

OUR GREAT COMMISSION FUND

Thanks to the generosity of the Houston's First family, the Great Commission Fund (or budget) for the church for 2016-17 is \$30.4 million.

To develop the budget each year, ministry directors submit their budget requests to the Leadership Team for review, discussion and approval. The proposed budget is then presented to the Finance Committee for discussion and a vote and, if approved, is then submitted to the Deacons for discussion and a vote.

OPERATIONS \$6,190,000

Property Insurance, Church Calendar, Operations, Financial Services, Culinary Services, Weddings/Special Events, Security, Transportation, Facilities, IT, Capital Improvements

GROWING \$5,600,000

Life Bible Studies, Pastoral Care, Men's and Women's Ministries, NextGen, Membership Services

MISSIONS \$5,330,000

Missions Department, Denominational Support, International and Domestic Missions, Woodhaven, Faith Center, partners serving the Poor, Widows, Orphans, Prisoners, and Refugees

GATHERING \$4,880,000

Worship, Production, Communications, Pastoral, CornerBooks, Celebration, School of Fine Arts

CAMPUSES \$3,940,000

Cypress, Downtown, Sienna, Spanish

ADMINISTRATION \$2,960,000

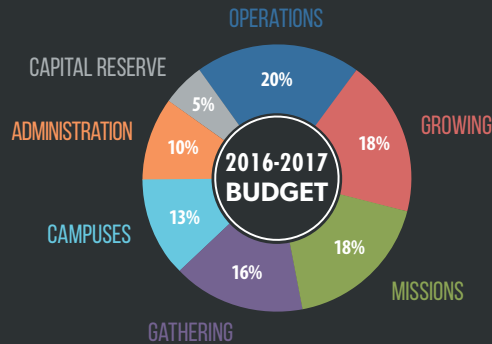
First Baptist Academy, Deacons, Counseling, Administration, Recreation, Hunt Retreat, Human Resources

CAPITAL RESERVE \$1,500,000

TOTAL GREAT COMMISSION FUND \$30,400,000

Once the Deacons approve, the budget is presented at the monthly Church Conference where members vote to accept the budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

This year, the Great Commission Fund was approved by church members at the Church Conference on Sun, June 5. It provides funding for the church from July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017.



Give online to the Great Commission Fund at HoustonsFirst.org, or text your campus code to 77977 to receive a secure link for giving on your mobile device:
HFBCLoop • HFBC Cypress • HFBCDowntown
HFBCSienna • HFBCSpanish

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.



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



HOUSTON'S FIRST
BAPTIST CHURCH
PASTOR GREGG MATTE

Weekly Guide
June 26, 2016



With summer in full swing, Houston's First is sharing Jesus with kids and students at

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

BACK YARD KIDS' CLUBS

HOUSTON 1:8

WEEKLY GATHERINGS

SPECIAL EVENTS AND MORE!

Pray for these young hearts as they hear the Good News — and pray for our volunteers, too!

DISCOVER WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR CAMPUS AT HOUSTONSFIRST.ORG

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.

CONTACT Diane.Bagby@HoustonsFirst.org

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.

CONTACT Hannah.Bush@HoustonsFirst.org

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.

CONTACT Katie.Walker@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. 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.

CONTACT Joshua.Bagby@HoustonsFirst.org

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.

CONTACT Emily.Brown@HoustonsFirst.org

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.

CONTACT Sara.Johnson@HoustonsFirst.org

SINGLE PARENT FAMILIES

Oasis Conference for Single Moms

Sat, Aug 13 @ 8a-3p — The Loop

Are you ready for a break? This summer, our Single Parent Family Ministry is hosting a day for single moms to get away from the everyday and be refreshed spiritually and physically. Jennifer Maggio, author and speaker from *The Life of a Single Mom Ministries*, will be guest speaker and Lisa Pierre will lead worship. Your school-aged children will have a one-day Daycation and preschoolers will have a special day of fun, too! Learn more about breakout sessions, conference schedule and more at HoustonsFirst.org.

CONTACT Holly.Crain@HoustonsFirst.org

CYPRESS

NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

HUB Climbing Day

Wed, June 29 @ 11a-4p — Cypress Ministry Center

Join the Cypress Student Ministry for the final 'hang out' for the month of June before a month of service in July! Bring a friend and plan on chalking up another rockin' good time. Meet at the Cypress Ministry Center and students will be bussed to InSpire Rock Gym. Return to the Ministry Center for pick up. Register students (6th-12th grades) for \$15 each at HoustonsFirst.org.

CONTACT Josh.Ganjavi@HoustonsFirst.org

DOWNTOWN

Go! Life Bible Study

Every Sun @ 9:30a — 1010 Lamar

Go! is open to both singles and married couples in their mid-20s to 40s, giving attendees the opportunity to gain perspectives from various life stages while learning about the Bible together. Learn more about Go! or other Life Bible Studies at the Downtown Campus at HoustonsFirst.org.

CONTACT Peter.Lee@HoustonsFirst.org

SIENNA

NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

Summer Splash

Thu, June 30 @ 6:30-8:30p

Sienna Lawn (4309 Sienna Parkway)

Invite your friends and family for a fun-filled night for all ages! The Sienna Campus of Houston's First will have water games, inflatables and food trucks on the lawn for everyone to enjoy! No RSVP required for this free event.

CONTACT Chris.Dell@HoustonsFirst.org

SPANISH

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 having 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!

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 @ 9:30-11:30a — 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.



First Pantry

The Faith Center's Food Pantry & Clothes Closet serve more than 1,000 people each month. Please bring non-perishable food items, gently used clothing, and other household goods to The Loop Campus next Sunday, July 3, to serve those in need in the Spring Branch community. Donation bins will be located at main entrances to the church and in the Missions Office.

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

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