



HOUSTON'S FIRST
BAPTIST CHURCH
PASTOR GREGG MATTE

Weekly Guide
July 31, 2016



First Pantry Sun, Aug 7 – The Loop

The Faith Center's Food Pantry & Clothes Closets serve more than 1,000 people each month. Next Sunday, Aug 7, please bring non-perishable food items, gently used clothing and other household goods to The Loop Campus to help serve those in need. Donation bins will be located at main entrances to the church and in the Missions Office.

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,
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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 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-Dec3) at the School of Fine Arts (SoFA) at The Loop Campus is now open. For details and to enroll go to HoustonsFirst.org.



Oasis Conference for Single Moms

• Sat, Aug 13 •

MIRAGE OR OASIS?
LIFE'S "DESERTS" CAN BE OVERWHELMING.
COULDN'T YOU USE AN OASIS NOW AND THEN?

**INVITE SINGLE MOMS YOU KNOW TO A DAY OF
TEACHING, WORSHIP AND PAMPERING.**

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

Español Campus
7401 Katy Freeway
Houston, TX 77024
Worship 5p
Life Bible Studies 6:30p

See inside for details or visit HoustonsFirst.org

ALL CAMPUSES

HighPoint Bible Study

Wednesdays @ 11:30a – 1010 Lamar (Tunnel Level)

This weekly downtown Bible study is open to everybody! Jerrell Altic 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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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 by Sun, Aug 21.

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NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

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, bestselling 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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SINGLE PARENT FAMILIES

Oasis Conference for Single Moms

Sat, Aug 13 @ 8a-3p – The Loop

Single Parent Family Ministry is hosting a day for single moms to get away to be refreshed spiritually and physically. Jennifer Maggio, author and speaker from *The Life of a Single Mom Ministries*, will be guest speaker. 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 unity in 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

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

NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

Welcome to The HUB

Sun, Aug 21 @ 12:30-2p – The Loop (The HUB area)

Having a sixth grader, and soon, a teenager, can be stressful, exciting and challenging. The HUB Student Ministry comes alongside parents and students, encouraging them as they begin navigating uncharted waters. Meet The HUB staff, sixth grade teachers and other families with students over an informative lunch to learn about The HUB and hear an encouraging word from Dr. Richard Ross, Student Ministry professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. RSVP at HoustonsFirst.org.

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YOUNG SINGLE ADULTS

Reboot, Refresh, Relaunch

Today @ 6:30-7:45p – The Loop (Fellowship Ctr)

The Summit night Life Bible Study classes will be closing the chapter to a few classes, and relaunching 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.

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WOMEN

Waiting in Hope – A Night with a Counselor

Mon, Aug 29 @ 6:30-8p – The Loop (Connection Ctr)

Waiting in Hope is a ministry with the purpose to encourage and embrace those struggling through the grief of infertility, miscarriage/losing a child or waiting through the adoption process. Ladies are invited to come for this one-night-only event for support and help. Bring your concerns, questions and needs to professional counselor Cheryl Butler, owner of True North Counseling and Wellness.

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CYPRESS

Cypress Backpack Collection

Aug 1-14 – Smith Middle School

Cypress Fourth Annual Back-to-School Backpack Collection for Cypress community partnership Mansions at Hastings Green begins Mon, Aug 1. We will collect backpacks and school supplies for Pre-K through 12th grade. Drop donations at the Opportunities Table on Sun, Aug 7 & 14, or at the Cypress Ministry Center Mon-Thur. Pick up a list of supplies at the Opportunities Table or online at HoustonsFirst.org.

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DOWNTOWN

NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

FirstFriends: Family Afternoon Out

Sat, Aug 6 @ 11a-1p – Kristin Fowles' Home

Preschool families of the Downtown Campus are invited for an afternoon of fun and fellowship! Enjoy lunch at Kristin's house, then head over to the nearby splashpad to cool off and enjoy some fun in the sun. RSVP at HoustonsFirst.org by Thu, Aug 4.

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SIENNA

Meet the Marshalls

Today @ 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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ESPAÑOL

Make it Your Church Orientation

Aug 21 @ 6:30p – The Loop (Reception Rm)

Discover what it means to be a member of Houston's First-Español! Over dinner, meet staff members, hear about our mission, vision, and ministries. This is a perfect opportunity to invite your Spanish speaking friends & family. RSVP and learn more about membership at HoustonsFirst.org.

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WOMEN

Believing in Him - Women's Fall Bible Study Series

Wednesdays, Aug 24, Sep 21, Oct 26 @ 6p

The Loop (Rm 403)

Join us in this three class series where you will learn how to walk in the confidence of Jesus Christ. Many of us say we believe in Christ, but do you really believe IN Him? Learn more about the study and register 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
- Pray as people respond
- Exit after we are dismissed