



FIRST PANTRY

The Food Pantry & Clothes Closet serve over 1,000 people each month. At The Loop Campus next Sun, Feb 7, please bring non-perishable food items, gently used clothing, and other household goods to help serve those in need in the Spring Branch community. Donation bins will be located at main entrances to the church and in the Missions Office.

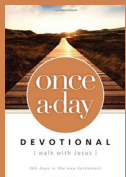
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FRIENDSHIP MINISTRY

Interested in serving as a friendship host to international students from the University of Houston? ISFM is a non-live-in friendship ministry open to all Christian families and single adults. For information and to receive the application, contact Marie Downing.

CONTACT downing@flash.net

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

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.

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.

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



WEDNESDAY EVENINGS — THE LOOP

Gather at The Loop on Wednesday evenings for MidLink — an evening of food and activities for all ages! Visit 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

WORSHIP/MUSIC

Singers @ 7-8:30p — Rm 337
Worship Choir @ 7-8:30p — Rehearsal Hall
Worship Orchestra @ 7-8:30p — Worship Ctr

FITNESS

Boot Camp @ 6-6:45p — Rm. 270
Core & Stretch @ 6:45-7p — Rm. 270

PRESCHOOL

Thru the Roof - Special Needs @ 5:45-8:30p — Rm 329
Wee Worship (Babies-1s) @ 6-7p — Preschool Suite
W.O.W. (Worship Our Way) (2s & 3s) @ 6-7p — Rm 201 (Heartland)
High 5 Kids' Choir (4yrs-K) @ 6-7p — Rm 303 (Clubhouse)
Mission Friends (Birth-K) @ 7-8p — Preschool Suite

CHILDREN

Thru the Roof - Special Needs @ 5:45-8:30p — Rm 329
High 5 Kids' Choir (1st-5th Grade) @ 6-7p — Rm 301 (Loft)
Breakout (1st-3rd Grade) @ 7-8:30p — Fitness & Rec Ctr
Friction (4th-5th Grade) @ 7-8:30p — Rm 332

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Wired @ 6:30-8p — Rm 364

HIGH SCHOOL

AMP @ 6:30-8p — Rm 363

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.



HOUSTON'S FIRST
BAPTIST CHURCH
PASTOR GREGG MATTE

Weekly Guide
Jan 31, 2016

RELEVANCE ON THE RUN

REAL LIFE, REAL PEOPLE: THE PODCAST WITH PASTOR GREGG MATTE

Made with leaders, learners, and difference makers in mind, this free, new online resource is meant not only to challenge us to live more deeply authentic lives, but to also give us tools, tips, and insights for living as a Relevant Biblical Community.

Real Life, Real People: The Podcast is available now on the iTunes store by searching for Gregg Matte





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

CanHope

Mon, Feb 8 @ 6:45p — The Loop (Fellowship Ctr)

CanHope ministers to families touched by cancer and those who love and care about them. With special guest Rick Jones, 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.

CONTACT Sherry.Oradat@HoustonsFirst.org

NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

Rush Week

July 22-28 — Panama City Beach, FL

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

CONTACT Susan.Newman@HoustonsFirst.org

COLLEGE/SINGLES/MARRIED

The Porch Live

Tuesdays @ 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 for a new season. 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

YOUNG SINGLES

Summit Snow Jam

Apr 6-10 — 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 during Snow Jam 2016! Unlike any other ski trip, Snow Jam includes airfare, charter buses to and from the resort, ski-in/ski-out lodging, lift tickets, rentals, and most of your meals — and a bunch of young singles to meet and hit the slopes with! Learn about registration and pricing at HoustonsFirst.org/Events.

CONTACT Joshua.Bagby@HoustonsFirst.org

WOMEN

The Table

Tuesdays, Feb 2-Mar 8 @ 6:30-8p

The Loop (Worship Ctr)

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

CONTACT Meredyth.Cann@HoustonsFirst.org

MEN

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 are in 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

SINGLE PARENT FAMILIES

Birthday Bash

Sun, Feb 7 @ 12:45-1:30 — The Loop (Oasis Rm)

Single parent families are getting together to celebrate parents and children with February 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.

CONTACT Amber.Willet@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 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/Events.

CONTACT Meredyth.Cann@HoustonsFirst.org

CYPRESS

NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

Surge Super Chili Bowl

Sun, Feb 7 @ 5-9p — Cypress Ministry Ctr (Surge Rm)

What combo could be better than the Super Bowl and a chili cookoff? That's what's cookin' in Surge. Gather for the biggest event after the New Year to watch the game, play halftime games and bring a pot of your tastiest chili. You could even win a \$100 gift card! Register at HoustonsFirst.org/Cypress.

CONTACT Danna.Chapman@HoustonsFirst.org

DOWNTOWN

WOMEN

Women's Bible Study: Engaging in His Word

Every Mon, Feb 1-29 @ 7-8:30p

Baptist Student Ministries at UH (4801 Calhoun)

Walk alongside fellow women as we journey through God's Word together. We will observe the correct context, syntax, and interpretation of Scripture in order to apply it more meaningfully to our lives. Learn more at HoustonsFirst.org/Downtown and RSVP to Erin Krafft.

CONTACT Erin.Krafft@gmail.com

SIENNA

MARRIED YOUNG ADULTS

3-Day Marriage Clinic

Feb 8-9 @ 12-6p — Sienna Campus (NextGen Ste 220B)

Though couples experience different symptoms such as anger, resentments, and withdrawal, the root problem is usually the same: violating one or more of *25 Essential Marriage Skills* Dr. Karl Elkins has identified in the Bible. Elkins will lead a three-day marriage clinic to explore these essential marriage skills, providing the equivalent of 18 weeks of counseling in just three days! Register for just \$75 per couple at HoustonsFirst.org/Sienna.

CONTACT Cara.Buis@HoustonsFirst.org

WOMEN

IF: Gathering

Fri, Feb 5 @ 6:30-10p & Sat, Feb 6 @ 8:30a-5p

Sienna Campus (The Loft)

Ladies — join us for this two-day gathering as we wrestle with the question, "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

Edifying Relationships/Relaciones Que Edifican

Sat, Feb 6 @ 5-8:30p — Hunt Retreat, Brookshire, TX

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

NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

Career & Education Day

Sat, Feb 13 @ 9a-3p

George R. Brown Convention Center

Middle and high school students and parents are invited to join us in a day full of college and financial aid information provided by the Houston Hispanic Forum. This event is free but requires registration at HoustonsFirst.org/Spanish. Group transportation will be available.

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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
- Exit after we are dismissed
- Pray as people respond