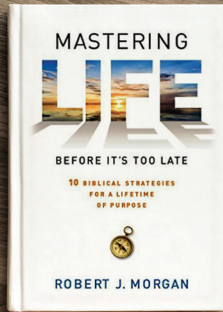




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BAPTIST CHURCH  
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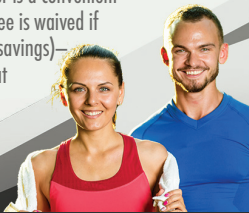
## MASTERING LIFE

**Mastering Life Before It's Too Late:**  
**10 Biblical Strategies for a Lifetime of Purpose**  
Pastor Gregg's essential reading this fall provides 10 workable routines for aligning your daily agenda with God's perfect will. Mastering Life is available from CornerBooks, and author Robert J. Morgan will be our guest speaker at The Loop Campus on Sun, Nov 27.

## FITNESS & RECREATION CENTER

### SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP SPECIAL

Live or work near The Loop Campus?  
The Fitness & Recreation Center is a convenient resource, and the enrollment fee is waived if you join in September (a \$50 savings)—with no contract! Learn more at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://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](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

### 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



### WEDNESDAY EVENINGS—THE LOOP

Gather at The Loop on Wednesday evenings for MidLink—an evening of food and activities for all ages! Pick up a Milestones Guide or visit [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org) for more, and to learn about Wednesday night options at our other campuses, too.

### CHURCHWIDE

MidLink Cafe @ 4:45–6:15p—Fellowship Ctr  
The Link (Adult Bible Study) @ 6:30–8p—Fellowship Ctr  
Profundizando el Discipulado—Deepening Discipleship  
(Adult Spanish Bible Study) @ 7–8p—Rm 145  
Milestones classes @ 6:30–8p—various locations

### WORSHIP/MUSIC

Singers @ 7–8:30p—Rm 337  
Worship Choir @ 7–8:30p—Rehearsal Hall  
Worship Orchestra @ 7–8:30p—Worship Ctr

### FITNESS

Boot Camp @ 6–6:45p—Rm. 270  
The Armor of God @ 6:30–8p—Group X Rm

### PRESCHOOL

Thru the Roof—Special Needs @ 5:45–8:30p—Rm 329  
Wee Worship (Babies–1s) @ 6–7p—Preschool Suite  
W.O.W. (Worship Our Way) (2s & 3s) @ 6–7p—Rm 201 (Heartland)  
High 5 Kids' Choir (4yrs–K) @ 6–7p—Rm 303 (Clubhouse)  
Mission Friends (Birth–K) @ 7–8p—Preschool Suite

### CHILDREN (KidLink)

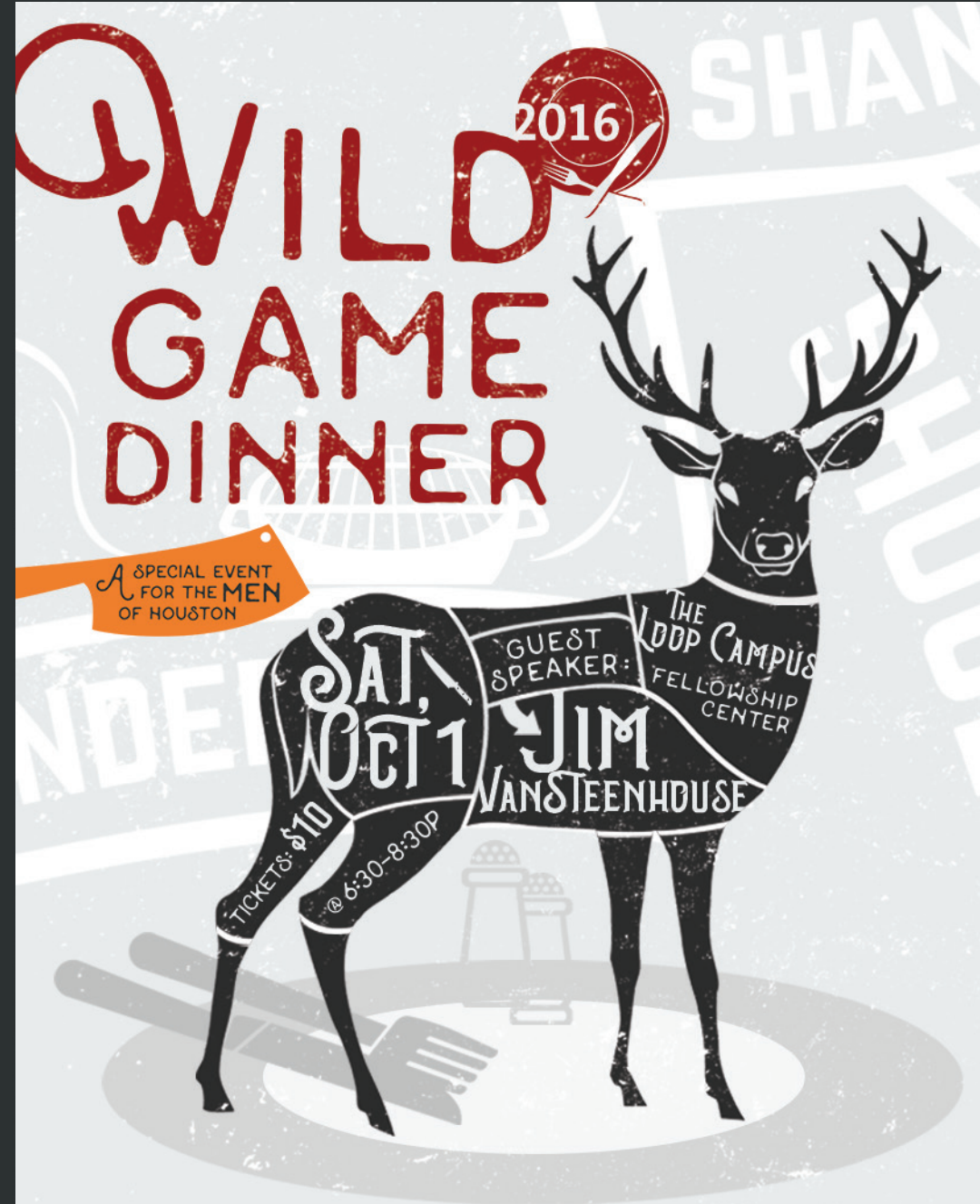
Doors open at 5:45p—The Loft (Rm 301)  
• High 5 Kids' Choir (1st–5th Grade)  
• Preteen Serve (4th–5th Grade)  
• Breakout (1st–3rd Grade)  
• Friction (4th–5th Grade)  
• Thru the Roof—Special Needs—Rm 329

### MIDDLE SCHOOL

Wired @ 6:30–8p—Rm 364

### HIGH SCHOOL

AMP @ 6:30–8p—Rm 363



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## ALL CAMPUSES

### HighPoint Bible Study

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

This weekly downtown Bible study is open to everybody! David Self will teach 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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### Celebration Ticket Sales Launch

**Sat, Oct 15 @ 8–11a—The Loop (Main Foyer)**

Be among the first in town to get tickets to *Celebration*—our musical Christmas production this Dec 7–11 at The Loop Campus! Enjoy Christmas music while our Ticket Sales team answers your questions and assists you in finding seats for the presentation you plan to attend. Visit [TheFirstChristmas.org](http://TheFirstChristmas.org) for presentation times, ticket prices, childcare information and more.

**CONTACT** [Support@BrushFireTech.com](mailto:Support@BrushFireTech.com)

## WOMEN

### Cry Out

**Fri, Sep 23 @ 6–9p—The Loop (Fellowship Ctr)**

One evening...One heart...One cry! Hundreds of thousands of women will gather in thousands of locations to seek the Lord together—for such a time as this! What could be more vital at this critical time than for women to get on their knees together to cry out to the Lord for mercy? Experience the power and joy of corporate prayer as together we cry out to God, asking Him to do in us and in our nation what no man-made effort can accomplish. Learn more at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org).

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## MEN

### Warrior's Heart

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

In our new series, *The Kingdom*, we examine the Kingdom of God in the Old and New Testaments and all its implications on all of life, covering success, marriage, decision-making, conflict, friendship, career, and more. Different men teach each week, with Dr. Peter Williams teaching this Thursday. Breakfast is available for purchase in the Cafe. Registration at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org) is encouraged, but not required.

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### Wild Game Dinner

**Sat, Oct 1 @ 6:30–8:30p—The Loop (Fellowship Ctr)**

Men of any age/stage are invited to hear Jim VanSteenhouse's story of survival. CEO of Interline Mortgage Co and an avid hunter, Jim was brutally mauled by a grizzly bear on a moose hunt in Canada. Come and be inspired by how the Lord intervened in saving his life. Tickets are \$10 and include dinner. Bring your father/son, friend, or coworker! Learn more and 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. Invite a friend and join us in our series, Relationship Goals. See what The Porch Live is all about at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org).

**CONTACT** [Joshua.Bagby@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Joshua.Bagby@HoustonsFirst.org)

## YOUNG SINGLE ADULTS

### Under the Texas Sky Hoedown

**Sat, Oct 29 @ 6–10p**

### The George Ranch Historical Park

Experience a boot stomp'n' good time at the Summit Hoedown! Gather at the George Ranch Historical Park and partake in a night of Texas dining, dancing, and an all-around good ol' time under the Texas sky! Ticket sales start Sat, Oct 2. Saddle up soon at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org)!

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## THE LOOP

### 3-Day Marriage Clinic

**Fri, Oct 14–16 @ 12–6p—The Loop (Rm 504/505)**

Though couples experience different symptoms such as anger, resentments, and withdrawal, the root problem is usually the same: violating one or more of 25 Essential Marriage Skills Dr. Karl Elkins has identified in the Bible. Elkins, from Christway Counseling Center, will lead a three-day marriage clinic to explore these essential marriage skills, which provides the equivalent of 18 weeks of counseling in just three days! Register for just \$75 per couple at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org).

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## NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

### MS Family Park Day: Tailgate with The HUB

**Sun, Sep 25 @ 1–4p—The Loop (Oasis)**

Middle School families (parents and siblings), come tailgate with other HUB families for a fun, relaxing afternoon in the Oasis. Parents, bring your tailgate gear: tents, coolers, tables, and cold food & drinks; the HUB will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, paper goods, games, fun and NFL games on the big screens! Find out more information and register at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org).

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## CYPRESS

### MEN

### Fight the Good Fight

**Tuesdays, beginning Sep 20 @ 6:30–8a**

### Cypress Ministry Ctr

What does it look like to fight like a man of God? God has called us to fight for our marriages, our families, and our spiritual health. Join the staff and men of the Cypress Campus as we explore, not how to fight like a man, but like a man of God.

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## DOWNTOWN

### Good Faith: Being a Christian When Society Thinks You're Irrelevant and Extreme

**Wednesdays thru Oct 26 @ 7–8:30p**

### Vine Street Studios (1113 Vine Street, Suite 117)

How do you live faithfully in a culture that seems increasingly hostile to the Christian faith? This seven-week study, facilitated by Lee Hsia and Peter Lee, will help you respond with compassion, clarity, and confidence to the most toxic issues of our day; discover significant cultural trends that are creating both obstacles and opportunities for Christians; and know what you believe and why it doesn't make you judgmental or extreme. Register for \$14 at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org).

**CONTACT** [Peter.Lee@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Peter.Lee@HoustonsFirst.org)

## ESPAÑOL

### WOMEN

### Believing in Him—Women's Fall Bible Study Series

**Wednesdays, Sep 21 & Oct 26 @ 6p**

### The Loop (Rm 403)

Join us in this 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

Register for the following at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org) for \$20 (additional \$5 for childcare).

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

**Tuesdays thru Nov 15 @ 10a–12p**

#### Sienna Campus (Worship Ctr)

In 10 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.

#### • Lies Women Believe

**Wednesdays thru Nov 16 @ 6:30–8p**

#### Sienna Campus (Worship Ctr)

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.

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## 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](http://HoustonsFirst.org) to learn more about membership, and come to your campus' session today. Walk-ins are welcome!

• **The Loop**—Today @ 12:30p—The Loop (Fellowship Ctr)

• **Cypress**—Today @ 1p—Cypress Ministry Center

• **Sienna**—Today @ 12:30p—NextGen Ste 220D

Downtown and Español will host sessions on Sun, Nov 20.

## 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.



#### 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