



PEOPLE GROUP DISCOVERY & ENGAGEMENT WORKSHOP

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

Learn about the diverse people groups in Houston and how to engage them, then take the opportunity to go on a people group excursion around the city. Space is limited. \$20 registration is required at HoustonsFirst.org/Events.

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FRIENDSHIP MINISTRY

ISFM is a non live-in friendship ministry open to all Christian families and single adults. After being matched with a student, friendship hosts are asked to be in contact with their student at least once a month and invite them into their homes. Friendship hosts are asked to complete a short application form and attend a one-time orientation class.

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



WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT THE LOOP

Gather at The Loop on Wednesday evenings for MidLink — an evening of food and activities for all ages! Visit HoustonsFirst.org/MidLink for more, and to learn about MidLink at the Cypress and Sienna Campuses, too.

CHURCHWIDE

MidLink Cafe @ 4:45-6:15p — Fellowship Ctr
The Link (Adult Bible Study) @ 6:30-8p — Fellowship Ctr
Profundizando el Discipulado - Deepening Discipleship (Adult Spanish Bible Study) @ 7-8:15p — Rm 145
Milestones classes @ various times and locations

WORSHIP/MUSIC

Singers @ 7-8:30p — Rm 337
Worship Choir @ 7-8:30p — Rehearsal Hall
Worship Orchestra @ 7-8:30p — Worship Ctr

FITNESS

Boot Camp @ 6-6:45p — Rm 270
Barre Basics @ 6-6:45p — Rm 274
Core & Stretch @ 6:45-7p — Rm 270

PRESCHOOL

Thru the Roof - Special Needs @ 5:45-8:30p — Rm 329
Wee Worship (Babies-1s) @ 6-7p — Preschool Suite
W.O.W. (Worship Our Way) (2s & 3s) @ 6-7p — Rm 201 (Heartland)
High 5 Kids' Choir (4 yrs-K) @ 6-7p — Rm 303 (Clubhouse)
Mission Friends (Birth-K) @ 7-8p — Preschool Suite

CHILDREN

Thru the Roof - Special Needs @ 5:45-8:30p — Rm 329
High 5 Kids' Choir (1st-5th Grade) @ 6-7p — Rm 301 (Loft)
Breakout (1st-3rd Grade) @ 7-8:30p — Fitness & Rec Ctr
Friction (4th-5th Grade) @ 7-8:30p — Rm 332

STUDENTS

Wired (Middle School) @ 6:30-8p — Rm 364
AMP (High School) @ 6:30-8p — Rm 363

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.



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OCT 23-24 — TRINITY PINES

Keynote Speaker Ben Stuart • Worship led by Ryan Langford

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UNSTOPPABLE GOSPEL

MISSIONS CONFERENCE

Nov 13-14 — The Loop

At this first-of-its-kind event at Houston's First, discover how you can be part of spreading the unstoppable Gospel at home and around the world. Learn from keynote speakers, explore topics in breakout sessions, and find out where our mission trips are headed in 2016. Register at HoustonsFirst.org/Unstoppable.

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 9:30a & 11a
Life Bible Studies 9:30a & 11a

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

D I F F E R E N C E M A K E R S



ALL CAMPUSES

Deacons' Meetings & Church Conference Today @ 2:30-5p — The Loop

Deacon Administrative meeting is at 2:30p in Rm 501/502. All Deacons will meet at 3:30p in Rm 504/505, followed by the monthly Church Conference at 4:30p in Rm 504/505. Anyone may attend the Church Conference, but only church members may vote.

HighPoint Bible Study Wednesdays @ 11:30a

This weekly downtown Bible study will not meet on Sep 2 or Sep 9, but will return on Sep 16 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

Celebrate Recovery

Every Thursday @ 6-9p — The Loop (Oasis Rm)
People from every walk of life gather on Thursday nights for Celebrate Recovery, a ministry based on biblical principles to help people struggling with life issues. Celebrate Recovery provides a safe, confidential place to break out of life's hurts, habits, and hang ups in to God's grace. No RSVP is needed — just show up!
CONTACT Huston.McComb@HoustonsFirst.org

WOMEN

Living Proof Live Simulcast Sat, Sep 12 @ 9:15a-4:15p

The Loop and Sienna Campuses
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 The Loop or Sienna Campuses at HoustonsFirst.org/Events.
CONTACT Haylee.Nelson@HoustonsFirst.org

MEN

Warrior's Heart

Every Thursday, Sep 10-Dec 10 @ 6:30-7:30a The Loop (Garden Rm)

Starting this fall, in a new series called Great Men of Faith, we'll look at men who show themselves to have faith in all types of situations. Gather with other men each week to hear from various teachers throughout the semester. Breakfast is available for \$5. Registration at HoustonsFirst.org/Men is encouraged, but not required.
CONTACT Emily.Brown@HoustonsFirst.org

Man Up! Men's Retreat

Oct 23-24 — Trinity Pines Conf Center

Wherever you are in your journey, the God of the universe is excited to help you take the next step. Gather with men from every campus for an action-packed time of adventure, inspiration, and connection with keynote speaker Ben Stuart, worship leader Ryan Langford, and numerous breakout leaders. Details and registration at HoustonsFirst.org/Men.
CONTACT Emily.Brown@HoustonsFirst.org

THE LOOP

Life Bible Study Leadership Luncheon

Sun, Sep 13 @ 11:30a-1:45p

The Loop (Fitness & Rec Ctr)

Leaders with any role in a Life Bible Study are invited to this kick-off of the new semester! We'll hear and see ways that God is using Life Bible Studies to impact lives of members, leaders, and those in the community through our classes. People interested in leading are encouraged to come, too. RSVP at HoustonsFirst.org/Events, and register for childcare if needed (Birth-5th grade).
CONTACT Judy.Cox@HoustonsFirst.org

Make It Your Church Orientation

Sun, Sep 20 @ 12:30-1:45p

The Loop (Fellowship Ctr)

Discover what it means to be a member of Houston's First! You'll meet staff members, hear about our mission, vision, and ministries, and learn how you can make Houston's First your church. RSVP and learn more about membership at HoustonsFirst.org/Membership.
CONTACT Malcolm.Marshall@HoustonsFirst.org

NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

Parenting Your Powerful Child

Today @ 9:15a, 10:45a & 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!

CONTACT Courtney.Schisler@HoustonsFirst.org

Middle School Retreat

Fri, Oct 2 @ 6p-Sun, Oct 4 @ 4p

Lake Tomahawk, Livingston

Ready to get away? Leave school, homework, and distractions behind and spend a weekend with The HUB! Meet new people, connect with others, experience great worship, play crazy games — and enjoy a few surprises! Don't let anything keep you from Middle School Retreat! (Tony will be sad if you're not there.) Register for \$90 by Wed, Sep 30, at HoustonsFirst.org/Events.
CONTACT Susan.Newman@HoustonsFirst.org

WOMEN

Called

Every Monday, Sep 14-Oct 19 @ 6:30-8p

The Loop (Fellowship Ctr)

To be called by God doesn't mean being sent to a remote village to do hard work. The call of God is "know Me," not "show Me." Gather with other women of all ages as Gari Meacham teaches a six-week study on how to better understand your calling. Learn more at HoustonsFirst.org/Women.
CONTACT Haylee.Nelson@HoustonsFirst.org

MEN

Men: Serve

Sat, Sep 19 @ 8a-1p — The Loop (Oasis Rm)

Men will gather at The Loop then head out in teams to serve the widows of our church family around the city. Yard work, home repairs, car maintenance, and other tasks — there is a place for you to serve! Register by Fri, Sep 11, at HoustonsFirst.org/Men.
CONTACT Emily.Brown@HoustonsFirst.org

CYPRESS

MidLink Resumes

Wed, Sep 2 @ 6-8p — Cypress Ministry Center

Looking to connect your kids midweek? BLAST and Mission Friends (Birth-5th grade), as well as Surge community groups (6th-12th grades) meet on Wednesday nights starting Sep 2. Visit HoustonsFirst.org/Cypress for more details.

CONTACT Dana.Haddad@HoustonsFirst.org

DOWNTOWN

New Location

The Downtown Campus will gather on Sundays at the Hyatt Regency (1200 Louisiana) beginning Sun, Sep 6. Visit HoustonsFirst.org/Downtown for directions.

PLACE Downtown

Every Wednesday, Sep 16-Oct 14 @ 7-8:30p

Vine Street Studios

This five-session class will help you discover how your personality, spiritual gifts, passions, and life experiences can work together to make an impact for His Kingdom. Register at HoustonsFirst.org/Downtown for a one-time fee of \$10. Vine Street Studios is located at 1113 Vine St., Suite 117.

CONTACT Peter.Lee@HoustonsFirst.org

SIENNA

Make It Your Church Orientation

Sun, Sep 20 — The Loft

Immediately after the 11a worship service, learn what it means to be a member of Houston's First at the Sienna Campus as you visit with staff and other new members over a free lunch. Childcare is provided for children ages 4 and under. Register at HoustonsFirst.org/Sienna.

CONTACT Jeff.Rees@HoustonsFirst.org

SPANISH

Family Night

Tue, Sep 15 @ 6:30-8:30p — The Loop (Harbor Rm)

The Spanish Campus is coming together for a night of food and fun! Bring your family and invite your friends for bowling, games, laughs, and much more. This is a great time to introduce others to your church family, so RSVP at HoustonsFirst.org/Espanol.

CONTACT Karina.Bazaldua@HoustonsFirst.org

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.