



HOUSTON'S FIRST
BAPTIST CHURCH
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Weekly Guide
Aug 21, 2016

BACK 2 SCHOOL SUNDAY

New shoes can give kids confidence as they go back to school. On Back 2 School Sunday today, the Houston's First family is supporting kids in need by donating \$30 Academy gift cards so they can buy shoes for school.



SUBMIT YOUR GIFT CARD

Place it in the offering plate or take it to designated locations at your campus

MAKE A FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

You can give:

- On site by placing cash or check in an envelope and noting "Back 2 School Shoes" as the purpose.
- Online on HoustonsFirst.org by clicking the Giving option then selecting "Back 2 School Shoes" as the Giving Type.
- On mobile by texting your campus code to 77977 to receive a secure link for giving on your mobile device (HFBCLoop, HFBC Cypress, HFBC Downtown, HFBC Espanol, HFBC Sienna). When giving, select "Back 2 School Shoes" as the Giving Type.

MAKE IT YOUR CHURCH ORIENTATION

Discover what it means to be a member of Houston's First! You'll meet staff members, hear about our mission, vision, and ministries, and learn how you can make Houston's First your church. Visit HoustonsFirst.org to learn more about membership and to RSVP to an upcoming session at your campus:

The Loop — Sun, Sep 18 @ 12:30p — The Loop (Fellowship Ctr)

Cypress — Sun, Sep 18 @ 12:30p — Cypress Ministry Center

Sienna — Sun, Sep 18 @ 12:30p — NextGen Ste 220D

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.

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



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



**Houston's First is a welcoming church
for first-time guests and familiar faces.
But beyond just being a welcoming *place*,
let's be a welcoming *people* wherever we go —
showing the love of Jesus through
our words and actions, our smiles and hospitality.**

SEE INSIDE FOR HOW YOU CAN MAKE OTHERS FEEL WELCOME
AND HOW TO CLAIM YOUR NEW WELCOME T-SHIRT, TOO!

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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Celebration Kick-Off Weekend

Fri, Aug 26-Sat, Aug 27 – The Loop

The Choir & Orchestra will immerse themselves in Christmas cheer as they begin rehearsing for *Celebration*, our musical Christmas presentation on Dec 7-11. Join the Choir by simply showing up (no audition required), and join the Orchestra by scheduling an audition. The weekend happens this Fri @ 6:30-9p and Sat @ 9a-3p.

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Deacons' Meetings & Church Conference

Sun, Aug 28 @ – The Loop

Deacon Administrative Committee will meet at 2:30p in Rm 143. Then, all Deacons will meet at 3:30p in the Oasis Rm, followed by the monthly Church Conference at 4:30p. Anyone may attend the Church Conference, but only church members may vote.

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.

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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. Invite a friend and join us in our new series, Relationship Goals. See what The Porch Live is all about at 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 for costs, rooming arrangements, retreat personalities and register online by Sun, Sep 11.

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MEN

Men: Serve

Sat, Sep 17 @ 8a-1p – The Loop (Oasis Rm)

Men will gather at The Loop Campus then head out in teams around the city to serve the widows in our church family. Yard work, home repairs, car maintenance and other tasks – there is a place for you to serve! Register by Fri, Sep 9, at HoustonsFirst.org. If you are a widow in need of assistance contact Sherry Oradat at 713.957.6764.

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THE LOOP

Milestones & MidLink Preview Night

Wed, Aug 24 @ 6:30-8p – The Loop

ComedySportz Road Show is coming to The Loop! Come early for dinner starting at 4:45p (FREEB!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.

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Life Bible Study Leadership Luncheon

Sun, Sep 11 @ 11:30a-1:45p

The Loop (Fitness & Rec Ctr)

Attention all Life Bible Study leaders in all age divisions – and anyone interested in serving: no matter what your role in LBS, kick-off this new year of ministry as the fall semester begins! We'll hear and see how God is using LBS to impact lives of members, leaders, and those in the community through our classes. Registration is required for child care at HoustonsFirst.org.

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MARRIED YOUNG ADULTS

Marriage Matters

Fri, Sep 16 @ 6:30-8:30p – The Loop (Fellowship Ctr)

Your marriage matters! And, in marriage, there are a lot of matters to consider. Come enjoy dinner and an evening of marriage encouragement from guest speakers Steve & Debbie Wilson. Visit HoustonsFirst.org to register for just \$25 per couple – including childcare! Space is limited!

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Waiting in Hope – A Night with a Counselor

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

Waiting in Hope is a ministry 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

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Guarding Your Child's Heart

Every Wednesday, Aug 31-Oct 5 @ 6:30-7:30p

Cypress Ministry Center

Facilitated by Dana & Allen O'Neal, this study by Dr. Gary Smalley presents how-to steps, engaging questions and practical exercises with fun activities to help the whole family memorize and meditate on key scriptures. Moms and dads are welcome, and kids can go to their regularly scheduled Wednesday evening activities. Find out more at HoustonsFirst.org.

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DOWNTOWN

MEN

Men's Discipleship Course –

33 The Series: A Man and His Design

Every Monday thru 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.

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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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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 for \$20 (additional \$5 for childcare).

• **Lies Women Believe**

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

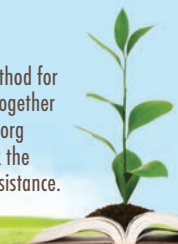
Sienna Campus (The Corner)

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 for \$20 (additional \$5 for childcare).

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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.



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