



HOUSTON'S FIRST
BAPTIST CHURCH
PASTOR GREGG MATTE

Weekly Guide
May 1, 2016



A MISSION TRIP TO OUR CITY

JULY 11-14, 2016

Discover how you can be a missionary at HoustonsFirst.org

#Houston18



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,
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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

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

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.

PEOPLE OF THE CHURCH

A MULTIGENERATIONAL NIGHT OF WORSHIP

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

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! Dr. David Self 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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First H.O.P.E. Training

Sat, May 14 @ 9-11a — The Loop (Rm 501/502)

For job seekers and those wanting a career change, First H.O.P.E. job ministry offers a professional consultant, resume/interview tips, career assessment, and more. Join us for this training with guest speaker Ernie Perez as he speaks on networking.

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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.

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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.

CONTACT Susan.Newman@HoustonsFirst.org

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.

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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. You'll experience a different teacher each week, with Malcolm Marshall teaching this Thursday. Breakfast is available for \$5. Registration at HoustonsFirst.org is encouraged.

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THE LOOP

Milestones Bonus Semester

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

Session 2 of the Milestones semester has ended, 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 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

Special Events for Entering First Graders

Children entering first grade this fall are invited to these free events just for them! Registration is required at HoustonsFirst.org.

Breakfast Bash

Sat, May 14 @ 9-10:30a — The Loop (Oasis Rm)

Kids and their families are invited to join the FirstKids staff for breakfast followed by a scavenger hunt to learn about the FirstKids Ministry!

Bible Presentation

Sun, May 22 @ 2-3:30p — The Loop (Worship Ctr)

This is a great Milestones event for our new first graders! The FirstKids ministry will welcome all children making the transition to the Children's Ministry — with a Bible of their very own!

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HUB Senior Celebration

Sun, May 15 @ 12:15-2:30p — The Loop (Fellowship Ctr)

Senior Celebration is for graduating high school seniors and their immediate families. It's our opportunity as a church to tell seniors how proud we are of them and to encourage them and their families as they launch into after-high school life! Get event details and register at HoustonsFirst.org.

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SINGLE ADULTS

Impact Crawfish Boil

Sat, May 14 @ 1-8p — Spring, TX

Relax, make some new friends and eat some great food with Impact singles! You can relax by the lake, kayak, paddleboat, fish, play volleyball or just hang out. We'll have crawfish, shrimp, sausage and more. Register for \$10 by Sun, May 8, or \$15 by Fri, May 13, at HoustonsFirst.org.

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CYPRESS

Back Yard Kids Club Interest Meetings

Sun, May 15 @ 12:30p — Smith Middle School

Wed, May 18 @ 6p — Cypress Campus Ministry Center

Find out how you can be a Difference maker in your own back yard! Back Yard Kids Club is a VBS-style outreach opportunity in your own neighborhood throughout July. Be a part of a BYKC team in Cypress neighborhoods such as Bridgeland, Cypress Creek Lakes, Black Horse Ranch, Copper Lakes, Stablewood Farms, Fairfield, Coles Crossing — or YOUR neighborhood! Lunch or dinner provided at both meetings.

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DOWNTOWN

WOMEN

The Spiritual Discipline of Meditation

Every Monday in June @ 7-8:30p

Caron Blankenhorn's home

Gather with the women of the Downtown Campus to learn how we can be filled with the Holy Spirit through meditating on the Lord and His Word. Karenie Lee will teach this four-week study based on the book *The Celebration of Discipline*. Find out more and RSVP to Erin Krafft by Fri, Jun 3.

CONTACT Erin.Krafft@gmail.com

SIENNA

MidLink in Sienna

Every Wednesday thru May 18 @ 6:30-8p

Sienna Campus Ministry Center

There's more to church than just Sundays! Find out how to get connected through MidLink on Wednesday evenings:

- Mission Friends (Birth-PreK) allows preschoolers to learn about people of other cultures and countries and the missionaries who serve them.
- Breakout (K-5th grade) meets in The Loft for kids to enjoy lots of fun and Bible study.
- Charged (6th-12th grade) meets in Rm 220D where HUB students play games, worship, and dive into God's Word.
- Barnett Life Bible Study (adults all ages) meets in Rm 220E to study and examine the characteristics of Daniel, David and others who walked in power and holiness during trying times.

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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 — the Chapel! Come worship with us in Spanish and hear Pastor Gregg either in Spanish or English.

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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