



**HOUSTON'S FIRST**  
BAPTIST CHURCH  
PASTOR GREGG MATTE

Weekly Guide  
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**HOUSTON'S FIRST MEMBERS SHARE  
HOW HOUSTON 1:8 BECAME A PART OF  
THEIR LIVES BEYOND JUST ONE WEEK  
IN JULY. WATCH THEIR STORIES  
AT HOUSTONSFIRST.ORG.**

HOUSTON 1:8 • EVENINGS OF JULY 11-14  
REGISTER AT HOUSTONSFIRST.ORG BY SUN, JUNE 26



### Interested in a Summer Mission Trip?

For details and to complete an interest form, visit online at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org). Summer trips include:

- Guatemala (Medical Missions) – July 15-23
- Boston – July 24-31
- Montana – Aug 10-16

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For more information on Giving Life Away, contact [Charlotte.Nease@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Charlotte.Nease@HoustonsFirst.org)



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 27-30 @ 9a-12:30p – The Loop  
A free citywide event for kids entering K-6th Grade

### TWO ADDITIONS TO VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

#### Submerged for Women

June 27-30 @ 9a-12:30p – The Loop (Garden Rm)  
Spend VBS week with other women submerged in the life-giving truth of God's Word with Nancy Taylor. No registration required for this women's Bible study. Coffee and light refreshments provided!

#### Family Night

Wed, June 29 @ 6-7:30p – The Loop (Worship Ctr)  
Kids and their families will get to experience VBS together with an evening designed with the whole family in mind! Dinner available @ 4:45-5:50p.

### 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



### JULY 11-14 – A MISSION TRIP TO OUR CITY

Be a missionary right here at home as we share the love and truth of Jesus throughout the greater Houston area. Visit [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org) to discover where your campus is serving, then register by Sun, June 26.



School of Fine Arts  
AT HOUSTON'S FIRST

### SOFA SUMMER CAMPS

The School of Fine Arts at The Loop Campus offers a variety of camps and classes this summer. Visit [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org) for details and to enroll.

**Guitar** – July 11-15, July 25-29 @ 10-11:30a

**Drum** – June 20-24, July 18-22 @ 10-11:30a

**Drama** – June 27-30 @ 1:30-4:30p

**Celebration Dance** – June 13-15 @ 7-8:30p, 8:30-10p

**Jazz Dance** – July 18-20, July 25-27 @ 7-8p

**Tap Dance** – July 18-20, July 25-27 @ 8-9p

**Sewing** – Tuesdays, June 21-July 26 @ 6-8p

### LIFE BIBLE STUDIES

Life Bible Studies are the primary method for connecting with others and growing together at Houston's First. Visit [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org) to find one that's right for you, or ask the Welcome Team at your campus for assistance.

## 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 at 12:10p. Bring your lunch, or purchase one there for \$8. Visit [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org) to learn more.

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## NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

### Family Mission Trip

**Fri, July 29 @ 8a-4p — Galveston Urban Ministries**

Great things happen when families serve together, giving attention to the needs of others and using their gifts along the way. On this one-day mission trip, kids in 1st-5th grades and their families will work together to help Galveston Urban Ministries. The cost is \$30/family member, with a maximum of \$120/family. Register at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org).

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### Parenting Workshop with Dr. Tim Elmore

**Sat, Aug 27 @ 9a-1p — The Loop (Worship Ctr)**

Ever wonder what you're getting right and what you're getting wrong? In this workshop, best-selling author and speaker Dr. Tim Elmore will discuss *12 Huge Mistakes Parents Can Avoid* when leading their kids. Dr. Elmore will also provide practical and effective insights designed to help you lead kids to succeed before/after graduation, prepare them to become adults, and much more! Register for \$15/person or \$20/couple at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org).

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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](http://HoustonsFirst.org).

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## MEN

### Warrior's Heart

**Thursdays @ 6:30-7:30a — The Loop (Garden Rm)**

This summer we will begin a new series, *Fathered by God*. Steve Diserens and Minister to Men Eric Reed will co-facilitate this time of encouragement. Breakfast is available for \$5. Registration at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org) is encouraged, but not required.

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### Men: Serve

**Sat, June 25 @ 8a-1p — The Loop (Oasis Rm)**

Men will gather at The Loop Campus then head out in teams around the city to serve the widows in our church family. Yard work, home repairs, car maintenance and other tasks — there is a place for you to serve! Register by Fri, June 17, at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org). If you are a widow in need of assistance, contact Sherry Oradat at 713.957.6764.

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## THE LOOP

### Biblical Principles of Estate Planning

**Sun, July 31 @ 12:15-2p — The Loop (Oasis Rm)**

Think estate planning is only for older adults? You might be surprised to know that people of all ages can benefit from planning ahead. Over lunch, learn about the biblical and practical aspects related to having a will, life insurance, and legal documents. Registration for free lunch and childcare (Birth-5th grade) is required by Tue, July 26, at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org).

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## SINGLE PARENT FAMILIES

### Father's Day Luncheon

**Sun, June 19 @ 12:30p — The Loop (Oasis Rm)**

Join us for a day to celebrate YOU, Dad! "My Dad, My Hero" Father's Day luncheon is for single dads (and moms) to let your children honor you. After lunch together, dads will receive a gift and hear a word of encouragement from Minister to Men Eric Reed. Register at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org).

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## WOMEN

### Joy of Living — Jonah

**Thursdays in June @ 9:30a-12p — The Loop (Rm 249)**

Reluctant to obey God? Running from God? In this women's Bible study on Jonah, learn how to be used by God in spite of failures. Join Marsha Taylor as she leads us through the book of Jonah to learn to obey God's call the first time. Learn more at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org).

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### In the Wilderness

**Wednesdays, through June 22 @ 6:30-8p**

**The Loop (Reception Rm)**

In this three-week class, we will take an honest look at how God uses our seasons in the wilderness for something good. Shannon Owen will teach us how the Lord tests our mettle as we learn to see strength in weakness. Find out more at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org).

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## CYPRESS

### NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

#### Summer Grow @ Home

**Wednesdays, June 22, July 20, & Aug 17 @ 6-8p**

**Cypress Ministry Center**

Here are three opportunities to engage as a family, exploring relevant issues to equip you to grow together. Bring the entire family and enjoy a meal, faith conversations and fun! On Wed, June 22, Child Specialist and Life Coach Erin Robinson, M.Ed., LPC, will lead a session about family mission statements, providing clarity and direction on keeping an intentional focus on the dreams and goals you have for your family. Don't miss out on this chance to strengthen your faith and family relationships. No RSVP required.

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## DOWNTOWN

### MARRIED YOUNG ADULTS

#### Parents' Afternoon Out

**Sat, June 25 @ 11a-1p — 1010 Lamar**

Drop off your kiddos and enjoy some uninterrupted time to run errands, do some shopping, or enjoy a coffee date with your spouse. Our FirstFriends ministry will provide lunch and care for your kids (ages 4 and under). Register online at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org) by Thu, June 23.

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## SIENNA

### MARRIED YOUNG ADULTS

#### 3-Day Marriage Clinic

**June 24-25 @ 12-6p & June 26 @ 1-7p**

**Sienna Campus (NextGen Suite 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, from Christway Counseling Center, will provide the equivalent of 18 weeks of counseling in just three days! Register for \$75/couple at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org).

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## WOMEN

### Sienna Summer Nights

**Tuesdays, June 14 & July 19 @ 6:30-8:30p**

**Sienna Campus (Worship Ctr)**

Gather with ladies from the Sienna Campus for worship, teaching and dinner. We will be blessed by Kay Altic as she teaches us more about who God is and who we, His children, are to Him. Register for \$20 at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org).

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## SPANISH

### Baptism Celebration

**Sun, June 19 @ 6:30p — The Loop (Cross Tower)**

Gather with the Spanish Campus after the worship service to witness and celebrate all who have made the decision for baptism. There will be no Life Bible Studies at 6:30p.

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## NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

### Escape The Room

**Fri, June 17 @ 4-8p — 3303 Louisiana St #220**

While it looks like any other ordinary room, this event is a real life game of Clue! Find the hidden objects, figure out the clues and solve the puzzles to earn your freedom and "Escape the Room" in 60 minutes! Spanish Campus students (6th-12th grade) will meet in the west parking lot at The Loop to carpool. There is limited capacity, so register soon at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org)!

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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
- Pray as people respond
- Exit after we are dismissed