

## FALL FESTIVITIES AT HOUSTON'S FIRST

Visit [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org) to learn more about these opportunities to connect people with Jesus and our church — and invite others to come, too!

### Fall Festival

**Sat, Oct 29 @ 10a-1p**

**Clubcreek New Life Community Baptist Church**

Impact Singles (late 30s/40s/50s) will run carnival games, pray with people, share the Gospel, provide meals, and show appreciation to police officers at this community event.

### Trunk or Treat

**Sun, Oct 30 @ 4-6p — Sienna Campus**

Plenty of candy, fun carnival games and kids' bounce houses to safely enjoy the evening before Halloween! Costumes are encouraged!

### The Great Pumpkin Theme Party

**Sun, Oct 30 @ 6-8p — Cypress Ministry Center**

Students in 6th-12th grades are invited to celebrate fall at the most pumpkinny pumpkin party ever! Bring a friend and wear a costume for this FREE fall fun event!

### FirstFest

**Mon, Oct 31 @ 5-9p — The Loop Campus**

An action packed evening of rides, games, candy and more! It's FREE and open for the whole community! Wear costumes and invite friends for a fun evening at The Loop!

### Light the Night

**Mon, Oct 31**

Make a difference in your neighborhood! Plan a block party, reverse trick-or-treating or small gathering in your driveway — any opportunity to know your neighbors and build relationships! Find tips and tools at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org).

## GIVING LIFE AWAY

### Operation Christmas Child

The Loop and Sienna campuses are collecting boxes to be sent to girls and boys living overseas. Pick up empty boxes (and instructions) at The Loop in the Missions Office and at Sienna in the Main Foyer. Return your filled box by Sun, Nov 13, and Samaritan's Purse will send it around the world as a means of sharing Christ this Christmas.

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## 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

## DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING

**Sat, Nov 19 @ 8:30a-3p — The Loop (Fellowship Ctr)**

Men from Houston's First (ages 15+) are called to begin the Disaster Relief Training process so they'll be equipped to help when disaster strikes our community. In partnership with Texas Baptist Men, this training covers disaster relief basics and additional options for elective training. Learn about Texas Baptist Men, the training event and register (\$20-lunch provided) at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org).

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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](http://HoustonsFirst.org) to find one that's right for you, or ask the Guest Experience (GX) team at your campus for assistance.



## WEDNESDAY EVENINGS — THE LOOP

Session two of the Milestones semester recently got underway with several new classes being offered now through Wed, Nov 16. Gather at The Loop on Wednesday evenings for MidLink, with food and activities for all ages, Milestones classes, music rehearsals, fitness classes and NextGen activities for preschoolers, children and students. Pick up a *Milestones Guide* or visit [HoustonsFirst.org](http://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



HOUSTON'S FIRST  
BAPTIST CHURCH  
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## Light the Night | Mon, Oct 31

On Halloween, make a difference in your neighborhood and make connections with your neighbors by hosting a cook-out, going reverse trick-or-treating, or doing your own great ideas! You choose the time and location, and we provide tips and resources at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org).

**See the back cover for other options the weekend of Oct 29-31!**

## ALL CAMPUSES

### HighPoint Bible Study

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

This weekly downtown Bible study is open to everybody! Sienna Campus Pastor Malcolm Marshall is 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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## NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

### As We Go — The Loop (The HUB area)

**Nov 11-12**

As We Go is an event that invites and encourages our students to serve our city — and this year will be no different, with some fun added, too! At As We Go: Kingdom Come Weekend, students from each campus will stay in host homes, serve in a variety of ways across the city, and hear from a Rushmore church planter from NYC as he encourages and challenges our students. Learn more about the weekend at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org) and register for \$40 by Thu, Nov 10.

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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).

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## 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! Young single adults (20s-30s) will 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! Tickets are available now, so saddle up soon 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 Pastor Gregg Matte holding a Q&A this Thursday. Breakfast is available for purchase in the Café. Registration at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org) is encouraged, but not required.

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### Men: Serve

**Sat, Nov 5 @ 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, Oct 28, at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org). If you are a widow in need of assistance, contact Sherry Oradat at 713.957.6764.

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## THE LOOP

### Surviving the Holidays

**Thu, Oct 27 @ 6:45p — The Loop (Reception Rm)**

Facing the holidays after crisis, job loss, divorce or the loss of a loved one is difficult. Pastoral Care and the GriefShare ministries invite you to this evening designed to help, encourage and equip you for the months ahead. The event is open to the community and dinner is provided. Learn more at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org) and RSVP at 713.957.6762.

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## ADULTS AGES 60+

### Fall Bus Trip to Hunt Retreat

**Mon, Nov 14 @ 9a-4p — Hunt Retreat**

Take a bus trip, or drive yourself, to Hunt Retreat for the day! Hunt Retreat in Brookshire is a picturesque site for our yearly get together. You'll trade the rush of the city for a rippling stream and pecans falling softly from the trees. Bring your kazoo, guitar and whittlin', too! Cost is \$10 per person and lunch is provided. Register and learn more at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org) or call Tracie Bowman at 713.957.6661.

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## CYPRESS

### WOMEN

### The Word with Friends - Lord Teach Us to Pray

**Tuesdays thru Nov 15 @ 9:30-11:30a**

### Cypress Ministry Center

Whether you are a seasoned believer or are new to the faith, you're not alone in your desire for a more meaningful prayer life. Join us for a five-week study and in-depth discussion to discover what the Bible teaches about prayer. Testimonies from our facilitators about their prayer struggles and victories will encourage you in your walk. Childcare provided, but registration is required at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org).

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## DOWNTOWN

### Book Study: The Doctrine of God

**Wednesdays, Nov 2—Dec 7 @ 7-8:30p**

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

A doctrine is something the whole Bible teaches us about a particular topic. In this six-week study facilitated by Ramsey Rabie, you will discover all the Bible teaches us about God, including the Trinity, God's providence, and the existence, knowability and character of God. Register at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org) by Mon, Oct 31.

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### Finding your PLACE in Life & Ministry

**Mondays, Nov 7-Dec 5 @ 7-8:30p**

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

This five-week course with Peter Lee will help you discover how God has uniquely designed you to be a difference maker among your family, friends, colleagues and community. We will cover topics such as personality, spiritual gifts, abilities, passions and life experiences. Following the course, you will be given an opportunity to meet with a PLACE Coach to help you implement what you learn. Register for just \$10 at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org) by Thu, Nov 3.

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## ESPAÑOL

### New Life Bible Studies

**Sundays @ 6:30p — The Loop**

Get connected and grow deeper with the Español Campus! Try out one of our newly restructured Life Bible Studies on Sunday evenings following our 5p worship service: Dunamis (empty nesters), Transformando Mi Vida (couples and single parents) and Palabra Viva (singles).

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## WOMEN

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

**Wed, Oct 26 @ 6p — The Loop (Rm 403)**

In this series, 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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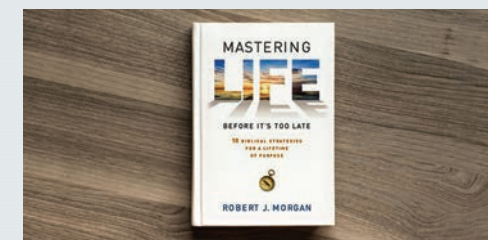
### Re|Create Date Night

**Fri, Nov 11 @ 5:30-9:30p**

### Sienna Campus (NextGen Rms)

Life is busy and schedules can quickly get away from us. Before we know it, it's been weeks — or months — since we've spent quality one-on-one time with our spouses. We want to help couples be intentional about spending time with each other. Re|Create Date night is a safe, fun and inexpensive childcare solution to help you get a date night! Learn more and register for childcare (Birth-5th) at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org).

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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.

## 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).

### 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