



LET THE FITNESS & RECREATION CENTER HELP YOU!

The Fitness & Recreation Center (FRC) at The Loop Campus celebrates its 33rd anniversary in 2017, and 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.

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, in 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, HFBCDowntown, HFBC Espanol, HFBCSienna).

THERE'S MORE TO CHURCH THAN SUNDAY MORNINGS

The Loop has a worship service at 5p and Life Bible Studies at 6:30p. The message is the same as the morning service — with room to park on campus! So, go on a weekend getaway, get your grocery shopping done, or just sleep in — then go to church on Sunday night!

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



International Student Friendship Ministry

Interested in serving as a friendship host to international students from the University of Houston? ISFM is a non-live-in friendship ministry open to all Christian families and single adults. Contact Marie Downing to attend a one-time orientation to learn more about becoming a friendship partner.

CONTACT downings@flash.net

Learn to Pray

Wednesdays, Feb 1–Mar 8 @ 6:30–8p

The Loop (Garden Rm)

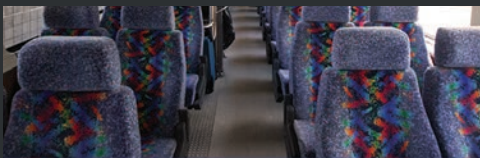
Join Minister of Mobilization Jerrell Altic and Assimilation & Missions Associate Kevin Spivey as they teach principles on how to pray and about the power of prayer in the life of the believer.

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 Campus 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 22, 2017

FOUNDATIONS OF THE FAITH UNSTOPPABLE GOSPEL

JAN 29 – MAR 5 | ALL CAMPUSES

For six Sundays, adult Life Bible Studies at every campus will look at the Unstoppable Gospel — a study that builds upon Pastor Gregg's book by the same title. We'll journey through the early days of the church and discover what made the early church so powerful. Learn more about the series at HoustonsFirst.org, and download the related "Bible Studies for Life" app on iTunes or Google Play.

ALL CAMPUSES

HighPoint Bible Study

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

This weekly downtown Bible study is open to everyone! 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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Stephen Ministry Preview

Wed, Jan 25 @ 6:30p — The Loop (Rm 330)

Applications due Sun, Jan 29

Pastoral Care is accepting applications and inquiries about becoming a Stephen Minister. Stephen Ministry training equips our members through 50 hours of classes to come alongside an individual who is experiencing loneliness, relationship difficulties, loss, divorce, grief or spiritual crisis in their lives. Learn more at this Preview Night about how to become a Stephen Minister, and apply at HoustonsFirst.org. Classes begin the evening of Wed, Feb 1, during MidLink at The Loop.

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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.

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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

Rush Week

Jul 21-27 — Panama City Beach, FL

Students entering 7th-12th grades are invited to this unique experience! Rush Week is 50% camp and 50% missions. Students partner with local churches in Panama City, FL, to assist in ministry, service projects, and evangelism to the city each morning. In the afternoon we play, compete, laugh, relax, worship, and learn more about God. Registration starts today at HoustonsFirst.org.

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CREATING A WORSHIPFUL ENVIRONMENT.

As a courtesy to others

- Silence cell phones
- Remain seated once message begins
- Use restroom before worship service
- If you leave, re-entry may not be allowed

COLLEGE/SINGLES/MARRIED

The Porch Live

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

Houston's First is partnering with The Porch Dallas to bring The Porch Live worship experience to Houston for a new series, New Year's Revolution. People in their 20s and 30s gather on Tuesday nights for live worship, great teaching and fellowship. Come see what The Porch Live is all about at HoustonsFirst.org.

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YOUNG SINGLE ADULTS

Snow Jam

Apr 6-10 — Winter Park, CO

Have you been skiing before? Cool! Never skied? Fantastic! Summit Snow Jam 2017 is a great opportunity to spend time in the mountains building friendships. We enjoy the beauty of God's creation and the fun of skiing, and then join together nightly for fellowship and quality time. Learn more about the trip and pricing and register by Mon, Mar 6, at HoustonsFirst.org.

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MARRIED YOUNG ADULTS

Mingling of Souls

Feb 10-11, 2017 — The Loop (Worship Ctr)

Houston's First welcomes back Matt and Lauren Chandler as they present the Mingling of Souls Marriage Conference live at The Loop Campus. 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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WOMEN

The Table

Thursdays, Feb 2-Mar 9 @ 6:30-8p

The Loop (Worship Ctr)

Women of all ages are invited to experience the presence of Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit! Kay Altic, Kelly Matte and Star Smith will teach as women from across Houston join together at The Table to embrace the hope and provision found in Scripture. Register for childcare at HoustonsFirst.org for just \$10 per child per night (\$5 each additional child).

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MEN

Men of Integrity

Wednesdays, beginning Jan 25 @ 5:30-7p

The Loop (Rm 600)

This is a confidential therapy group for men who struggle with compulsive behavior, including those who have difficulty with internet pornography or same-sex attraction or behaviors. Call for a confidential screening appointment with Greg Curnutte at 713.335.6462. This group consists of 15 sessions at \$50 per session.

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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. Our new series, "The Core Values of Manhood," covers Brotherhood, Truth, Courage, Honor, and Mission. Steve Diserens will teach this week. Breakfast is available for purchase in the Cafe. Registration at HoustonsFirst.org is encouraged, but not required.

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THE LOOP

MidLink / Milestones Preview Night

Wed, Jan 25 @ 6:15p — The Loop

As a follow-up to "The Insanity of God" last Wednesday night, gather in the Chapel from 7-8p to hear about "ministry in dark places" from Benjamin Lee, who's currently serving in China. But before that, the Milestones Open House in the Main Foyer from 6:15-7p will allow you to discover the offering of Milestones spring semester classes. NextGen programming for all ages (Birth-12th grade) will be available, along with MidLink Cafe from 4:45-6:15p.

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WOMEN

IF: Gathering

Fri, Feb 3 @ 7-10p & Sat, Feb 4 @ 9a-12p

The Loop (Chapel)

This local two-day gathering will bring women together from around the world to look at one of the most influential generations that has ever lived — the early church. The way God moved through the early church was simple and pure, and we believe they are the model we need right now. Find out more about the local "IF: Gathering" and register at HoustonsFirst.org.

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CYPRESS

Super Build

Sat, Feb 4 @ 7:30a-2p

Super Build is an exciting opportunity to leave a lasting legacy by building affordable homes for low to moderate income Houstonians during Super Bowl season (weekends, Jan 21-Feb 25). Houston's First is partnering with Houston Habitat for Humanity and other community churches, and the Cypress Campus is recruiting 25 men and women over age 16 to serve on Sat, Feb 4. No experience required! Register at HoustonsFirst.org.

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DOWNTOWN

Women's Ministry Luncheon

Sun, Feb 5 @ 1p — 1010 Lamar

All women are invited to the Downtown Campus for a ladies' lunch! Fellowship together over a meal, get to know one another, and receive a preview of the women's events at the Downtown Campus for the spring of 2017. Register at HoustonsFirst.org by Thu, Feb 2.

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ESPAÑOL

Growing our Love

Sat, Feb 11 @ 6p — Cafe Adobe

Save the date for this special event for couples! Enjoy a nice dinner with your loved one and a word of encouragement to grow in your marriage or relationship. Register online at HoustonsFirst.org for just \$40 per couple. No children please.

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NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

Career and 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 day full of college information and financial aid provided by the Houston Hispanic Forum. This event is free, but registration is required at HoustonsFirst.org.

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SIENNA

Daddy-Daughter Sock Hop

Fri, Feb 3 @ 6-8p — Sienna Worship Center

Calling all dads, grandpas and uncles! Treat your little lady to a night of fun at the hop! You and your special girl will enjoy dinner and dessert, and then dance the night away. The Sock Hop is open to girls (and dads) of all ages, and '50s attire is encouraged! Register at HoustonsFirst.org for \$8 per person; \$20 max/family.

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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