

2016 MISSION TRIPS

Where is God calling you to share the Gospel?
Visit HoustonsFirst.org/Missions to complete an interest form and get the process started!

- California • Feb 24-28
- Costa Rica • Mar 12-19
- Guatemala • Mar 12-19
- NYC (Easter) • Mar 23-27
- East Asia (City) • April
- Brazil • May 11-16
- Cambodia • May 12-22
- Guatemala • May 25-29
- Russia • June
- East Asia (City) • June
- NYC (Summer) • Jun 1-5
- Germany • Jun 11-18
- Kenya • Jun 25-Jul 7
- Madrid, Spain • July
- Xátiva, Spain • Jul 1-11
- Middle East • Jul 2-12
- Guatemala • Jul 15-23
- Boston • Jul 24-31
- Montana • Aug 17-23
- East Asia (UPG) • Oct 8-19
- East Asia (City) • Oct 8-19

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 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, HFBC Downtown, HFBC Sienna, HFBC Spanish).



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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The final night of MidLink at The Loop this semester is Wed, Nov 18. Come for one last evening of connecting with your church family from Sunday to Sunday, beginning with MidLink Cafe @ 4:45-6:15p. The Spring semester will kick-off on Wed, Jan 20, 2016.



HOUSTON'S FIRST
BAPTIST CHURCH
PASTOR GREGG MATTE

Weekly Guide
Nov 15, 2015

WHERE ARE WE GOING?



OUR 2016 MISSION TRIPS WERE REVEALED AT UNSTOPPABLE GOSPEL: THE CONFERENCE THIS WEEKEND.

SEE THE BACK OF THIS WEEKLY GUIDE FOR THE LIST OF TRIPS AND HOW TO TAKE THE FIRST STEP!



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.

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



ALL CAMPUSES

HighPoint Bible Study

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

This weekly downtown Bible study is open to everybody! This week we will have a special Thanksgiving meal with Doug Bischoff 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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Passion 2016

Jan 2-4, 2016 — Toyota Center

Give life away as a Door Holder as we welcome thousands of 18-25 year olds to Houston to lift up the name of Jesus! Houston's First has a long relationship with Passion, and our church family is invited to serve throughout the gathering. Learn more and submit your Door Holder application 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. Saddle up soon at HoustonsFirst.org/Events!

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WOMEN

Women's Christmas Banquet Spectacular
Thu, Dec 3 @ 6-9p — The Loop

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 Bruce Fong teaching on Elijah this Thursday. Breakfast is available for \$5. Registration at HoustonsFirst.org/Men is encouraged, but not required.

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THE LOOP

NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

Christmaspalooza

Sun, Dec 6 @ 12:30p-4:30p — The Loop

Celebrate Christmas HUB-style with Christmaspalooza! Students (9th-12th grades) will get lunch after the 11a worship service and then have a blast with "big kid" inflatables, hot cocoa, fire pits, and more. Bring a friend to church that morning and stay for some play! You won't want to miss this fun-filled Christmas party or the return of the "Ugly Christmas Sweater T-Shirt"! Register at HoustonsFirst.org/Events.

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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

NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

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

NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

First Friends: Parents' Afternoon Out

Sat, Dec 19 @ 11a-1p — 1010 Lamar

The holidays are nearly here, and wouldn't an afternoon of uninterrupted shopping be grand? Drop off the kids, shop, run errands or have a coffee date with your spouse. Let First Friends care for your kiddos (birth through Kindergarten) for the afternoon, and lunch is provided! Register by Mon, Dec 14, at HoustonsFirst.org/Downtown.

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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

Thanksgiving Service & Potluck

Sunday, Nov 22 @ 5p — The Loop (Oasis Rm)

Gather with the Spanish Campus for a time of thanksgiving! Since there are no Life Bible Studies on this Sunday, come for a potluck following the 5p worship service. Please bring a side dish to share. For ideas on what to bring and to register go to HoustonsFirst.org/Spanish.

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MAKE IT YOUR CHURCH ORIENTATION

Today, 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. Walk-ins are welcome! Learn more at HoustonsFirst.org/Membership.

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

Downtown — @ 12:30p — 1010 Lamar

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

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 [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#) [Instagram](#) [YouTube](#) [LinkedIn](#)

**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