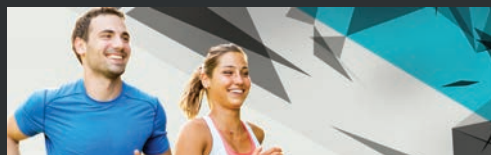


DANIEL FAST

Jan 9-13

As the new year gets underway, Pastor Gregg encourages the Houston's First family to join with him, the church staff and our deacons in a time of fasting and prayer for our church. The "Daniel Fast" is a partial fast, allowing you to eat foods based on Daniel's fast found in Daniel 10:2-3. Visit HoustonsFirst.org for a list of foods, recipes and other resources — as well as a prayer guide to following during the five days.



LET THE FITNESS & RECREATION CENTER HELP YOU!

Celebrating its 33rd anniversary in 2017, the Fitness & Recreation Center (FRC) offers a variety of classes, programs, and opportunities to get fit!

January Promotion

Join the FRC in January and pay no enrollment fee — a savings of \$50. Membership is \$25 per month with no contract.

First Place 4 Health Orientation

Sun, Jan 15 @ 4-5p and Sun, Jan 29 @ 2-3p — The Loop (Rm 258)
Learn about this Christ-centered weight-loss program focusing on emotional, mental, physical and spiritual wellness.

Fitness Expo

Sun, Jan 29 @ 12:15-2p — The Loop (Fitness & Rec Ctr)
Discover all that the FRC has to offer at Expo 2017 with class demonstrations, health screenings, kids' programs and much more! In the health industry? Consider being a vendor at Expo! Learn more about all the FRC has to offer at HoustonsFirst.org.

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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 779777 for a link to give on your mobile device (HFBCLoop, HFBCCyprus, HFBCDowntown, HFBCEspañol, HFBCSienna).

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



Interested in a 2017 mission trip?

For trip details and to complete an interest form, visit HoustonsFirst.org.

Spring trips include:

The Loop Campus:

- Sao Luis, Brazil: Mar 3-12
- Costa Rica: Mar 11-18
- Guatemala: Mar 11-18
- NYC: Apr 12-16
- Athens, Greece: May 26-Jun 6

Downtown Campus:

- Montreal: Apr 24-26
- Honduras (Living Water): Apr 29-May 6

Español Campus:

- Mexico: Mar 11-18

Sienna Campus:

- Aruba: Feb 11-18
- Oakland, CA: Mar 11-18

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For more information on Giving Life Away, contact Charlotte.Nease@HoustonsFirst.org.

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.

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
Jan 1, 2017



Because of the Lord's faithful love we do not perish, for His mercies never end.

They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness!

Lamentations 3:22-23

PREPARING FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

As 2017 begins, join in on five days of fasting and prayer for our church.

See the back cover for information about the Daniel Fast on Jan 9-13.

ALL CAMPUSES

HighPoint Bible Study

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

This weekly downtown Bible study is taking a holiday break! Join us on again on Wed, Jan 11, with Dr. David Self teaching at 12:10p. Bring your lunch or purchase one there for \$8. Visit HoustonsFirst.org to learn more.

CONTACT Diane.Bagby@HoustonsFirst.org

First H.O.P.E.

Jan 26-27 @ 9a-4p — The Loop (Rm 602A)

Have you ever struggled to understand "who" God is calling you to be and "what" God is calling you to do? The First H.O.P.E. job ministry is having a special event — "The Only One Standing in Your Way is You" with special guest speaker, Fred Lowe. Register online for just \$30 at HoustonsFirst.org.

CONTACT Bob.Stroud@HoustonsFirst.org

Midnight Madness

Fri, Jan 27 @ 5:30p-Midnight — The Loop

Current and prospective Life Bible Study leaders from each Houston's First campus will gather for this annual equipping event for great training, inspiring vision, fantastic giveaways, interactive fun — and food, of course! Learn how Life Bible Study is a critical part of the mission of Christ and come together as leaders from all age groups and leadership positions to focus on how each leader can serve with excellence. Register at HoustonsFirst.org.

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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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MARRIED YOUNG ADULTS

Mingling of Souls

Feb 10-11, 2017 — 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. With new content to share, Matt and Lauren will cover the following areas at this citywide 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.

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MEN

Warrior's Heart

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

Warrior's Heart is a weekly morning Bible study for men focusing on clear biblical teaching followed by real conversations. Beginning Thu, Jan 5, Eric Reed will kick off our new series, "The Core Values of Manhood." This series will cover Brotherhood, Truth, Courage, Honor, and Mission. Breakfast is available for purchase in the Cafe. Registration at HoustonsFirst.org is encouraged, but not required.

CONTACT Emily.Brown@HoustonsFirst.org

Men: Serve

Sat, Jan 14 @ 8a-1p — The Loop

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, Jan 6, at HoustonsFirst.org. If you are a widow in need of assistance contact Sherry Oradat at 713.957.6764.

CONTACT Emily.Brown@HoustonsFirst.org

THE LOOP

MidLink Movie: "The Insanity of God"

Wed, Jan 18 @ 6:30p — The Loop (Worship Center)

After the death of their son, missionaries Nik and Ruth Ripken journey into the depths of the persecuted church, asking the question: IS JESUS WORTH IT? "The Insanity of God" tells their story of being taught by believers in persecution "how to follow Jesus, how to love Jesus, and how to walk with Him day by day even when it doesn't make sense." The movie is free to attend! So, come early for dinner at MidLink Cafe (4:45-6:15p) and take your kids (birth-5th grade) to NextGen programming while your 6th-12th graders come to the movie with you.

CONTACT Courtney.Schisler@HoustonsFirst.org

MidLink / Milestones Preview Night

Wed, Jan 25 @ 6:30p — The Loop

As a follow-up to "The Insanity of God" the week before, gather in the Chapel for an interview with Benjamin Lee, currently serving in China, about "ministry in dark places." Afterwards, the Milestones Open House in the Main Foyer will allow you to discover what Milestones classes are offered during the spring semester. NextGen programming for all ages (birth-12th grade) will be available, along with MidLink Cafe from 4:45-6:15p.

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YOUNG SINGLE ADULTS

Summit Celebrates: Missions

Sat, Jan 14 @ 7-9p — The Loop (Oasis Room)

Young singles (20s-30s) are coming together for a night of worship through song, prayer and testimony about what God has done and is doing locally, and around the world. Why? Living a life for the Lord is living a life on mission. Learn how YOU can be a missionary in your city, nation and world! Plan to stick around for coffee, desserts and fellowship afterwards.

CONTACT Joshua.Bagby@HoustonsFirst.org

WOMEN

Fighting for Your Family

Sat, Jan 14 @ 9a-12p — The Loop (Chapel)

Are you ready to fight for the ones you love the most? Join us for a workshop led by author, speaker, and Bible teacher, Debbie Stuart, Director of Ministry Initiatives at Hope for the Heart. Debbie has experience with prodigals and has had to learn how to fight for her own family over the years. Childcare available for \$10 (\$5 each additional child) by registration at HoustonsFirst.org by Fri, Jan 6.

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CYPRESS

MidLink

Wed, Jan 11 @ 6-8p — Cypress Ministry Center

There's more to the Cypress Campus of Houston's First than what happens on Sundays! MidLink is a mid-week gathering connecting the church family from Sunday to Sunday. The next MidLink semester begins Wed, Jan 11, and includes Mission Friends and BLAST for ages birth-5th grade, community groups for HUB Students (6th-12th grades), Financial Peace University and PLACE classes for adults.

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DOWNTOWN

Marathon Sunday

Sun, Jan 15 — 1010 Lamar

The Downtown Campus will cheer for Houston Marathon runners at 8a as they pass by our front door at 1010 Lamar! We'll exercise our hospitality by engaging in conversation with fellow spectators, and offering hot cocoa and coffee, too. Come worship with us later that evening at 5p.

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ESPAÑOL

NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

Career & Education Day

Sat, Feb 18 @ 9a-3p — George R. Brown Convention Center

Middle and high school students and parents are invited to join us in a full day of college and financial aid information provided by the Houston Hispanic Forum. This event is free, but registration is required at HoustonsFirst.org.

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SIENNA

NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

Popcorn & PJs Movie Night

Fri, Jan 13 @ 6-8:30p — Sienna Worship Center

Wear your favorite pajamas and invite a friend for a special family movie night full of popcorn and candy! Families with kids of all ages are welcome to come and watch *Finding Dory*.

CONTACT Cara.Buis@HoustonsFirst.org

Baptism Sunday

Sun, Jan 15 @ 12:15p — Sienna Porch

The Sienna Campus family will celebrate the ordinance of baptism following the 11a worship service. If you have questions about baptism or want to be baptized, talk to Sienna Campus Pastor Malcolm Marshall.

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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
- Pray as people respond
- Exit after we are dismissed