



HOUSTON'S FIRST
BAPTIST CHURCH
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Weekly Guide
June 19, 2016

Happy FATHER'S DAY

Whether you have a newborn or great-grandchildren, God can sharpen you into His image when you connect with other men to be challenged and encouraged. And since God is the best Father there ever was, that's a great image to reflect! Visit HoustonsFirst.org to discover opportunities for men at a campus near you.

"In the fear of the Lord one has strong confidence and his children have a refuge." — Proverbs 14:26



Interested in a Summer Mission Trip?

For details and to complete an interest form, visit online at 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

SUBMERGED

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.



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 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 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

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

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.

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 at 12:10p. Bring your lunch, or purchase one there for \$8. Visit 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.

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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.

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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.

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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 is encouraged, but not required.

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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.

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SINGLE PARENT FAMILIES

Father's Day Luncheon

Today @ 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. Walk-ins are welcome!

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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.

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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 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.

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SPANISH

Baptism Celebration

Today @ 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

A Better Life

Sat, July 9 @ 9a-4p — Hunt Retreat

Themed around the movie "A Better Life," this day is designed to help build stronger parent-student relationships through intentional conversations dealing with transculturation. The day will consist of working sessions plus a time to fellowship. Intended for families of the Spanish Campus with 6th-12th grade students. Register online at HoustonsFirst.org.

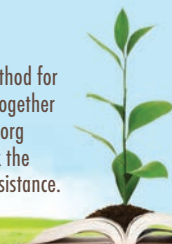
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**THERE'S MORE
TO CHURCH
THAN SUNDAY MORNINGS**

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!

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
- Pray as people respond
- Exit after we are dismissed