



HOUSTON'S FIRST
BAPTIST CHURCH
PASTOR GREGG MATTE

Weekly Guide
July 17, 2016



Back to School Supply Drive Sun, July 31 – The Loop Campus

Set up kids for success by donating school supplies for distribution among the Faith Center-Spring Branch Apartment Ministry, our Single Parent Family Ministry and Galveston Urban Ministries! Visit HoustonsFirst.org for specifications about the exact type of supplies needed. You may instead want to donate Academy or Walmart gift cards (\$30 value) for the purchase of uniforms and shoes. Supplies will be collected at The Loop on Sun, July 31! **CONTACT** Jessica.Nolte@HoustonsFirst.org

Interested in a Mission Trip?

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

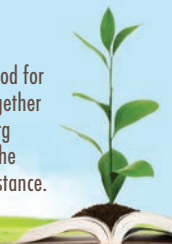
- East Asia (Unreached People Group) – Oct 7-16
- East Asia (City) – Oct 14-24

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



School of Fine Arts AT HOUSTON'S FIRST

Registration for the fall semester (Aug 22-Dec 3) at the School of Fine Arts (SoFA) at The Loop Campus begins Sat, July 25. For details and to enroll go to HoustonsFirst.org.



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.

THERE'S MORE TO CHURCH THAN SUNDAY MORNINGS

The Loop Campus 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!



**A FOUR-WEEK MESSAGE SERIES
BY PASTOR GREGG MATTE**

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 (Worship Center)

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.

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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.

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WOMEN

Women's Retreat: Unchanging

Oct 7-8 – The Omni Westside

Every two years, the Women's Ministry of Houston's First holds a retreat for women of all ages from every campus to encourage them as one under Christ. This year's retreat theme is *Unchanging* based on Isaiah 33:6. Invite your sister, mother, daughter, neighbor and friends to hear Gari Meacham talk about how God is unchanging. He. Just. Is. Visit HoustonsFirst.org for costs, rooming arrangements, retreat personalities and online registration.

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MEN

Warrior's Heart

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

This summer we will be in 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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Generation-to-Generation Orientation

Sat, Aug 20 @ 8:30a-12p – The Loop (Rm 143)

Generation-to-Generation mentoring encourages men to walk alongside other men and assist in their spiritual growth. Learn the fundamentals of mentoring, including listening skills, scriptural guidance and biblical friendship. This training time is required for all men seeking to be a mentor at Houston's First. Register at HoustonsFirst.org.

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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 ADULTS

Impact Beach Party

Sat, Aug 20 @ 12-8p – 23203 San Luis Pass Rd, Galveston

Sometimes you just need a beach day! Gather with other single adults from Impact for a fun relaxing day at the beach. With a house right on the water, everyone will enjoy an afternoon of swimming, floating, volleyball, or hang inside with board games and a gorgeous view. Register and learn more at HoustonsFirst.org.

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SINGLE PARENT FAMILIES

Birthday Bash

Sun, July 24 @ 12:30 – The Loop (Oasis Rm)

Single parent families are getting together to celebrate parents and children with August birthdays. We provide a complimentary lunch and gift cards to everyone who has a birthday this month! The party is free and no RSVP is required.

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CYPRESS

Summer Grow @ Home

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

Cypress Ministry Center

Bring the entire family and enjoy a meal, faith conversations and fun and explore opportunities to engage as a family, exploring relevant issues to equip you in growing together. On Wed, July 20, Cypress Campus Children's Ministry Assistant Patrick Simpson will help parents navigate technology in the family. Technology is a part of the lives of each family member, but this doesn't mean it has to hijack your family. Patrick will give families practical ways for parents to help protect children while allowing them to enjoy their devices. No RSVP required.

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DOWNTOWN

MEN

Band of Brothers: Men's Ministry Grill-Out

Sat, July 30 @ 12-3p – Barry Knoll's Home

Rally together with men of all ages from the Downtown Campus at our afternoon grill-out! Bring a friend, son or dad and enjoy some food and a time to build camaraderie and fellowship. Learn more and register by Thu, July 28, at HoustonsFirst.org.

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SIENNA

WOMEN

Sienna Summer Nights

Tue, 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 \$10 at HoustonsFirst.org.

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SPANISH

Family Day

Sat, July 30 @ 10a-4p – Hunt Retreat

Gather with the Spanish Campus for an afternoon of food, fun and games in what's becoming our traditional time to fellowship as a FAMILIA! This is a great time to introduce family and friends to our new Spanish Campus. Registration is \$10/adults, \$5/kids (1st-12th grade) at 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
- Exit after we are dismissed
- Pray as people respond