

THE DOWNTOWN PROJECT

GOING GIVING PRAYING



HOUSTON'S FIRST
BAPTIST CHURCH
PASTOR GREGG MATTE

Weekly Guide
Feb 26, 2017

The Day of Giving • Sun, Feb 26

At each of our campuses today, every dollar received will go to the Downtown Project. The Lord has given Houston's First the opportunity to purchase 1730 Jefferson – an entire city block in downtown Houston with an existing building. Your contribution will help turn that office building into a church building – providing a home for our Downtown Campus and our ministry to the area.

Here's how you can give to the Downtown Project and help extend our reach in the heart of Houston:

- 1 ONSITE**
 - Use designated envelope for cash/check and place in offering plate or other collection points at your campus
 - If you do not have a designated envelope, be sure to write "Downtown Project" on your check or on the envelope you use
- 2 ONLINE**
 - Go to Giving page at HoustonsFirst.org
 - Select "Downtown Project" from list of giving types
- 3 ON MOBILE**
 - Text your campus code to 77977 to receive a secure link:
 - HFBCLoop • HFBCespanol
 - HFBCcypress • HFBCSienna
 - HFBCDowntown
 - Select "Downtown Project" from list of giving types

GIFTS OF STOCK

Making a gift of stock is a simple and easy process that can be coordinated through the Financial Services office of the church. To donate a gift of stock or learn more, contact Amber.Willet@HoustonsFirst.org or call her at 713.957.5807. On all tax questions, it is advisable to consult with a tax advisor or CPA.

God is on the move in Houston. ARE YOU?

"Make It Your CAMPUS" Lunch • Sun, Mar 5 or Sun, Apr 2

Do you go The Loop but live closer to another campus? O, ¿preferies adorar y estudiar la Biblia en español? If so, you're invited to a "Make It Your CAMPUS" lunch on Sun, Mar 5, or Sun, Apr 2, at 12:30p in the Fitness & Recreation Center at The Loop.

At this free event, learn about our multisite campuses (Cypress, Downtown, Español and Sienna), hear from campus pastors and meet others who are praying about stepping out and GOING to better engage in what God is doing in their community. You won't be asked to make a commitment to another campus at the lunch! It's simply a time to learn and get answers as you pray about your decision. Childcare is available, too.

RSVP for one of two dates using the options below. (If you plan on coming next Sun, Mar 5, please RSVP by today, Sun, Feb 26.)

- 1 ONLINE**
Go to HoustonsFirst.org/StepOut
- 2 ON MOBILE**
Text STEPOUT to 41411 to receive a link
- 3 BY PHONE**
Call Diamend Bianco at 713.957.5892

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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extending our reach in the heart of Houston

THE DAY OF GIVING

"All that we do, as a people, and as a church, is to extend the Gospel message. I believe this uniquely located property will be a new beacon for that purpose in downtown."

— Pastor Gregg Matte



See the back page for ways you can contribute to the Downtown Project.

ALL CAMPUSES

Deacons Meeting and Church Conference Wed, Mar 8 @ — The Loop

Notice the new day for these monthly meetings — Wednesday evenings! The Deacon Administrative Committee meeting is at 5:30p in the Harbor Rm. All Deacons will meet at 6:30p in the Oasis Rm followed by the monthly Church Conference at 7:30p. Anyone may attend the Church Conference, but only church members may vote.

HighPoint Bible Study

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

This weekly downtown Bible study is open to everyone! Downtown Campus Pastor Lee Hsia is teaching this Wednesday at 12:10p. Bring your lunch or purchase one there for \$8. Visit HoustonsFirst.org to learn more.

CONTACT Diane.Bagby@HoustonsFirst.org

Super Build

Saturdays thru Mar 4 @ 7:30a-2p — 8500 Woodlyn Rd.

Want to make a difference? You can! Houston's First is partnering with Houston Habitat for Humanity and other community churches for Super Build. This is an exciting opportunity to leave a lasting legacy by building affordable homes for low-to-moderate income Houstonians. There is no cost to serve! Learn more and register to serve at HoustonsFirst.org.

CONTACT Emily.Brown@HoustonsFirst.org

Homebound Ministry Training Taking Church to Our Flock

Sun, Mar 5 @ 12:45-3p — The Loop (Reception Rm)

The Homebound Ministry strives to keep our flock connected to the church they love. We extend love, care and prayerful encouragement to homebound members through visits, cards of encouragement and phone calls. This is a free training with lunch provided. Register at HoustonsFirst.org.

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NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

Camp Intersect

June 11-14 — Carolina Creek Christian Camp

Camp Intersect is the place your child (current 3rd-6th graders) can experience God in fun ways at a "two camps, one location" event! FirstKids and The HUB students each have their own summer camp experience with games, worship, small groups, water activities, and so much more! There's no better way to start the summer than with Camp Intersect! Registration opens next Sun, Mar 5, at HoustonsFirst.org.

CONTACT Mike.Harvey@HoustonsFirst.org

Rush Week

July 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 each morning. In the afternoon we play, compete, laugh, relax, worship and learn more about God. This is the largest event The HUB Student Ministry organizes and we want YOU there! Register 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 as a group each night. Learn about the trip and pricing — and register by next Mon, Mar 6 — at HoustonsFirst.org.

CONTACT Joshua.Bagby@HoustonsFirst.org

WOMEN

The Table

Thursdays thru 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 Alric, 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).

CONTACT Meredith.Cann@HoustonsFirst.org

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. Dennis Combrink, Director of Cru, will teach this week in the series, "Faith @ Work." Breakfast is available for purchase in the Cafe. Registration at HoustonsFirst.org is encouraged, but not required.

CONTACT Emily.Brown@HoustonsFirst.org

THE LOOP

SINGLE ADULTS

Impact Spring Retreat

Fri, Mar 10 @ 6:30p-Sun, Mar 12 @ 12p

Trinity Pines Conference Ctr

Come meet new friends and gather with other single adults for a fun, relaxing weekend! Be encouraged through teaching by Adam Mason and Kris Swiatocho, and enjoy hiking, mini golf, Frisbee golf, paddleboat and kayaking, Top Shot Contest (shotgun, crossbow, knife throwing, etc), and more! On Saturday night enjoy BBQ, bonfire, hayride, and a S'mores extravaganza. Find pricing and registration at HoustonsFirst.org.

CONTACT Chris.Heitman@HoustonsFirst.org

CYPRESS

WOMEN

The Word with Friends

Tuesdays, Feb 28-Apr 25 @ 9:30-11:30a

Cypress Ministry Center

Ladies, come expecting great things from God as He teaches us about the Holy Spirit, His purpose and His power in our lives. Hear a word from Teena Haines, Nicole Hufty and Mary Ann Bridgwater. Registration is required and childcare is available at HoustonsFirst.org.

CONTACT Laura.Jordan@HoustonsFirst.org

DOWNTOWN

What is a Healthy Church Member?

Wednesdays, Mar 1-29 @ 7-8:30p

Vine Street Studios (1113 Vine St, Ste 117)

Whether your Christian life began yesterday or 30 years ago, the Lord's intent is that you play an active and vital part in His body: the local church. This five-week study will help you discover, or rediscover, what it means to be a healthy member of a local church, and how to contribute to its overall health. Learn more and register at HoustonsFirst.org.

CONTACT Peter.Lee@HoustonsFirst.org

ESPAÑOL

SBTC Hispanic Regional Conference

Sat, Mar 4 @ 9a-4p — The Loop

Designed to equip leaders and members of the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention churches, this conference features workshops and biblical resources to encourage and refresh God's calling in every member. This year, the Español Campus of Houston's First is hosting the conference! Cost is \$5/person, and pre-registration for childcare is required. Register for both at HoustonsFirst.org.

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SIENNA

Closet/Cupboard Clean

Sat, Mar 4 @ 8a-1p — Sienna Campus

Doing some spring cleaning? Bring your donation of clothes and non-perishable foods to the Sienna Campus, where a Second Mile truck will be in our parking lot ready to take your donations. Visit SecondMile.org for more information.

CONTACT Kelli.Boylan@HoustonsFirst.org

Baptism Sunday

Sun, Mar 26 — Sienna Campus

Celebrate our brothers and sisters in Christ who are being baptized immediately following the 11a worship service on the Sienna Campus patio. If you would like to be baptized, or want more information on baptism, please contact Sienna Campus Pastor Malcolm Marshall.

CONTACT Malcolm.Marshall@HoustonsFirst.org

GIVING LIFE AWAY

First Pantry

The Faith Center's Food Pantry & Clothes Closets serve more than 1,000 people each month. Next Sun, Mar 5, please bring nonperishable food items, gently used clothing and other household goods to The Loop Campus to serve those in need. Donation bins will be located at main entrances to the church and in the Missions Office.

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



WEDNESDAY EVENINGS — THE LOOP

MidLink on Wednesday evenings at The Loop has something for everyone! In addition to churchwide classes like fitness, music rehearsals and topical studies, there are offerings designed for every age group, including preschool, children and students. Visit HoustonsFirst.org to learn more about Wednesday nights at each of the other four campuses.

CHURCHWIDE

- MidLink Cafe @ 4:45-6:15p — Fellowship Ctr
- The Link (Adult Bible Study) @ 6:30-8p — Fellowship Ctr
- Profundizando el Discipulado — Deepening Discipleship (Adult Spanish Bible Study) @ 7-8p — Rm 145
- Milestones classes @ 6:30-8p — various locations

Houston's First Baptist Church is a relevant biblical community where we gather our hearts, grow our souls and give our lives as we seek to fulfill the Great Commission. Need more information? Call 713.681.8000, visit HoustonsFirst.org, and follow us on     

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