

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.



FOOD PANTRY & CLOTHES CLOSETS

More than 1,000 people each month are served by the Food Pantry & Clothes Closets at our two Faith Centers—Spring Branch and Harwin. Here are two ways you can support this vital ministry:

Your Donations

Sun, Oct 2—The Loop
Bring non-perishable food items, gently used clothing and other household goods to The Loop Campus to help stock the Food Pantry & Clothes Closets. Donation bins will be located at main entrances to the church and in the Missions Office.

Your Time

Give life away by serving on the team at either location—sorting donations, assisting families, praying with visitors, and more. There are opportunities to serve during the week and on Saturdays, too.

For more information on Giving Life Away, contact Charlotte.Nease@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! In addition to the following churchwide options, you can go to music rehearsals and fitness classes. Preschoolers, children and students can go to programs designed just for them. Pick up a *Milestones Guide* or visit HoustonsFirst.org for more information, and to learn about Wednesday night options at our other campuses, too.

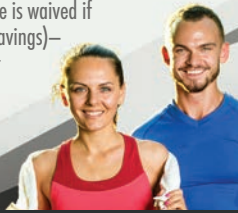
CHURCHWIDE

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

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.



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
BAPTIST CHURCH
PASTOR GREGG MATTE

Weekly Guide
Sep 25, 2016



CELEBRATING IN CYPRESS!



Pastor Gregg Matte, Campus Pastor Jason Swiggart and the Cypress Campus team recently celebrated the "topping out" of our new building located off the Grand Parkway. Pray for the crew as work continues toward a grand opening in early summer 2017!

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 teach this Wednesday at 12:10p. Bring your lunch, or purchase one there for \$8. Visit HoustonsFirst.org to learn more.

CONTACT Diane.Bagby@HoustonsFirst.org

Deacons Meeting and Church Conference

Sun, Oct 2—The Loop

Next Sunday, the Deacon Administrative Committee meeting is at 2:30p in Rm 143. 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.

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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 for presentation times, ticket prices, childcare information and more.

CONTACT Support@BrushFireTech.com

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.

CONTACT 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 stompin' good time at the Summit Hoedown! Gather at George Ranch Historical Park and enjoy 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!

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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 NextGen Minister Dr. Doug Bischoff teaching this Thursday. Breakfast is available for purchase in the Cafe. Registration at HoustonsFirst.org is encouraged, but not required.

CONTACT Emily.Brown@HoustonsFirst.org

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.

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THE LOOP

Voter Registration

Every Sun thru Oct 9—The Loop

The general election will take place on Tue, Nov 8. The last day to register for this most important event in our country is Oct 11. Make it easier on yourself and stop by one of our voter registration tables in the Main Foyer or Fitness & Rec Center lobby on Sundays to register or to change your information.

CONTACT DanCraig@iglide.net

3-Day Marriage Clinic

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

When 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.

CONTACT Greg.Cornutte@HoustonsFirst.org

NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

MS Bonfire

Fri, Oct 21 @ 6-10:30p—Redweik Ranch

Middle School students are invited to chill and hangout with The HUB around a huge bonfire! We'll play outdoor games & activities, cook our dinner and dessert over the fire, plus hear the Word and worship. All who attend get a limited edition retreat sabbatical "MS Bonfire T-Shirt"! Bring a friend and don't miss out! Register for just \$20 (includes meal & shirt) at HoustonsFirst.org.

CONTACT Tony.Bianco@HoustonsFirst.org

CYPRESS

WOMEN

Seamless

Mondays thru Oct 24 @ 6:30-8:30p

Cypress Ministry Center

Seamless covers the people, places and promises of the Bible, tying them together into the greater story of Scripture. Facilitated by Teal Moran and Leeann Rogers, participants will gain an overarching understanding of the fundamental layout and meaning of God's Word. Childcare is not available.

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DOWNTOWN

Share Your Faith Workshop

Sat, Oct 15 @10a-2p

Vine Street Studios (1113 Vine St, Ste 117)

The Share Your Faith Workshop is a comprehensive tool condensed into a one-day training session. In this workshop taught by Lee Hsia, you will learn and practice how to share the Gospel in five easy steps. Find out more and register by Thu, Oct 13, at HoustonsFirst.org.

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WOMEN

The Spiritual Discipline of Service

Every Mon, Oct 3-24 @ 7-8:30p

Erin Krafft's Home

It may be easy to find opportunities to serve your local community or city in a way that feels effective, but it takes more than a simple act of volunteering to be a true servant of Christ. Join other women of the Downtown Campus in a discussion that looks beyond service as a simple checklist item. Karenie Lee will take us through this four-week study, based on *The Celebration of Discipline* by Richard Foster, which will walk you through the life of Jesus to see what it really means to live a service-filled life. Learn more and register at HoustonsFirst.org.

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ESPAÑOL

WOMEN

Believing in Him—Women's Fall Bible Study Series

Wed, 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.

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SIENNA

Midweek Bible Studies

WOMEN

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

Tuesdays thru Nov 15 @ 10a-12p

Sienna Campus (Worship Ctr)

• **Lies Women Believe**

Wednesdays thru Nov 16 @ 6:30-8p

Sienna Campus (Worship Ctr)

Register for each at HoustonsFirst.org for \$20 (additional \$5 for childcare).

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MEN

• **Resolution for Men**

Wednesdays thru Nov 16 @ 6:30-8p

Sienna Campus (The Corner)

No RSVP needed; cost \$10. Learn more 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
- Exit after we are dismissed
- Pray as people respond