



## XEE

Every Sun, Oct 11-Nov 22 @ 3:30-5p  
The Loop (Rm 249)

XEE equips Jesus-followers to share the Gospel effectively in everyday encounters. You will learn and put into practice relevant, biblical, and relational evangelism skills for our postmodern times.

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# UNSTOPPABLE GOSPEL THE 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](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Unstoppable).

# Celebration

Tickets available Sat, Oct 17

Celebration returns this December 9-13 with eight presentations of this spectacular Christmas musical experience! The Ticket Sales Launch Event takes place at The Loop Campus on Sat, Oct 17, with in-person sales available from 8a-11a and online sales beginning at 1p. Visit [TheFirstChristmas.org](http://TheFirstChristmas.org) for ticket information and more about the return of Celebration!

## MIDLINK FALL 2015

### WEDNESDAY EVENINGS — THE LOOP

Gather at The Loop on Wednesday evenings for MidLink — an evening of food and activities for all ages! In addition to the following churchwide options, you can go to music rehearsals and fitness classes, and Preschoolers, Children, and Students can go to programs just for them. Visit [HoustonsFirst.org/MidLink](http://HoustonsFirst.org/MidLink) for more, and to learn about Wednesday night options at our other 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 @ 6:30-8p — various locations



When making plans for Sat, Oct 31, consider which of these is right for you and your family: FirstFest or Light The Night. FirstFest is a free event open to the public at The Loop Campus (4-8p). Light The Night is hosted by you at your home or in your neighborhood. Both are opportunities to connect people with our church and Jesus Christ. No matter which one you choose, we'll provide you with what you'll need to have a great night making an impact for Christ! Visit [HoustonsFirst.org/October31](http://HoustonsFirst.org/October31) for details.

### 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](http://HoustonsFirst.org/ShuttleParking).



HOUSTON'S FIRST  
BAPTIST CHURCH  
PASTOR GREGG MATTE

Weekly Guide  
Sep 27, 2015



**LESLIE IS A DIFFERENCEMAKER**  
at Willbern Elementary School!

We asked the Houston's First family to share pics in their Difference-maker T-shirts, so teacher Leslie Gaskin tweeted from her 5th grade classroom. Now, she's the winner of free tickets to Celebration this Dec 9-13!

KEEP SHARING YOUR PICS ON SOCIAL MEDIA WITH #DIFFMAKERS!

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

### 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

Beginning Sun, Oct 4  
1010 Lamar (Tunnel Level)  
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

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





## ALL CAMPUSES

### Deacons' Meetings & Church Conference Sun, Oct 4 — 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. Anyone may attend the Church Conference, but only church members may vote.

### HighPoint Bible Study

**Wednesdays @ 11:30a — 1010 Lamar (Tunnel Level)**

This weekly downtown Bible study is open to everybody! This week, Dr. David Self talks about generosity as a measure of maturity. Bring your lunch and be ready for the lesson at 12:10p. Visit [HoustonsFirst.org/HighPoint](http://HoustonsFirst.org/HighPoint) to learn more.

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### CanHope

**Mon, Oct 12 @ 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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### MEN

#### Warrior's Heart

**Every Thu thru Dec 10 @ 6:30-7:30a**

**The Loop (Fellowship Ctr)**

In our Great Men of Faith series, we're looking at men who show faith in all types of situations. Different men teach each week, with Pastor Gregg Matte leading a Q&A this Thursday. Breakfast is available for \$5. Registration at [HoustonsFirst.org/Men](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Men) is encouraged, but not required.

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### 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](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Men).

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## THE LOOP

### Voter Registration

**Every Sun thru Oct 4 — The Loop**

On Tue, Nov 3, area residents will vote in various local races (including Mayor of Houston) and on Houston's proposed Equal Rights Ordinance. Register to vote at tables in the Main Foyer and the Fitness & Rec Center lobby on Sundays before the Mon, Oct 5, deadline.

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### NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

#### 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 and learn more at [HoustonsFirst.org/Events](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Events).

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### YOUNG SINGLE ADULTS

#### Summit Flag Football

**Every Sat thru Oct 31 — Warrior Field**

It's football time again! Have fun with other young singles and get some exercise, too. The four weekend double-header schedule will conclude with a single-day playoff tournament on Oct 31. Register for \$40 for the season or \$15 per game at [HoustonsFirst.org/Events](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Events).

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### SINGLE PARENT FAMILIES

#### Birthday Bash

**Today @ 12:15-1:30p — The Loop (Oasis Rm)**

Single parent families are getting together to celebrate parents and children with September birthdays. We provide a complimentary lunch and gift cards to everyone who has a birthday this month! The party is free and no RSVP is required.

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### ADULT 60+

#### Bus Trip to the Flight Museum

**Fri, Oct 9 @ 9a-4p — Galveston**

"By air, land and sea - the strength to persist, the courage to endure and the power to defend." Come relive and learn about our history so you can teach the younger generation what was done in Texas and the nation when the "Greatest Generation" was forged. \$10 for museum plus lunch on your own. Register and learn more by calling 713.957.7661.

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### WOMEN

#### Called

**Every Mon thru 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](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Women).

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### You Are Not Alone

**Thu, Oct 15 @ 6-8:30p — The Loop (Fellowship Ctr)**

This night of support and encouragement for couples facing infertility is hosted by Waiting in Hope, the infertility ministry of Houston's First. We'll cover relevant topics, hear personal heartfelt stories filled with hope, and provide tools to leave you renewed during a difficult season. Learn more at [HoustonsFirst.org/Women](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Women).

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## CYPRESS

### NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

#### RE:Focus

**Sun, Oct 11 @ 3p-Mon, Oct 12 @ 3p**

Middle School and High School students — get away from life as you know it and RE:Focus on who God has called you to be and how you can walk out that calling. Guys will camp out at Pace Bend Park in Spicewood, TX, and girls will lodge in host homes in Cypress and enjoy hearing from author Chandra Peele. Discover more about what's in store for each and register at [HoustonsFirst.org/Cypress](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Cypress).

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## DOWNTOWN

### Share Your Faith Workshop

**Sat, Oct 3 @ 9a-2p — Vine Street Studios**

Taught by Downtown Campus Pastor Lee Hsia, the Share Your Faith Workshop from Evangelism Explosion (EE) introduces a Gospel presentation that's easy to learn and hard to forget, using the five fingers on your hand. Register at [HoustonsFirst.org/Downtown](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Downtown). Vine Street Studios is located at 1113 Vine St., Suite 117.

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## SIENNA

### Making Peace with Your Past

**Thursdays thru Dec 11 @ 6-7:30p**

**Sienna Campus (Rm 220-A)**

Participants of this 12-session curriculum therapy group will identify and understand problems from the past and be empowered to address the emotional, psychological and spiritual barriers that continue to impact their lives. Learn more at [HoustonsFirst.org/Sienna](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Sienna).

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### NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

#### Worst-Case Scenario Survival Weekend

**Fri, Oct 9 @ 5p-Sat, Oct 10 @ 8:30p**

**Pfaff Ranch (3539 Burke Rd, Flatonia, TX)**

How do you survive in a culture that is against you? The HUB Students (6th-12th grades) are invited to spend a weekend away from the every day to refocus your personal walk Jesus, learn new survival skills, and have a great time! Register and learn more at [HoustonsFirst.org/Sienna](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Sienna).

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## SPANISH

### Worship & Life Bible Studies

**Sundays @ 5p & 6:30p — The Loop (Oasis Room)**

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

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- Silence cell phones
- Remain seated once message begins
- Use restroom before worship service
- If you leave, re-entry may not be allowed

- Remain in the worship center
- Leave once we are dismissed
- Pray as people respond