



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 a 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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INTERESTED IN A SUMMER MISSION TRIP?

For details and to complete an interest form, visit online at HoustonsFirst.org/Missions. Summer trips include:

- Brazil — May 11-16
- Aruba (Sienna Campus) — May 14-21
- Russia — Jun 4-18
- New York City — Jun 1-5
- Kenya — Jun 25-Jul 7
- Germany — Jun 9-18
- Guatemala — Jun 20-30 or Jul 16-22
- Xátiva — Jul 1-11
- Middle East — Jul 2-12
- Madrid — Jul 2-9
- Boston — Jul 24-31

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

First Baptist Academy presents
**THE LION, THE WITCH
& THE WARDROBE**
Apr 7 & 8 @ 7p — The Loop (Worship Ctr)
Tickets available online and at the door
HoustonsFirst.org/Events

NEW CD AVAILABLE SUN, APR 10!

Celebrating 175 Years of Houston's First Baptist Church



Choir & Orchestra of Houston's First Baptist Church
with MultiGenerational Moments

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

FITNESS & RECREATION CENTER

No fooling — if you join the Fitness & Recreation Center at The Loop Campus between April 1-10, the \$50 enrollment fee is waived! Discover what the FRC has to offer at HoustonsFirst.org/Fitness.



HOUSTON'S FIRST
BAPTIST CHURCH
PASTOR GREGG MATTE

Weekly Guide
Apr 3, 2016

CELEBRATING 175 YEARS AT HOUSTON'S FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

SUN, APR 10, 2016



One Seventy Five

Gather with the Houston's First family to remember where we've been, anticipate where we're going, and give thanks for God's call to make a difference for His kingdom.

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: "Standing room only for the Lord! He is risen! #Heisrisenindeed #hfbc #hfbcsienna" — Elaine DeMien, @paperdog77

ALL CAMPUSES

Deacons' Meetings & Church Conference Today — The Loop

The Deacon Administrative Committee meeting is at 2:30p in Rm 501/502. All Deacons will meet at 3:30p in Rm 504/505 followed by the monthly Church Conference at 4:30p. Anyone may attend the Church Conference, but only church members may vote.

HighPoint Bible Study

Wednesdays @ 11:30a — 1010 Lamar (Tunnel Level)
This weekly downtown Bible study is open to everybody! This week, Downtown Campus Pastor Lee Hsia 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

Camp Intersect

June 12-15 — Carolina Creek, Huntsville, TX
At Camp Intersect, your 3rd-6th graders will experience God in fun ways at two camps in one location! FirstKids and The HUB Students each have their own games, worship, small groups, water activities and more! There's no better way to start the summer! Registration is open at HoustonsFirst.org/Events.

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Rush Week

July 22-28 — Panama City Beach, FL

The HUB 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 experience with mission impact and camp fun! You don't want to miss it! Learn more and register at HoustonsFirst.org/Events.

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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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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 Minister to Men Eric Reed teaching this Thursday. Breakfast is available for \$5. Registration at HoustonsFirst.org/Men is encouraged, but not required.

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THE LOOP

Make it Your Church Orientation

Sun, Apr 24 @ 12:30p — The Loop (Fellowship Ctr)

Discover what it means to be a member of Houston's First! Over a free lunch, meet staff members, hear about our mission, vision, and ministries, and learn how you can make Houston's First your church. RSVP and learn more about membership at HoustonsFirst.org/Membership.

NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

Spring Weekend of Choir

Thu, Apr 28-Sat, Apr 30 — The Loop

At this power-packed musical weekend, children in 1st-5th grades learn and present an entire musical! There will also be Bible Quizzing, fun and crazy games, and more! S.W.O.C. is Thursday and Friday nights (6-8:30p) and Saturday (9a-2p), with the presentation on Saturday @ 6p. Learn more and register at HoustonsFirst.org/Events.

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MARRIED YOUNG ADULTS

Marriage Matters

Fri, Apr 15 @ 6:30-8:30p — The Loop (Fellowship Ctr)

Your marriage matters! And, in marriage, there are a lot of matters to consider. Come enjoy dinner and an evening of marriage encouragement with John McGee, director of the Marriage Ministry at Watermark Church in Dallas. Visit HoustonsFirst.org/Events to register for just \$20 per couple — including child care!

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MEN

Generation-To-Generation Training

Sat, Apr 16 @ 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. Learn more and register at HoustonsFirst.org/Events.

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CYPRESS

NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

Spring Xtreme Cypress Hub Retreat

Fri, Apr 8 @ 6p-Sun, Apr 10 @ 10:45a

Cypress Ministry Center

We are taking Spring Retreat to the next level! Students in 6th-12th grade — come for a weekend of special events, tribal competition, worship and teaching, and more as we delve into what it means to follow the example of Jesus! Register for \$45/student at HoustonsFirst.org/Cypress.

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DOWNTOWN

XEE: Relational Evangelism

Every Mon, Apr 18-May 30 @ 6:30-8:30p

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

XEE equips Jesus-followers to share the Gospel effectively in everyday encounters. You will learn and put into practice relevant, biblical, and relational evangelism skills for our postmodern times. Register at HoustonsFirst.org/Downtown.

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SIENNA

Re|Create Date Night

Fri, Apr 8 @ 6-10p — Sienna Campus

Enjoy a child-less date with your spouse while your kids have a safe and fun time at the church. Registration is required for children (birth through 5th grade) for \$5/child; \$20/max family. Register by Thu, Apr 7 at HoustonsFirst.org/Sienna.

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SPANISH

Celebrating History

Sun, Apr 10 @ 6:30p — The Loop (Oasis Rm)

We invite you to celebrate not only our church's 175th anniversary but also the Spanish Campus' first year of existence! We are so excited and thankful for what the Lord is doing! We will have a special time of fellowship after service. No RSVP required.

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WEDNESDAY EVENINGS — THE LOOP

Gather at The Loop on Wednesday evenings for MidLink — an evening of food and activities for all ages! In addition to the following churchwide options, you can go to music rehearsals and fitness classes. Preschoolers, Children, and Students can go to programs designed just for them. 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

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 [f](#) [t](#) [in](#) [v](#) [s](#) [y](#)

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