



HOUSTON'S FIRST
BAPTIST CHURCH
PASTOR GREGG MATTE

Weekly Guide
Apr 24, 2016



First Pantry

The Faith Center's Food Pantry & Clothes Closets serve more than 1,000 people each month. At The Loop Campus next Sun, May 1, please bring non-perishable food items, gently used clothing, and other household goods to help serve those in need. Donation bins will be located at main entrances to the church and in the Missions Office.

Interested in a Summer Mission Trip?

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

- Guatemala — Jun 20-30 or Jul 16-22
- Xátiva — Jul 1-11
- Madrid — Jul 2-9
- Boston — Jul 24-31

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

THERE'S MORE TO CHURCH THAN SUNDAY MORNINGS

The Loop has a worship service at 5p and Life Bible Studies at 6:30p. The message is the same as the morning service — with room to park on campus! So, go on a weekend getaway, get your grocery shopping done, or just sleep in — then go to church on Sunday night!



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.



HOW CAN YOU BE A DIFFERENCEMAKER?

As our community recovers from recent floods, ask Jesus to open your eyes to ways you can help others. And, ask Him to work in you and through you as you go in His love. If you're in need of assistance, contact your Life Bible Study or campus leaders and visit HoustonsFirst.org for more about flood relief efforts.

D I F F E R E N C E M A K E R S

PEOPLE OF THE CHURCH

A MULTIGENERATIONAL NIGHT OF WORSHIP

Wed, May 18 @ 6:30-8p
The Loop (Worship Ctr)
HoustonsFirst.org/Events

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 open to everybody! Downtown Campus Pastor Lee Hsia will be teaching this Wednesday. Bring your lunch, or purchase one there for \$8. The lesson begins at 12:10p. Visit HoustonsFirst.org 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 (Chapel)

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)

Our *Great Men of Faith* series looks at men who show faith in all types of situations. Different men teach each week, with Roger Bridgwater teaching this Thursday. Breakfast is available for \$5. Registration at HoustonsFirst.org/Events is encouraged.

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THE LOOP

Make it Your Church Orientation

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

Discover what it means to be a member of Houston's First! Over a free lunch, meet Pastor Gregg and other staff members, hear about our mission, vision, and ministries, and learn how you can make Houston's First your church. Walk-ins are welcome! Learn more about membership at HoustonsFirst.org.

Milestones Bonus Semester

Wed, May 4 & Wed, May 11 @ 6:30-8p — The Loop

Session 2 of the Milestones semester ends on Apr 27, but a two-week bonus semester provides five additional classes on Wednesdays. MidLink Cafe (4:45-6:15p) and NextGen programs take place these nights, too. Visit HoustonsFirst.org/Events for details about these great options:

- Caring for Aging Parents (May 4 & 11) - Ben Pritchett
- Choosing Your Child's Schooling Options (May 4) - Doug Bischoff
- What's the Big Deal About Marriage: Marriage from a Jewish Perspective (May 4) - Stuart Rothberg
- Gap Year 101 for High School Parents (May 11) - Doug Bischoff
- Sacred Search: 6 Characteristics Every Future or Current Marriage Needs (May 11) - Gary Thomas

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NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

Spring Weekend of Choir (S.W.O.C.)

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 main presentation on Saturday @ 6p. Learn more and register at HoustonsFirst.org/Events.

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ADULTS 60+

Spring Bus Trip

Fri, Apr 29 @ 9a — The Loop (South Parking Lot)

Join us for a bus trip to St. Mary's painted church in Plantersville for their second annual quilt show, then travel to Washington-on-the-Brazos to visit the museum and Barrington Farm. Bring a friend! Cost is only \$10, plus lunch on your own. Register by calling 713.957.7661.

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CYPRESS

MARRIED YOUNG ADULTS

(Act Like It's Your) First Date Night

Fri, Apr 29 @ 6:30-9p — Northwest Forest Conf Center

Act like it's your first date night with your spouse over dinner, games and conversation! It will be a fun evening to reconnect with your spouse and find some things you never knew you had in common with other couples from the Cypress Campus. Childcare for birth-5th grade is available with required registration. Register by Wed, Apr 20, for \$45 per couple 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

MEN

Sienna Men's Retreat

Fri, Apr 29 @ 6p-Sat, Apr 30 @ 3p — Hunt Retreat

Family, faith, and fishing — that's what the weekend is all about! Come for a shrimp boil on Friday night and enjoy two days of fellowship, sports, Bible study and relaxation. Adam Mason, Director of Counseling Services, will lead our sessions in encouraging men on faith and family. Register for just \$60 at HoustonsFirst.org/Sienna.

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SPANISH

Same Campus, New Location

Sundays @ 5p — The Loop (Chapel)

Wonder what Pastor Gregg sounds like in Spanish? Join the Spanish Campus of Houston's First in our newly renovated house of worship in the Chapel! Come worship with us in Spanish and hear Pastor Gregg in Spanish or English.

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THE *New* HOUSTONSFIRST.ORG

HoustonsFirst.org is an essential tool for our church — and a new version of the website is now live! Enhancements include:

- Campus-driven content
- Customizable calendars
- Advanced search capability



REAL LIFE. PEOPLE.

THE PODCAST WITH PASTOR GREGG MATTE

Available on iTunes

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.

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

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