

Christmas Eve CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

Plan to gather with the Houston's First family for candlelight services on Christmas Eve. Visit HoustonsFirst.org/Christmas for details about the following options:

The Loop @ 2p, 4p, & 6p — 7401 Katy Fwy (Worship Ctr)

Cypress @ 4p & 6p — Tin Hall (14800 Tin Hall Rd)

Sienna @ 4p & 6p — 4309 Sienna Parkway

Spanish @ 2p, 4p, & 6p — gathering with The Loop

The Downtown Campus family and guests will come together to give life away serving at Star of Hope.

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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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Celebration

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.

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, 100% of this offering supports missionaries in our state (5% to Southern Baptists of Texas Convention), nation (10% to North American Mission Board), and world (85% to International Mission Board). Here's how you can give now through Jan 2016:

- **Mobile** — Text your campus code to 77977 to receive a link (HFBCLoop, HFBC Cypress, HFBCDowntown, HFBCSienna, HFBCSpanish)
- **Online** — Visit HoustonsFirst.org/Generosity
- **Envelope** — Use dedicated envelopes at each campus
- **Mail** — Send check to Houston's First Baptist Church, 7401 Katy Freeway, Houston, Texas 77024



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. Register for free class at HoustonsFirst.org/Events.

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POINSETTIAS

Help decorate our campuses this Christmas season by donating a poinsettia in memory or in honor of a loved one. Make your \$12 donation online at HoustonsFirst.org/Christmas or use a designated envelope available at CornerBooks and at each campus.



HOUSTON'S FIRST
BAPTIST CHURCH
PASTOR GREGG MATTE

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UNSTOPPABLE GOSPEL

THE OFFERING



The Gospel is going forward throughout our state, nation, and world thanks to missionaries and the churches who support them.

Let's continue to support the men, women, and families serving with the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, the North American Mission Board, and the International Mission Board.

See the back of this Weekly Guide to learn how you can be a difference maker for the Gospel through your financial generosity.

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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 taking a week off as we celebrate Thanksgiving with our families. We'll return on Wed, Dec 2, with Dr. David Self speaking. Visit HoustonsFirst.org/HighPoint to learn more.

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SoFA Spring Registration

The School of Fine Arts (SoFA) at The Loop Campus is open to church members and the public, offering excellent private instruction to all ages. The spring semester begins Jan 4 with classes in voice, piano, guitar, brass, woodwinds, strings, dance, photography, and graphic design. Visit HoustonsFirst.org/SoFA for details and to register.

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YOUNG SINGLES

Summit Snow Jam

Apr 6-10, 2016 — Winter Park, CO

Cool temps, fresh air, mountain scenery, and snow-covered peaks. These are just a few of the things Winter Park has to offer for Snow Jam 2016! Snow Jam is unlike any other ski trip and includes airfare, charter buses to and from the resort, ski-in/ski-out lodging, lift tickets, rentals, and most of your meals — not to mention, there will be a bunch of young single adults to meet and hit the slopes with! Learn about registration and pricing 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)

Warrior's Heart will take a break for Thanksgiving, but returns on Thu, Dec 3, to continue our *Great Men of Faith* series looking at men who show faith in all types of situations. Different men teach each week, with Malcolm Marshall teaching on Paul on Dec 3. 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 @ 12:30-4:30p — The Loop

Celebrate Christmas HUB-style with Christmaspalooza! Students (6th-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 PARENT FAMILIES

Birthday Bash

Today @ 12:45-1:30p — The Loop (Oasis Rm)

Single parent families are getting together to celebrate parents and children with November 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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ADULTS AGES 60+

Bus Trip to Hunt Retreat

Mon, Nov 23 @ 9a-3p — Hunt Retreat

Take a bus trip or drive yourself tomorrow 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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CYPRESS

Christmas at the Mansions

This Christmas the Cypress Campus is partnering with the Mansions at Hastings Green and Helping Hands of Cy-Fair. There are many ways that you can be involved, including: purchase gifts or donate monetarily for children at the Mansions, or through Helping Hands; attend the party on Thu, Dec 17, with our friends in the community; or be our prayer partners so we may spread the love of Jesus through these efforts. Bring donations to Smith Middle School on Sundays or the Cypress Ministry Center on Mon-Thu thru Dec 6. For additional information go to HoustonsFirst.org/Cypress.

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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 Jammies 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

Second Mile Toy Drive

Sun, Dec 13

The Sienna Campus is partnering with Second Mile Mission Center to provide gifts for children in Fort Bend County. Bring a new, unwrapped gift for children up to 12 years old on Sunday, Dec 13. Visit SecondMile.org for more information about the mission center.

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NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

Christmaspalooza

Sun, Dec 6 @ 12:30-4p

The HUB Sienna students (6th-12th grades) will celebrate Christmas with an afternoon around the town! Starting with a white elephant gift exchange during our Life Bible Study, then going to three mystery destinations immediately following the 11a worship service. Register online or through the HUB Sienna app for \$20 — If you bring a friend who has never attended a HUB Sienna event, they come free! Register at HoustonsFirst.org/Sienna.

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SPANISH

Thanksgiving Service & Potluck

Today @ 5p — The Loop (Oasis Rm)

Gather with the Spanish Campus for a time of thanksgiving! Since there are no Life Bible Studies today, come for a potluck following the 5p worship service. If you're at church and didn't bring a dish to share, no worries! We look forward to having you with us as we celebrate together.

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THANKSGIVING WEEKEND

On Sun, Nov 29, Life Bible Studies will not gather, but we will follow our regular worship service schedule at each campus.

2016 DEVOTIONAL



Pastor Gregg recommends the *Once-A-Day Walk with Jesus Devotional* for our church family to use in 2016. The 365 daily entries allow you to read through the New Testament in one year. Each day includes a Scripture portion, insight from a Christian writer of the past, and a personal application and worship portion. The devotional is available from CornerBooks for \$15.

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