be a part of this Christmas ministry to our city.



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.

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.



HOUSTON'S FIRST
BAPTIST CHURCH
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Weekly Guide
Jul 26, 2015

Oasis Conference for Single Moms

• Sat, Aug 22 •

HAGAR NEEDED AN OASIS IN THE WILDERNESS —
AND SO DO SINGLE MOMS!

INVITE SINGLE MOMS YOU KNOW TO A DAY OF
TEACHING, WORSHIP, AND PAMPERING.



SEE INSIDE FOR DETAILS OR VISIT HOUSTONSFIRST.ORG/EVENTS.

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

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

Sienna Campus

4309 Sienna Pkwy
Missouri City, TX 77459
Worship 9:30a & 11a
Life Bible Studies 9:30a & 11a

Spanish Campus

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



ALL CAMPUSES

HighPoint Bible Study Wednesdays @ 11:30a

This weekly downtown Bible study returns Wed, Jul 29, in the Wells Fargo Plaza auditorium (1000 Louisiana) with Dr. David Self speaking. Bring your lunch and be ready for the lesson at 12:10p. Visit HoustonsFirst.org/HighPoint to learn more.

CONTACT Diane.Bagby@HoustonsFirst.org

Biblical Principles of Estate Planning

Today @ 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 walk-ins are welcome.

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CanHope

Mon, Aug 10 @ 6:45p — The Loop (Rm 143)

CanHope ministers to families touched by cancer and those who love and care about them. We will share a meal together; an entree is provided, so please bring a salad, vegetable or dessert. Come enjoy this time of testimony, prayer and fellowship! RSVP to 713.957.6764.

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SINGLES/COLLEGE/MARRIED

MetroLIVE

Thursdays @ 7:13p — The Loop (Worship Center)
People in their 20s/30s gather on Thursday nights this summer for Bible teaching and worship. This week, teaching is by Adam Tarnow with worship led by Caleb Lovely. Visit MetroLIVE.org for more info!

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SINGLE PARENT FAMILIES

Oasis Conference for Single Moms

Sat, Aug 22 @ 8a-3p — The Loop

Hagar needed an oasis in the wilderness and so do single moms! Oasis will feature keynote speaker Pam Kanaly of Arise Ministries, worship led by Lisa Pierre, break-out sessions, pampering, and car care, too. Childcare available for all ages. Conference is \$20. Register at HoustonsFirst.org/Events.

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MARRIED YOUNG ADULTS

Re|Create 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. Register for childcare at The Loop (birth through Kindergarten) at HoustonsFirst.org/Events. Space is limited!

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WOMEN

The Beauty of Perseverance

Tue, Aug 11 @ 7-8:30p — The Loop (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

Living Proof Live Simulcast

Sat, Sep 12 @ 9:15a-4:15p — The Loop (Worship Ctr)

Gather with women of all ages for a live simulcast of Beth Moore teaching on *Audacious* — her new book that dives into the message that has compelled her to serve women around the globe. While glancing over her ministry, Beth identified a missing link in her vision for women. What was missing? Let's just say it's audacious and it's for all of us — and it's the path to the life you were born to live. Register for \$5 at HoustonsFirst.org/Events.

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THE LOOP

NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

HUB Schlitterbahn Day Trip

Mon, Aug 3 @ 7a-8p — Galveston

Join The HUB Student Ministry to finish out the summer in the sun at Schlitterbahn Galveston! We'll spend the day with 6th-12th grade students from all campuses — ride the lazy river, cruise down slides, play sand volleyball, and so much more! Pack a lunch (or bring money) and we'll provide your ticket and dinner. Go to HoustonsFirst.org/SummerRush or The HUB Students app for more information and a list of what to bring.

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Parenting Your Powerful Child

Sun, Aug 30 @ 9:15a, 10:45a and 6:30p

The Loop (Fitness & Rec Ctr)

Parents of children 18 and under — during your regular Life Bible Study hour, come hear Dr. Kevin Leman speak about "Parenting Your Powerful Child." Author of *Have a New Kid by Friday*, Dr. Leman is an internationally known Christian psychologist, award-winning New York Times bestselling author and has appeared on shows such as Good Morning America and the TODAY Show. No cost or registration required!

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MEN

Generation-to-Generation Training

Sat, Aug 22 @ 8a-12p — The Loop (Rm 143)

Generation-to-Generation mentoring encourages men to walk alongside other men and assist in their spiritual growth. Learn the fundamentals of mentoring, including listening skills, scriptural guidance, and biblical friendship. This training time is required for all men seeking to be a mentor and a mentee at Houston's First. Register at HoustonsFirst.org/Men.

CONTACT Jim.Jones@HoustonsFirst.org

CYPRESS

NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

Bible 101

Wed, Aug 12 @ 6-8p — Cypress Ministry Center

Helping families of all stages, this interactive class for children ages Kindergarten-5th grade and their parents will help them grow and discover spiritual truths together. Dinner and childcare (birth through preschool) is provided for attending families. RSVP to Cindy Wineman.

CONTACT Cindy.Wineman@HoustonsFirst.org

Back to School Bash

Sat, Aug 22 @ 4-7p — Coles Crossing Park

Get together with the Cypress NextGen staff for an evening of fun with bounce houses, water games and more! Bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share and we'll provide the BBQ. Open to all families with children ages birth through 12th grade!

CONTACT Patrick.Simpson@HoustonsFirst.org

DOWNTOWN

The Downtown Campus will continue to gather at The Four Seasons Hotel (1300 Lamar Street) through the month of August due to ongoing construction at our regular space at 1010 Lamar. Life Bible Studies meet at 9:30a and the worship service is at 11a. Childcare is offered for ages 4 and under.

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).

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SIENNA

WOMEN

Women's Summer Nights

Tue, Aug 18 @ 6:30-9p — Worship Center

Ladies are invited to this final summer evening 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.

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SPANISH

Worship & Life Bible Studies

Sundays @ 5p & 6:30p

We are excited to see what the Lord is doing at the Spanish Campus! We invite you to come worship with us in Spanish in the Oasis Room and hear Pastor Gregg's message in English or Spanish! After the service, join us in a Life Bible Study — Seguridad en Cristo and Creciendo en la Vida Cristiana.

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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.