



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

Weekly Guide  
July 24, 2016

# Celebration

EIGHT PRESENTATIONS  
DEC 7-11, 2016

THE LOOP CAMPUS

MAKE A MEMORY THIS CHRISTMAS BY SERVING  
ON THE CAST AND CREW OF CELEBRATION!

DISCOVER THE OPTIONS AND TAKE THE NEXT STEP AT  
**THEFIRSTCHRISTMAS.ORG**



TICKETS AVAILABLE STARTING SAT, OCT 15



## 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](http://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](mailto:Jessica.Nolte@HoustonsFirst.org)

## Interested in a Mission Trip?

For details and to complete an interest form, visit online at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://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,  
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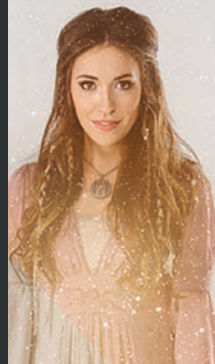
## LIFE BIBLE STUDIES

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.



## 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](http://HoustonsFirst.org).



## A NIGHT WITH LAUREN DAIGLE

Fri, Oct 14 @ 7p – The Loop

The Houston's First family is invited to purchase tickets during an exclusive one-day pre-sale event on Thu, July 28. Visit [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org) for the password and a dedicated link.



## 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](http://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](http://HoustonsFirst.org) to learn more.

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### Stephen Ministry Training Class

**Wednesdays beginning Aug 24 @ 6:30-9p**

**The Loop (Rm 330)**

Stephen Ministry training equips our members through 50 hours of classes to come alongside an individual who is experiencing loneliness, relationship difficulties, loss, divorce, grief or spiritual crisis in their lives. If you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister, fill out an application online at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org) by Sun, Aug 21.

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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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## 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](http://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](http://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)**

Join us for our last time together in our summer 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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### 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](http://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](http://HoustonsFirst.org).

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## YOUNG SINGLE ADULTS

### Reboot, Refresh, Relaunch

**Sun, July 31 @ 6:30-7:45p — The Loop (Fellowship Ctr)**

The Summit Night Life Bible Study classes will be closing a chapter on a few classes, and relaunching with brand new Summit classes. Come hear what's happening in Summit at Night Church and see how you can be a part of the relaunch! Enjoy a free dinner and be welcomed by Pastor Gregg and an encouraging word from Summit Minister Don Munton. No RSVP required.

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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](http://HoustonsFirst.org).

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## SINGLE PARENT FAMILIES

### Birthday Bash

**Today @ 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

### Family Worship Day

**Sun, July 31 @ 11a — Cy-Ranch High School**

We're gathering at Cy-Ranch High School for a time of family worship with the entire Cypress Campus next week. This change in schedule is to accommodate the annual floor cleaning at Smith Middle School in anticipation of the new school year. We will meet for one service at 11a with no Life Bible Studies or childcare.

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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](http://HoustonsFirst.org).

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## SIENNA

### Meet the Marshalls

**Sun, July 31 @ 2-3p — Sienna Campus**

Come and meet Malcolm Marshall — our new Sienna Campus pastor! Enjoy a sundae bar with all the fixin's and give a big welcome to Malcolm and Stacey, and their two daughters. No RSVP is needed for this come-and-go event.

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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](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