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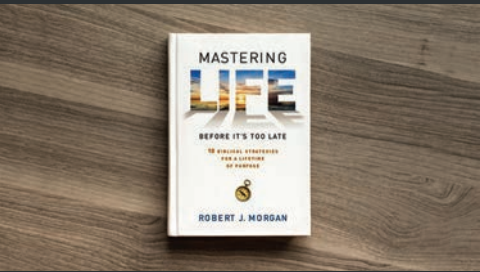
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## ALL CAMPUSES

### HighPoint Bible Study

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

This weekly downtown Bible study is open to everybody! Missions Consultant Russell Minick 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.

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

### CanHope

**Mon, Nov 14 @ 6:45p — The Loop (Reception Rm)**

CanHope ministers to families touched by cancer and those who love and care about them. We will share a meal together with special guest Les O'Neal. The entree is provided; please bring a salad, vegetable or fruit at this time of testimony, prayer and fellowship! RSVP to 713.957.6764 and learn more at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org).

**CONTACT** [Sherry.Oradat@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Sherry.Oradat@HoustonsFirst.org)

### Israel Trip

**Mar 9-19 — Israel**

Visiting the Holy Land is an amazing experience, and one that can have a life-changing impact on anyone — young or old. Originally open only to families with children in third grade or above, this trip is now open to any member of the Houston's First family from any campus — singles, couples with no kids, couples with preschoolers, empty nesters, etc. (If you wish to bring your children with you, we still ask that they at least be in third grade at the time of the trip.) Find more information at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org) and register for this amazing journey to Israel with Pastor Gregg Matte and his family and others from Houston's First!

**CONTACT** [Katie.Walker@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Katie.Walker@HoustonsFirst.org)

## NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

### Rushmore

**Mar 11-16 — New York City**

Rushmore is a next-level trip for students in 10th-12th grade of all campuses. After working with local community churches at Rush Week, Rushmore focuses on church plants in the NYC area through a partnership with the Metro New York Baptist Assn (MNYBA). Get details about cost and how you can go at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org). Registration is only available through Sun, Jan 29. Step up for this next missional experience with The HUB Student Ministry!

**CONTACT** [Tony.Bianco@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Tony.Bianco@HoustonsFirst.org)

## 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)

## 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 Campus Pastor Juan Alaniz from our Español Campus pastor teaching this Thursday. Breakfast is available for purchase in the Café. Registration at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org) is encouraged, but not required.

**CONTACT** [Emily.Brown@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Emily.Brown@HoustonsFirst.org)

## THE LOOP

### Celebrate Recovery

**Thursdays @ 6-9p — The Loop (Oasis Rm)**

Celebrate Recovery provides a safe, confidential environment to break free from the hurts, habits, and hang ups that hinder us from experiencing the true Joy found in Christ. Those who currently find themselves in the battle or have been there and want to support others can both benefit from the experience. Learn more about Celebrate Recovery at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org).

**CONTACT** [Huston.McComb@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Huston.McComb@HoustonsFirst.org)

## NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

### Friendsgiving

**Sun, Nov 20 @ 12:30p — The Loop (Garden Rm)**

Bring a side dish or bring a friend! Come join the College Ministry for a time of fellowship, food and football as we celebrate Thanksgiving together. This is a FREE event and no RSVP required.

**CONTACT** [Derek.Nease@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Derek.Nease@HoustonsFirst.org)

## CYPRESS

### NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

#### Surge: Sanctuary

**Sun, Dec 4 @ 6p — Cypress Ministry Center**

In the midst of a busy fall season of elections, sports, papers, projects and impending finals, take a moment to sit and be still with your friends and family so that we might know HE is God. HUB Students (6th-12th grades), don't miss this special night of worship, prayer and reflection for you and your parents!

**CONTACT** [Hannah.Stovall@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Hannah.Stovall@HoustonsFirst.org)

## DOWNTOWN

### WOMEN

#### Downtown LBS Spotlight: The Core

Women ages 18 and older are invited to check out this Downtown Campus' Life Bible Study for women. Join in as we walk through the *Gospel Project* in this intimate gathering meeting every Sunday at 9:30a at 1010 Lamar.

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

## ESPAÑOL

### Thanksgiving Celebration

**Sun, Nov 20 @ 6:30p — The Loop (Oasis Rm)**

The Español Campus familia will gather for a time of giving thanks to God for everything He has done in our lives and in our homes this year at this campus family celebration! The church will provide the turkey and ham, and we are asking each family attending to bring a side dish or a dessert. Sign up after service at our registration table in the Chapel lobby.

**CONTACT** [Karina.Bazaldua@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Karina.Bazaldua@HoustonsFirst.org)

## SIENNA

### Thanksgiving Celebration

**Sun, Nov 20 @ 4p — Baines Middle School**

The Sienna Campus family will gather for a potluck-style Thanksgiving feast as we celebrate all that God has done through our community this past year! Sign up to bring a side dish through your Life Bible Study. If you're not plugged into a Life Bible Study — bring a dessert and join the family! Plan on making this Thanksgiving celebration a part of your holidays!

**CONTACT** [Kelli.Boylan@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Kelli.Boylan@HoustonsFirst.org)

## 3-Day Marriage Clinic

**Fri, Dec 2 @ 12-6p — Sat, Dec 4 @ 1-7p — Sienna Campus (The Corner)**

Though couples experience symptoms such as anger, resentment and withdrawal, the root problem is usually the same: violating one or more of the 25 Essential Marriage Skills Dr. 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).

**CONTACT** [Cynthia.Barkley@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Cynthia.Barkley@HoustonsFirst.org)



### 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 missions, 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 to RSVP to an upcoming session at your campus:

- **The Loop** — Sun, Nov 20 @ 12:30p — The Loop (Fellowship Ctr)
- **Downtown** — Sun, Nov 20 @ 12:45p — 1010 Lamar
- **Español** — Sun, Nov 13 @ 6:30p — The Loop (Reception Rm)

Our Cypress and Sienna Campuses will host Make It Your Church Orientation in early 2017.

## WORLD MISSION OFFERING

**Nov 2016-Jan 2017**

Given beyond our regular tithes, the World Mission Offering supports missionaries in Texas, the USA and around the world. Use designated envelopes at your campus, give online at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org), or text your campus code to 77977 for a link to give on your mobile device (HFBCLoop, HFBCcypress, HFBCDowntown, HFBCespanol, HFBCSienna).

### 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