



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).



"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.

Celebrate the Season

Visit your campus' page at HoustonsFirst.org for details about the following services and other events and opportunities taking place this holiday season!

Christmas Eve – Sat, Dec 24

- The Loop @ 2p, 4p, & 6p
- Cypress @ 4p & 6p
- Downtown @ 2-6p (Open Door Mission)
- Español @ 5p (Chapel)
- Sienna @ 4p & 6p

Christmas Day – Sun, Dec 25

- All campuses gathering at The Loop @ 5p

New Year's Day – Sun, Jan 1

- The Loop @ 10a
- Cypress @ 9:30a
- Downtown @ 11a
- Español @ 5p (Chapel)
- Sienna @ 10a

First Pantry
Sun, Dec 4 – The Loop
 The Faith Center's Food Pantry & Clothes Closets serve more than 1,000 people each month. Next Sunday, Dec 4, please bring non-perishable food items, gently used clothing and other household goods to The Loop Campus to help serve those in need. Donation bins will be located at main entrances to the church and in the Missions Office.
For more information on Giving Life Away, contact Charlotte.Nease@HoustonsFirst.org.

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

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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Happy Thanksgiving

Let them give thanks to the Lord for His faithful love and His wonderful works for all humanity.

For He has satisfied the thirsty and filled the hungry with good things.

Psalm 107:8-9



As you give thanks this season, consider blessing others with donations to the Food Pantry & Clothes Closet at our Faith Centers in Spring Branch and Harwin. Visit HoustonsFirst.org for locations and hours.

ALL CAMPUSES

HighPoint Bible Study

Wednesdays @ 11:30a – 1010 Lamar (Tunnel Level)
This weekly downtown Bible study is open to everybody! Dr. David Self is teaching this Wednesday at 12:10p. Bring your lunch, or purchase one there for \$8. Visit HoustonsFirst.org to learn more.

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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!

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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 Tue, Nov 29! Stay tuned for upcoming dates in 2017.

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YOUNG SINGLE ADULTS

Summit NYE 2017

Sat, Dec 31 @ 9p-1a – NRG Stadium

This New Year's Eve, "Go Big or Go Home" at Summit NYE 2017! Celebrate another new year while throwing it back to the glitz and glam of Old Hollywood. Sure to be an instant classic, the party will have heavy hors d'oeuvres, DJ & dancing, karaoke, stadium tours, and more! So ring in 2017 in a BIG way at Summit NYE 2017! Find out more and register at HoustonsFirst.org.

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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 continues our series, The Kingdom, examining the Kingdom of God in the Old and New Testaments and its implications on success, marriage, decision making, conflict, friendship, career and more. Teachers rotate weekly, and Steve Van Ooteghem teaches this Thursday. Breakfast is available for purchase in the Cafe. Registration at HoustonsFirst.org is encouraged, but not required.

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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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SINGLE ADULTS

Impact New Year's Eve Party

Sat, Dec 31 @ 8:30p – Hunt Retreat

Ring in 2017 with an evening of hilarity and fun! Enjoy a show, hors d'oeuvres, games, music, smiles and more. Robb Brunson from InterActive Theater Company will emcee the night's entertainment, Impact's Got Talent Variety Show! Enjoy the performance or join the show and let your talents shine. Musicians, magicians, comedians, singers, dancers, orators – all talents are welcome. The deadline to enter the Variety Show is Sun, Dec 18. Rooms are available if you want to stay the night, but space is limited, so reserve your spot before they are gone. Get all the details at HoustonsFirst.org!

CONTACT Chris.Heitman@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!

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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! 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

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.

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Second Mile Toy Drive

Sundays thru Dec 11 – Sienna Campus

This Christmas season, we're partnering with Second Mile Mission Center's Christmas Gifts of Love program to make a difference in the lives of underprivileged children in Fort Bend County. Please bring new, unwrapped gifts for children up to 12 years old with a recommended value of \$10-15. Simply place your donated gifts in the Second Mile collection boxes in the Foyer!

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



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.

CREATING A WORSHIPFUL ENVIRONMENT.

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