



HOUSTON'S FIRST
BAPTIST CHURCH
PASTOR GREGG MATTE

Weekly Guide
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FAITH CENTER-HARWIN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Faith Center-Harwin has openings for volunteers to help teach English as a Second Language (ESL) and assist with after-school tutoring. If you have teaching experience or a passion for education, pray about how you can be a difference maker at this new Faith Center location!

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BRAZIL MISSION TRIP INTEREST MEETING

Today @ 12:30p — The Loop (Rm 254)

On May 11-16, be a part of the team that shares Jesus with Rio de Janeiro! God called you for a higher purpose and He's equipped you with skills that can make a difference. At this meeting, learn about what we will do, with God's help, in Brazil! Find out more about this trip and others at HoustonsFirst.org/Missions.

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For more information on Giving Life Away,
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ENTER HIS GATES PRESENTS A NIGHT OF WORSHIP WITH PASSION

Fri, Apr 22 @ 7p — The Loop

Houston's First hosts *A Night of Worship with Passion* led by Kristian Stanfill, Brett Younker, and Melodie Malone and presented by Enter His Gates. Tickets available now at TicketServant.com

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.



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.

WHERE ARE YOU GROWING?

Life Bible Studies are the primary way to connect with others and grow together at Houston's First. Pastor Gregg has said that if you only have one hour to spend on Sundays, go to a Life Bible Study instead of the worship service! Classes are available for all ages, so ask a Welcome Team member or staff member at your campus for assistance, or visit HoustonsFirst.org for a full list of options.



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

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: "@HoustonsFirst the holy spirit was there tonight!!! Amen.. #thetable — @jillianpalmeros"

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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NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

Rush Week

July 22-28 — Panama City Beach, FL

The Student Ministry from all campuses is returning to serve the churches and residents of Panama City Beach! Join other 6th-12th grade students for this unique mission and camp experience. You don't want to miss it! Learn more and register at HoustonsFirst.org/RushWeek.

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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.

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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.

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WOMEN

The Table

Tuesdays through 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.

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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. Different men teach each week, with Dr. Willie Bolden teaching this Thursday. Breakfast is available for \$5. Registration at HoustonsFirst.org/Men is encouraged, but not required.

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THE LOOP

Being A Game Changer

Wed, Mar 9 @ 6:30-8p — The Loop (Chapel)

Dwight Edwards, best-selling author and Pastor Gregg's pastor in college, will speak about what it means to be a game changer at this special gathering during MidLink the week before spring break. Come early for "Cajun Night" at MidLink Cafe (4:45-6:15p) featuring a crawfish boil (\$15) and fried catfish (\$6). Visit HoustonsFirst.org/Events for more about MidLink at The Loop!

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IMAGO Art Show

Mar 15-Apr 3 — The Loop

In this year's Holy Week Art Show sponsored by IMAGO, amateur and professional artists present original pieces focusing on the theme In His Name: Art Inspired by the Names of Jesus. The Meet the Artists Reception takes place on Sat, Mar 19 @ 5-7p. For more information, go to HoustonsFirst.org/Events.

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SINGLE ADULTS

Impact Spring Retreat

Fri, Mar 4 @ 6:30p-Sun, Mar 6 @ 12p — Trinity Pines

Meet new friends and gather with other single adults for a fun, relaxing weekend! Take in the scenic Trinity Pines on beautiful Lake Livingston as we learn about making the most of life from internationally acclaimed speakers Dan Miller and Kris Swiatocho. Go to HoustonsFirst.org/Events to register and learn more!

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CYPRESS

Blended Family Study

Begins Wed, Mar 23 @ 6:30-8p — Cypress Ministry Center

Discover the seven fundamental steps to blended family success and learn practical, realistic solutions to the issues stepfamilies face in this eight-week class led by Ed and Toby Thomas. Whether married or soon-to-be married, you'll discover how to communicate effectively and solve the everyday puzzles of forming positive relationships with stepchildren. Registration is required at HoustonsFirst.org/Cypress.

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DOWNTOWN

Financial Peace University

Every Mon, Feb 29-Apr 11 @ 7-8:30p

Vine Street Studios (1113 Vine St., Suite 117)

This life-changing program teaches you how to achieve your financial goals by eliminating debt and saving for the future. Attend the first class free with no obligation! Facilitated by Downtown Campus College Ministry Coordinator George Tagli. Registration is required after the first preview class on Mon, Feb 29, at HoustonsFirst.org/Downtown.

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SIENNA

Closet/Cupboard Clean

Sat, Mar 5 @ 8a-1p — Sienna Campus Parking Lot

The Sienna Campus is making a difference by collecting clothes and non-perishable foods to be given to the Second Mile Mission Center. Donated items can be dropped off at the church's campus (4309 Sienna Parkway) between 8a-1p. Invite your neighbors to contribute, as well!

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WOMEN

Women's Bible Studies

Tuesdays — Sienna Campus (Worship Ctr)

Ladies, choose from two Bible study opportunities! Gather with other women at a time that suits you: 10a-12p (childcare provided) or 6:30-8:30p. Find the study topic that's right for you and register online at HoustonsFirst.org/Sienna for \$20. Childcare is only provided at 10a-12p for \$5 per child.

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SPANISH

Worship & Life Bible Studies

Sundays @ 5p & 6:30p — The Loop (Oasis Rm)

We invite you to 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.

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MAKE IT YOUR CHURCH ORIENTATION

Discover what it means to be a member of Houston's First! You'll meet staff members, hear about our mission, vision, and ministries, and learn how you can make Houston's First your church. Walk-ins are welcome at today's sessions, but please RSVP for next Sunday's Cypress Campus session at HoustonsFirst.org/Membership.

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

Cypress — Sun, Feb 28 @ 12:30p
Bridgeland's Lakeland Activity Center

Downtown — Today @ 12:30p — 1010 Lamar

Sienna — Today @ 12:30p — NextGen Ste 220D

Spanish — Today @ 6:30p — The Loop (Harbor Rm)

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