



HOUSTON'S FIRST  
BAPTIST CHURCH  
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Weekly Guide  
Aug 14, 2016

# 2 BACK SCHOOL SUNDAY

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ALL CAMPUSES

Let's show our support for teachers,  
administrators and students as they  
begin a new school year!

- Wear jeans and tennis shoes
- Bring \$30 Academy gift cards to help kids buy shoes
- Visit a Life Bible Study



VISIT HOUSTONSFIRST.ORG TO LEARN MORE AND READ A STORY  
ABOUT TWO TEACHERS ON MISSION IN THEIR CLASSROOM.



Pray for Rio

Pray for our missionary, Patti LaCarter, and the team at Comunidade Batista Oceanica Internacional as they minister to those visiting for the Olympics. If you are traveling to Rio, contact Jessica Nolte (Jessica.Nolte@HoustonsFirst.org) for more information about the church.

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

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FRIENDSHIP MINISTRY

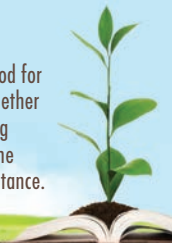
Develop friendships and learn about other cultures by opening your heart to international students and scholars during their time of university study in Houston. Attend one of the following one-time orientations at The Loop to become a friendship partner with an international student:

- Wed, Aug 24 @ 7p – CornerBooks Conference Room
- Mon, Aug 29 @ 7p – Rm 257
- Thu, Sep 8 @ 7p – Rm 257
- Tue, Sep 13 @ 7p – Rm 257

Visit ISFM representatives today in the Main Foyer at The Loop Campus.

## 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.



## 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

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

**Sienna Campus**  
4309 Sienna Pkwy  
Missouri City, TX 77459  
Worship 9:30a & 11a  
Life Bible Studies 9:30a & 11a



## Celebration

Make a memory this Christmas by serving on the cast and crew of Celebration! This musical Christmas presentation will be seen by more than 20,000 people. There are roles to play before and during the show, on the platform and behind the scenes. Visit TheFirstChristmas.org to discover how you can be a part of this Christmas ministry to our city.

## 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

## ALL CAMPUSES

### HighPoint Bible Study

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

This weekly downtown Bible study is open to everybody! Minister of Mobilization Jerrell Altic 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

### Parenting Workshop with Dr. Tim Elmore

**Sat, Aug 27 @ 9a-1p — The Loop (Worship Ctr)**

Parents - ever wonder what you're getting right or wrong? In this workshop, author Dr. Tim Elmore will discuss *12 Huge Mistakes Parents Can Avoid*, providing insights to help you lead kids to succeed before/after graduation, prepare them to become adults, and much more! Register at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://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](http://HoustonsFirst.org).

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## WOMEN

### Women's Retreat: Unchanging

**Oct 7-8 — The Omni Westside**

Every two years, the Houston's First Women's Ministry 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](http://HoustonsFirst.org) for costs, rooming arrangements, retreat personalities and online registration.

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## THE LOOP

### Milestones & MidLink Preview Night

**Wed, Aug 24 @ 6:30-8p — The Loop Campus**

ComedySportz Road Show is coming to The Loop! Come early for dinner starting at 4:45p (FREE!RDS and Kona Ice in the Fellowship Ctr) and to find a Milestones class that's right for you this semester during Open House starting at 5:15p. Then, end the night laughing in the Worship Ctr with ComedySportz Road Show. Learn more and buy discounted dinner tickets (by Sun, Aug 21) at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org).

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## 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 Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Student Ministry Professor, Dr. Richard Ross. RSVP at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://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 hanging inside for board games and a gorgeous view. Register and learn more at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://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

### Summer Grow @ Home

**Wed, Aug 17 @ 6-8p — Cypress Ministry Center**

Join us for the final Grow@Home Summer Nights before going back to school for Family Game Night! Play together with your family while competing against other families in silly games, a time of worship and devotional. Dinner will be provided along with a fun time for all! No RSVP required.

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## DOWNTOWN MEN

### Men's Discipleship Course —

**33 The Series: A Man and His Design**

**Every Monday, Aug 15-Sep 26 @ 7-8:30p**

**Vine Street Studios (1113 Vine St, Ste 117)**

In this six-week study, men will be inspired and equipped to pursue authentic manhood as modeled by Jesus Christ in his 33 years on earth. Explore the basic foundations of authentic manhood and God's clear design for men, including the four "faces" of manhood. Register for just \$15 at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org).

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## ESPAÑOL

### Make it Your Church Orientation

**Sun, Aug 21 @ 6:30p — The Loop (Reception Rm)**

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

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## SIENNA WOMEN

### Fall Women's Bible Studies

• **James: Mercy Triumphs by Beth Moore**

**Tuesdays, Sep 13-Nov 15 @ 10a-12p**

**Sienna Campus (The Corner)**

In ten weeks together, we will go through an eight-week video series with small group time that will provide encouragement and support through this book of faith, joy, prayer and hardship. And a bonus: in two of those weeks, we will serve together in local mission projects. Register at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org) for \$20 (additional \$5 for childcare).

• **Lies Women Believe**

**Wednesdays, Sep 14-Nov 16 @ 6:30-8p**

**Sienna Campus (The Corner)**

10 Women. 10 Stories. 10 Weeks. Come and hear Sienna women share the ways God redeemed them from their own personal pit, and the tools God used to help them break free from the lies of the enemy. Register at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org) for \$20 (additional \$5 for childcare).

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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