

SPRING MISSION TRIPS

Interested in a 2016 mission trip? For trip details and to complete an interest form, visit online at HoustonsFirst.org/Missions. Spring trips include:

California (Bay Area): Feb 24-28 Costa Rica (Family Trip): Mar 12-19 NYC (Easter): Mar 23-27 NYC (IT Trip): April 8-13 Brazil: May 11-16 Cambodia: May 12-22 CONTACT Ameer.Omar@HoustonsFirst.org

PERSPECTIVES ON THE WORLD CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT Every Wednesday @ 6:30-9:30p The Loop (Reception Rm)

Perspectives helps believers from all walks of life see how they can be weaved into God's story of redeeming people to Himself. In this 15-week course your eves will be opened to the heart and purpose of God, and how you can take part in His work. CONTACT PeggyMeeks50@gmail.com

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

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.

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. DEVOTIONAL 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.

FBA PREVIEW NIGHT Mon, Jan 25 — The Loop

First Baptist Academy invites families to get an inside look into each grade level's curriculum, school athletics, fine arts, and more. Stop by stations for each area, visit individually with faculty and administrators, go on guided group tours of the school — and enjoy light bites, as well. RSVP at HFBA.org/Preview.

• Infant-PreK5 @ 5:30-7p — sign-in at Primary School • Kinder–8th Grade @ 6:30-8p — sign-in at Oasis Room CONTACT 713.290.2524 or Admissions@HFBA.org

OPEN CARRY LAWS

Effective Jan 1, 2016, the Open Carry law went into effect in Texas. However, Houston's First Baptist Church does not permit the open carry of handguns and other firearms on any of its campuses or properties. If you have questions, please contact Director of Security Nate Finn (Nate.Finn@HoustonsFirst.org).

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MIDNIGHT MADNESS

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FRI. JAN 29 @ 5:30P-MIDNIGHT THE LOOP CAMPUS

At Midnight Madness, Life Bible Study leaders from every campus and age group will learn how their classes can equip the Houston's First family to be differencemakers wherever they go. This annual gathering is also open to people interested in serving in our Life Bible Study ministry.

SUNDAYS AT HOUSTON'S FIRST

The Loop Campus Cypress Campus 7401 Katy Fwy Houston, TX 77024 Worship 9:15a • 11a • 5p Life Bible Studies 8a • 9:15a • 10:45a • 6:30p

Smith Middle School 10300 Warner Smith Blvd Cypress, TX 77433 Worship 9:30a & 11a Life Bible Studies 9:30a & 11a

Downtown CampusSienna Campus1010 Lamar (Tunnel Level)4309 Sienna Pkwy Houston, TX 77002 Worship 11a Life Bible Studies 9:30a

Spanish Campus 7401 Katy Freeway Missouri City, TX 77459 Houston, TX 77024 Worship 9:30a & 11a Worship 5p Life Bible Studies 9:30a & 11a Life Bible Studies 6:30p

REGISTER FOR FREE AT HOUSTONSFIRST.ORG/EVENTS

🚫 🧐 🕤 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. NEWS + UPDATES S TWEET OF THE WEEK: "Exciting to be listening to @GreggMatte on the radio in Houston. He was my pastor @HoustonsFirst with @leehsia." — Joy Spreadborough, @RosyJoyS

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. CONTACT Diane.Bagby@HoustonsFirst.org

Stephen Ministry Training Class Applications due Wed, Jan 20

Stephen Ministry training equips members through 50 hours of classes to come alongside individuals who are experiencing loneliness, relationship difficulties, loss, divorce, grief or spiritual crises in their lives. To become a Stephen Minister, apply at HoustonsFirst.org/PastoralCare. Classes begin Jan 20 on Wednesday evenings during MidLink at The Loop.

CONTACT Denise.Munton@HoustonsFirst.org

Midnight Madness

Fri, Jan 29 @ 5:30p-Midnight — The Loop

Current and prospective Life Bible Study leaders from each Houston's First campus will gather for this annual equipping event for great training, inspiring vision, fantastic giveaways, interactive fun — and food, of course! Learn how Life Bible Study is a critical part of the mission of Christ and come together as leaders from all age groups and leadership positions to focus on how to serve with excellence. Register at HoustonsFirst.org/Events. **CONTACT** Melanie.Russell@HoustonsFirst.org

NEXTGEN MINISTRIES Rush Week July 22-28

Wait no longer to make your plans for summer 2016 at Rush Week in Panama City Beach, FL! The Student Ministry from all campuses will be returning to serve the churches and people of PCB another year. Join other students (6th-12th grade) for this unique mission and camp experience. Registration begins THIS Wed, Jan 20! You don't want to miss this. Learn more and register at HoustonsFirst.org/RushWeek.

CONTACT Susan.Newman@HoustonsFirst.org

COLLEGE/SINGLES/MARRIED

The Porch Live Tuesdays starting Jan 26 @ 7:13-9p The Loop (Fellowship Center)

Houston's First is partnering with The Porch Dallas to bring The Porch Live worship experience to Houston for a new season beginning Jan 26. 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.

CONTACT Joshua.Bagby@HoustonsFirst.org

WOMFN

The Table Tuesdays, Feb 2-Mar 8 @ 6:30-8p — The Loop

Come, experience the presence of Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit as women from across Houston join together ready to embrace the hope and provision found in the Word. Teachers Kay Altic, Kelly Matte, and Star Smith will lead us as we 'dine' together and see how Jesus is MORE than enough! Invite others at HoustonsFirst.org/Events.

CONTACT Carolyn.ONeal@HoustonsFirst.org

MFN

Warrior's Heart

Thursdays @ 6:30-7:30a — The Loop (Garden Rm) This spring we will continue our Great Men of Faith series as we look at men who show faith in all types of situations. We will begin with a seven-week session led by Russell Minick. Breakfast is available for \$5. Registration at HoustonsFirst.org/Men is encouraged, but not required.

CONTACT Emily.Brown@HoustonsFirst.org

THE LOOP

Milestones & MidLink Preview Night

Wed, Jan 20 @ 6:30-8p — The Loop (Fellowship Center) Come for a soup and chili dinner at MidLink Cafe (4:45-6:15p) followed by worship led by Elevate Student Worship and a presentation by Dwight Edwards, pastor, speaker, and best-selling author. After that, discover opportunities for growth and discipleship through Milestones during an Open House. Preschool, Children, and Student programming starts that night, too! Milestones classes officially begin the following week. CONTACT Courtney.Schisler@HoustonsFirst.org

Fitness Expo Sun, Jan 24 @ 12:30-2p The Loop (Fitness & Rec Ctr)

Discover all that the Fitness & Recreation Center has to offer at Expo 2016: class demonstrations, health screenings, kids' programs, and much more. Whether you want to shed the holiday pounds or focus on year-round fitness, learn more about how the FRC has can help you at HoustonsFirst.org/Fitness. CONTACT Debbie.Brown@HoustonsFirst.org

WOMEN

IF: Gathering Fri, Feb 5 @ 6:30-10p & Sat, Feb 6 @ 8:30a-5p The Loop (Rm 253/254)

This two-day gathering will bring women together from around the world to wrestle with belief that God is real, the places in our lives where we are struggling with unbelief, how can we overcome unbelief and then what God can do with our belief. Dinner on Friday and breakfast/lunch on Saturday will be provided. Please bring \$20 and a sweet treat to share. Learn more and register at HoustonsFirst.org/Women. CONTACT Haylee.Nelson@HoustonsFirst.org

CYPRESS WOMEN

Women's Bible Studies Begin this week

Ladies, start 2016 off right with Women's Bible Studies returning this week, most offered on Tuesdays. There are opportunities available for all ages and stages of life and a range of days/times, with childcare provided at most studies. Find a study that's right for you at HoustonsFirst.org/Cypress. CONTACT Laura.Jordan@HoustonsFirst.org

DOWNTOWN

Time Management for Differencemakers Every Wed, Jan 20-Feb 10 @ 7-8:30p

Vine Street Studios (1113 Vine St., Ste 117) In this day and age, many of us struggle with balancing work and rest, often running out of time to do what is most important as differencemakers. During this four-session class, we will learn Bible-based principles and practical applications for calendar planning, time budgeting, important versus urgent tasks, and observing the Sabbath. Register at HoustonsFirst.org/Downtown. CONTACT Lee.Hsia@HoustonsFirst.org

SIENNA

Daddy-Daughter Sock Hop Fri, Feb 5 @ 6-8p — Sienna Worship Center

Calling all dads, grandpas, and uncles! Treat your little lady to a night of fun at the hop! You and your special girl will enjoy dinner and dessert — and then dance the night away. The Sock Hop is open to girls (and dads) of all ages, and '50s attire is encouraged! Register at HoustonsFirst.org/Sienna for \$8 per person; \$20 max family.

CONTACT Cara.Buis@HoustonsFirst.org

WOMEN

IF: Gathering Fri, Feb 5 @ 6:30-10p & Sat, Feb 6 @ 8:30a-5p The Loft

Ladies — join us for this two-day gathering as we wrestle with the guestion, "If God is real...then what?" Dinner on Friday evening and a light breakfast and lunch on Saturday will be provided. Learn more and register for \$25 at HoustonsFirst.org/Sienna. **CONTACT Amy.Rowzee@me.com**

SPANISH

Worship & Life Bible Studies Sundays @ 5p & 6:30p — Oasis Room

We invite you to come worship with us in Spanish and hear Pastor Gregg's message in Spanish or English! After the service, join our Life Bible Studies where you will fellowship with others and learn more about living a Christ-centered life.

CONTACT Karina.Bazaldua@HoustonsFirst.org

Edifving Relationships/Relaciones Que Edifican Sat, Feb 6 @ 5-8:30p — Hunt Retreat

Married and single folks alike are invited to an evening of fellowship celebrating Valentine's Day! The night will consist of food and games as well as a message focused on love and friendships that edify your Christian walk. Register in person after the worship service at the event registration table for \$10.

CONTACT Karina.Bazaldua@HoustonsFirst.org

CREATING A WORSHIPFUL ENVIRONMENT

As a courtesy to others: Silence cell phones Use restroom before worship service

 Remain seated once message begins If you leave, re-entry may not be allowed

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

 Remain in the Worship Center • Pray as people respond

Exit after we are are dismissed