



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Bring your shoebox packed for a girl or boy to the Missions Office at The Loop Campus by no later than Sun, Nov 15, and Samaritan's Purse will send it around the world as a means of sharing Christ this Christmas.

SHARE YOUR FAITH WORKSHOPS

Sat, Dec 5 @ 9a-2p — Vine Street Studios (Suite 177)

Through the one-day workshop, the hand becomes a simple memory tool you can use to share a Gospel presentation. This class provides the basics of sharing the Gospel as well as practical application. Registration required. Class is free.

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



Tickets Now Available!

Celebration returns on December 9-13 with eight presentations of this spectacular Christmas musical experience! Who will you invite to enjoy the music and hear the Gospel? Tickets are available at TheFirstChristmas.org, by phone at 1.866.200.9569, and at kiosks in the Main Foyer at The Loop Campus.

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.

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

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

UNSTOPPABLE GOSPEL

THE BOOK

Pastor Gregg Matte's newest book, *Unstoppable Gospel*, is dedicated to the Houston's First family and is available from CornerBooks and major retailers.

THE CONFERENCE

Nov 13-14 — The Loop

Discover how you can be part of spreading the Gospel at home and around the world. Learn from keynote speakers and breakout sessions, and find out where our mission trips are headed in 2016.

Breakout Topics Include:

Abortion	Prayer
Church Planting	Prison Ministry
Disciple-Making	Same-Gender Attraction
Family Missions	Special Needs
Homeless Ministry	Trafficking
Muslim Outreach	Vulnerable Children
Persecuted Church	and more

Register at HoustonsFirst.org/Unstoppable.

THE OFFERING

Also known as the World Mission Offering, this offering supports missionaries in our state, nation, and world. Give online, in envelopes provided, or via mobile device by texting your campus code to 77977 (HFBCLoop, HFBC Cypress, HFBCDowntown, HFBCSienna, HFBCSpanish).

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.



HOUSTON'S FIRST
BAPTIST CHURCH
PASTOR GREGG MATTE

Weekly Guide
Nov 8, 2015

UNSTOPPABLE GOSPEL

THE CONFERENCE

NOV 13-14 — THE LOOP CAMPUS

DISCOVER HOW TO BE A DIFFERENCEMAKER IN THE SPREADING OF THE GOSPEL AT HOME OR AROUND THE WORLD

MAIN SESSIONS



Russell Minick
Houston



Jon Tyson
NYC



Jackson Wu
Asia



Pastor Oscar Muriu
Africa



Steve Smith
All Nations

BREAKOUT TOPICS

See back cover for a diverse list of ministry areas

WORSHIP LEADERS

Nairobi Chapel Worship Team

REGISTRATION AND SCHEDULE AT HOUSTONSFIRST.ORG/UNSTOPPABLE

NEWS + UPDATES



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.



TWEET OF THE WEEK: "Lived here 1year + and talked to my neighbors for the first time tonight. Thanks @HFBCCypress for leading us to be #diffmakers #2015LTN" — Jeremy Blevins, @blevins06

ALL CAMPUSES

HighPoint Bible Study

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

This weekly downtown Bible study is open to everybody! This week, Dr. David Self will be teaching. Bring your lunch, or purchase one there for \$8. The lesson begins at 12:10p. Visit HoustonsFirst.org/HighPoint to learn more.

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Veterans Day Chapel Service

Wed, Nov 11 @ 8:15a — Worship Center

First Baptist Academy students invite all veterans to a special chapel service honoring them for their courage and sacrifice. The morning begins with breakfast at 8:15a (Rm 145) followed by the chapel service with special guest Colonel (Ret.) Tom Wilson. For more information or to RSVP, contact the Advancement Office at 713.290.2511 or Kelly.Condon@hfbba.org.

NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

As We Go

Fri, Nov 13 @ 5:30p-Sat, Nov 14 @ 7p — The Loop

As We Go is short for "AS Christians WE help people GO to Heaven." The HUB Student Ministry from all campuses will join Unstoppable Gospel: The Conference, training up students to reach this world for Christ. We'll do missions projects, games, worship and much more all weekend long! Register and learn more at HoustonsFirst.org/Events.

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COLLEGE/SINGLES/MARRIED

The Porch Live

Every Tue thru Nov 24 @ 7:13-9p

The Loop (Fellowship Ctr)

Houston's First is partnering with The Porch-Dallas to bring The Porch Live worship experience to Houston! People in their 20s and 30s gather on Tuesday nights for live worship, great teaching, and fellowship. Come see what The Porch Live is all about at HoustonsFirst.org/Events.

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YOUNG SINGLE ADULTS

"Under the Texas Sky" Hoedown

Sat, Nov 21 @ 6-11p — Oil Ranch

Experience a night of Southern hospitality and downhome charm featuring classic country music, square dancing and an all-around good ol' time under the Texas sky. There will be plenty to do, including hay rides, tasty buffet and much more. Register through Sat, Nov 14 for \$45. Saddle up soon at HoustonsFirst.org/Events!

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WOMEN

Women's Christmas Banquet Spectacular

Thu, Dec 3 @ 6-9p — The Loop (Fellowship Ctr)

Every other year, the Women's Ministry hosts a "Dine by Design" Christmas banquet. This year, kick-off the Christmas season with special banquet guest Melanie Shankle and music by Dora Pop. Women from all life stages, Bible studies, small groups, and campuses are invited to join together for a festive time of fun, fellowship, and laughter! Spanish translation will also be available during the banquet. Go to HoustonsFirst.org/Women to get your ticket and learn more about hosting a table!

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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 Doug Bischoff teaching on Jonathan Edwards this Thursday. Breakfast is available for \$5. Registration at HoustonsFirst.org/Men is encouraged, but not required.

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THE LOOP

SINGLE ADULTS

Impact Golf Tournament

Sat, Nov 21 @ 11a-4p — Bear Creek Golf Course

Hit the links with single adults from Impact Ministries! Create your own foursome or let us place you in one at this best ball tournament. Scratch golfer? First time on a golf course? This is the tournament for you! Prizes given for advanced and beginner golfers, and all proceeds benefit His Cherished Ones orphanage in Kenya. Register at HoustonsFirst.org/Events.

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ADULTS AGES 60+

Bus Trip to Hunt Retreat

Mon, Nov 23 @ 9a-3p — Hunt Retreat

Take a bus trip or drive yourself to Hunt Retreat for the day! Bring your camera, kazoo or fishing pole to enjoy a day away in the country. There will also be a pecan dessert contest, so bring your baked goodies! Cost is \$20 per person and lunch is provided. Register by calling 713.957.7661.

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MEN

Generation-to-Generation Training

Sat, Nov 21 @ 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. The training time is required for all men seeking to be a mentor and a mentee at Houston's First. Register at HoustonsFirst.org/Men.

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CYPRESS

Children's Christmas Party & Parents' Night Out

Fri, Dec 4 @ 6-10p — Cypress Ministry Center

Children (birth-5th grade) — come dressed in your favorite pajamas for a festive Christmas Jammie party! Enjoy various festivities, a special mission project, and breakfast for dinner! Parents — while your kiddos are having fun, go enjoy a night out on the town! Cost is \$5 per child. Register at HoustonsFirst.org/Cypress.

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DOWNTOWN

PRESCHOOL

Take a Break with Mommy

Tue, Nov 10 @ 10:30a-12:30p — Discovery Green

Interested in meeting with other young moms in the downtown area? First Friends offers play dates for mommies and their babies in a relaxing setting, and coming up next is fresh air and friendship during Toddler Time at Discovery Green! Let the kiddos play and meet other moms while taking a break to venture outside the normal routine.

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SIENNA

MEN

2nd Annual Tailgate

Mon, Nov 16 @ 6p — Worship Center

Men — huddle up to watch the Houston Texans take on the Cincinnati Bengals on the BIG Screen! Take a break and enjoy a night of football, games, and chili. Dads, bring your sons! The chili cook-off and games begin at 6p, judging begins at 7p, and the kick-off is at 7:30p. Register online at HoustonsFirst.org/Sienna.

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SPANISH

Worship & Life Bible Studies

Sundays @ 5p & 6:30p - Oasis Room

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

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MAKE IT YOUR CHURCH ORIENTATION






On Sun, Nov 15, discover what it means to be a member of Houston's First! You'll meet staff members from your campus, hear about our mission, vision, and ministries, and learn how you can make Houston's First your church. RSVP and learn more at HoustonsFirst.org/Membership.

The Loop — @ 12:30p — The Loop (Fellowship Ctr)

Downtown — @ 12:30p — 1010 Lamar

Sienna — @ 12:30p — NextGen Suite 220-D

Cypress and Spanish Campuses will host Make It Your Church Orientation in February 2016.

Need more information? Call 713.681.8000, visit HoustonsFirst.org, and follow us on     

**CREATING A
WORSHIPFUL
ENVIRONMENT.**

As a courtesy to others:

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

At the end of the worship service as people are invited to accept Christ or join the church:

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