



HOUSTON'S FIRST
BAPTIST CHURCH
PASTOR GREGG MATTE

Weekly Guide
Nov 20, 2016

Celebration



**Eight Presentations • Dec 7-11 • The Loop Campus
Tickets Now Available!**

Who will you invite to enjoy the music and hear the Gospel at Celebration? Tickets to this spectacular Christmas musical experience are available now at TheFirstChristmas.org, by phone at 1.866.200.9569, and at kiosks in the Main Foyer at The Loop. Come make a memory this Christmas at Celebration! **#MyCelebrationMemory**



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, or text your campus code to 77977 for a link to give on your mobile device (HFBCLoop, HFBC Cypress, HFBC Downtown, HFBC Espanol, HFBC Sienna).

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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

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FIRST | WORSHIP

"Nothing Shakes the Hope"

This new worship album from the band at Houston's First features 13 original songs, including "Mercy Arms," "He Leadeth Me," "Come Ever Reign" and more. Get copies for you and a friend from CornerBooks and online at iTunes and Amazon.com.



MORE THAN CONQUERORS

Coming to Houston's First in 2017, this new ministry will serve our veterans and military personnel. Visit HoustonsFirst.org to learn more and to tell us about your military experience, whether you're a veteran, on active duty, or in the reserves. Have questions? Contact Nate.Finn@HoustonsFirst.org, director of security and a Marine veteran.



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.



WORLD MISSION OFFERING

SUPPORTING MISSIONARIES AROUND THE WORLD

Houston's First is thankful for missionaries who accepted God's call to go and share the Gospel. You are invited to express your thanks by giving to the World Mission Offering as our church family provides support for these men, women and families serving in locations around the world.

See the back of this Weekly Guide to learn how to give online, in person or on your mobile device.

ALL CAMPUSES

HighPoint Bible Study

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

This weekly downtown Bible study is taking a week off as we celebrate Thanksgiving with our families. We'll return on Wed, Nov 30, with Dr. David Self speaking. Visit HoustonsFirst.org to learn more.

CONTACT Diane.Bagby@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 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

NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

Rushmore

Mar 11-16 — New York City

Rushmore is a next-level trip for students in 10th-12th grades 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. Registration is only available through Sun, Jan 29. Step up for this next missional experience with The HUB Student Ministry!

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COLLEGE/SINGLES/MARRIED

The Porch Live

Tuesdays @ 7:30-9p — The Loop (Chapel)

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 for our last meeting of 2016 on Nov 29! Stay tuned for upcoming dates in 2017.

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MARRIED YOUNG ADULTS

Mingling of Souls

Feb 10-11 — The Loop (Worship Center)

Houston's First welcomes back Matt and Lauren Chandler as they present the Mingling of Souls Marriage Conference live at The Loop Campus on Feb 10-11, 2017. With new content to share, Matt and Lauren will cover the following areas at this event open to married couples of all ages: The Covenant, Progress, Common Grace, and The Long Game. Find out more about pricing, childcare and registration at HoustonsFirst.org.

CONTACT Kristin.Hawkinson@HoustonsFirst.org

MEN

Warrior's Heart

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

Warrior's Heart will take a break for Thanksgiving, but returns on Thu, Dec 1, to continue our series, The Kingdom, examining the Kingdom of God in the Old and New Testaments. Teachers rotate weekly, and Steve Van Ooteghem will teach on Dec 1. Find out more at HoustonsFirst.org.

CONTACT Emily.Brown@HoustonsFirst.org

THE LOOP

NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

Christmaspalooza

Sun, Dec 4 @ 1-7p — The Loop (HUB area)

Make Christmaspalooza your first Christmas Party of 2016! Join The HUB for an amazing afternoon of fun, food, and funtivities. High School (9th-12th grades) will grab lunch and head to Hunt Retreat and Middle School (6th-8th grades) will gather for a quick lunch in The HUB before heading out to have some fun off-site! Sign-up at HoustonsFirst.org and invite a friend or two! All participants receive the limited edition Christmaspalooza "Ugly Christmas Sweater" T-Shirt!

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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!

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DOWNTOWN

Life Bible Study at the Downtown Campus!

Sundays @ 9:30a

We have a range of classes geared toward different ages and stages including: senior adults, married young adults, adult women, young single adults, preschool, and even a class of mixed ages and life stages! All Life Bible Studies are currently studying The Gospel Project, a curriculum designed to take each class through the Bible chronologically over three years. For an extensive list of all Downtown Campus Life Bible Studies, visit the Downtown page on HoustonsFirst.org.

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ESPAÑOL

Thanksgiving Celebration

Today @ 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.

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The Christmas Store

Wed, Dec 14, 6:30-8:30p — The Loop (Chapel & Reception Rm)

We are calling volunteers who would like to serve in this community outreach event — a night full of hospitality, welcoming people to our Español Campus family for the first time. Don't forget to donate a gift and join in being a blessing to a family this Christmas!

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SIENNA

3-Day Marriage Clinic

Fri & Sat, Dec 2-3 @ 12-6p — Sun, 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.

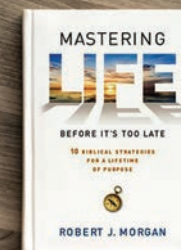
CONTACT Cynthia.Barkley@HoustonsFirst.org

Thanksgiving Weekend

On Sun, Nov 27, Life Bible Studies will not gather, but we will follow our regular worship service schedule at each campus.

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 Guest Experience (GX) team at your campus for assistance.



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 next Sun, Nov 27.

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