



PARKING
While facilitating designated parking areas at their campuses, Parking Team volunteers are often the first ones to welcome people as they arrive at Houston's First, answer their initial questions, and point them in the right direction as they make their way into the building.

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GUEST EXPERIENCE
Formerly known as the Welcome Team, the Guest Experience (GX) Team ensures people feel at home on Sundays "from the streets to the seats" - greeting them at the doors, helping them find Life Bible Studies, handing out Weekly Guides, ushering in the worship services, and answering any questions that come their way.

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CORNERBOOKS
CornerBooks' mission is to extend the message, ministry and mission of Houston's First, and volunteers make that happen by equipping people with helpful resources and providing hospitality in the form of warm smiles and hot coffee.

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PRESCHOOL
Our church is intentional about sharing God's love—even with our smallest ones! Rocking babies is one role where volunteers begin laying a foundation for God's love and truth upon which infants through Kindergarten will grow for years to come.

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CHILDREN
Sundays in FirstKids Children's Ministry are a blast for 1st-5th graders—and for volunteers, too! Kids' Worship and Life Bible Studies lead kids to actively dive into the Bible and present the Gospel in a way that guides children to accept Jesus as their Savior.

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STUDENTS
Middle school and high school are defining seasons in students' lives. Volunteers in The HUB Student Ministry partner with parents and staff to provide students in 6th-12th grades with opportunities to explore and apply God's Word to their lives—often developing mentoring relationships along the way.

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THRU THE ROOF
Volunteers in the Thru the Roof Special Needs Ministry offer a loving place for children and adults with special needs to be the people God uniquely created them to be. In addition, volunteers provide their families peace of mind while attending a worship service or Life Bible Study, knowing that their loved ones are being well-cared for.

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ADULT LBS
Serving college students through our most senior adults, volunteers in Adult Life Bible Studies are vital to this essential ministry. Guests and members at every campus can explore God's Word, develop community with others and grow stronger in their faith in a smaller, more intimate setting.

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WORSHIP
Corporate worship on Sundays at Houston's First provides opportunities to volunteer as a member of the Choir (9:15a) or Singers (11a) at The Loop Campus, allowing those with a passion for worshipping through music to serve while doing what they love—and auditions are not required.

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CONNECTION CENTER
Each Sunday at our campuses, Connection Center volunteers are available to answer questions about the Christian faith, guide people through the church membership process and pray with those feeling led to receive Jesus' gift of eternal life.

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NEWS + UPDATES

TWEET OF THE WEEK "One of my favorite things about attending @HoustonFirst is getting to witness brothers & sisters obey through baptism almost every week!" - @ChadGreenfield

ALL CAMPUSES
Deacons' Meeting and Church Conference
Wed, Apr 5 - The Loop
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! Dr. David Self is teaching this Wednesday at 12:10p. Bring your lunch or purchase one there for \$8. Visit HoustonFirst.org to learn more.
CONTACT Diane.Bagby@HoustonFirst.org

First H.O.P.E.
Sat, Apr 8 @ 8:30a-4:30p - The Loop (Rm 253/254)
For job seekers and those wanting a career change, First H.O.P.E. job ministry is hosting the Institute of Supply Management Houston (ISM-Houston) Career Services Workshop. Terry Reed and Matt Bradshaw will join several other guest speakers for this all day workshop. Registration is required at HoustonFirst.org.
CONTACT Bob.Stroud@HoustonFirst.org

NEXTGEN MINISTRIES
Camp Intersect
June 11-14 - Carolina Creek Christian Camp
Camp Intersect is the place your child (current 3rd-6th grades) 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! Register at HoustonFirst.org.
CONTACT Mike.Harvey@HoustonFirst.org

SINGLE YOUNG ADULTS
Summit Retreat
Fri, May 19-Sun, May 21 - Pineywoods Camp
Gather with young single adults of Houston's First to spend time in God's Word and develop relationships through fun activities, conversations, and shared experiences. With speaker Nabeel Qureshi, this retreat is not a chance to flee from life's challenges, but to run to God with them! Registration opens today, at HoustonFirst.org.
CONTACT Angela.Garcia@HoustonFirst.org

THE LOOP
NEXTGEN MINISTRIES
Passport to Purity Parent Training
Sat, Apr 8 @ 8:30a-12p - The Loop (Oasis Rm)
This Grow@Home experience is designed for parents of 4th and 5th graders to teach the core value of purity. The training walks through details of how to have a positive experience with your preteen son or daughter about purity. A panel of parents will share their insights about using the related tool kit and planning an effective weekend experience. Kits will be available for purchase at the event. Register at HoustonFirst.org.
CONTACT Mike.Harvey@HoustonFirst.org

Spring Weekend of Choir
Thu, Apr 20-Sat, Apr 22 - The Loop
This power-packed event is open to children in 1st-5th grades—and they will present an entire musical in one weekend! There will also be exciting times of Bible study, Bible Quizzing, games, dynamic activities, and a carnival! The musical performance is Sat, Apr 22 @ 6p. Learn more and register by Thu, Apr 13, at HoustonFirst.org.
CONTACT Joy.Harris@HoustonFirst.org

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. For information, call 713.681.8000, or visit HoustonFirst.org.

SUNDAYS AT HOUSTON'S FIRST			
The Loop Campus 7401 Katy Fwy - Houston, TX 77024 Worship 9:30a - 11a Life Bible Studies 8a - 9:15a • 10:45a - 6:30p	Cypress Campus 10300 Warner Smith Blvd - Cypress, TX 77433 Worship 9:30a - 11a Life Bible Studies 9:30a - 11a	Downtown Campus 1730 Jefferson St - Houston, TX 77003 Worship 11a Life Bible Studies 9:30a	Espanol Campus 7401 Katy Fwy - 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			

CYPRESS
NEXTGEN MINISTRIES
SURGE: Sanctuary
Sun, Apr 9 @ 6-8p - Cypress Ministry Center
Students in 6th-12th grades and their families are invited to join the G-Hub on Palm Sunday for a time of worship, prayer and reflection as we prepare our hearts for Easter Sunday by focusing on the person and work of Jesus. Students' siblings in elementary school are welcome to join along with parents to participate in the evening. Childcare is available with registration for Birth-K at HoustonFirst.org.
CONTACT Hannah.Stoval@HoustonFirst.org

DOWNTOWN
Pursuing Holiness: What, Why, How?
Every Wed, Apr 19-May 17 @ 7-8:30p - 1730 Jefferson
For many, the Christian life is lived half-heartedly. We expect and claim cheap grace and have high tolerance for sin. God, however, is holy and expects His people to be holy. With no hint of legalism or drudgery, this five-week study facilitated by Lee Hsiao and Peter Lee clearly defines what holiness is, why it's important for every believer, and how to pursue it with God's power and grace. Register for \$11 at HoustonFirst.org.
CONTACT Peter.Lee@HoustonFirst.org

ESPAÑOL
Campus Anniversary Service
Sun, Apr 9 @ 5p - The Loop (Chapel)
The Español Campus is celebrating our second anniversary! Gather with us and invite others to come to this very special service that will include a special time of prayer as we thank God for all He has done.
CONTACT Karina.Bazaldúa@HoustonFirst.org

SIENNA
Mother-Son Date Night
Fri, Apr 21 @ 6-8p - Sienna Campus
All moms and sons are invited for a fun night with dinner, games and a hands-on show from Crocodile Encounter! Register online for \$8 (or \$20 max per family) at HoustonFirst.org.
CONTACT Tyler.Scott@HoustonFirst.org

MEN
Sienna Men's Retreat
Fri, Apr 28 @ 5p-Sat, Apr 29 @ 3p - Hunt Retreat
Men, make plans to attend! The theme of the weekend is "Protect This House," where you will hear from the men on the Sienna Campus staff as they lead you in God's truths. There will be great food and lots of fun as we fellowship with one another. Register for \$70 at HoustonFirst.org.
CONTACT Ron.Barkley@HoustonFirst.org

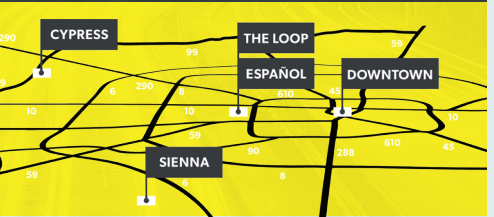
GIVING LIFE AWAY
Interested in a Short-term Mission Trip?
Find details about summer trips and complete an interest form at HoustonFirst.org.
CONTACT Charlotte.Nease@HoustonFirst.org

FITNESS & RECREATION CENTER
No fooling! Join the Fitness & Recreation Center at The Loop Campus now through Apr 17 and the \$50 enrollment fee is waived. Monthly membership is \$25 for individuals with no contracts! Learn more at HoustonFirst.org.

"MAKE IT YOUR CAMPUS" LUNCH • TODAY @ 12:30

The Loop Campus
Do you go The Loop but live closer to another campus? O, ¿prefieres adorar y estudiar la Biblia en español? At this free lunch, learn about our campuses, 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 at the lunch! It's simply a time to learn and get answers as you pray about GOING.

Walk-ins are welcome! Can't make it but interested in learning more? Let us know at HoustonFirst.org/StepUp or text STEPUP to 41411 for a link.



EASTER AT HOUSTON'S FIRST

Visit HoustonFirst.org for childcare availability and other details, including downloadable graphics you can use on social media to spread the word about Easter at Houston's First!

IMAGO Holy Week Art Show
Sun, Apr 9-Sun, Apr 23 - The Loop Campus
Original pieces based on the theme of *Donum Gratia - The Gift of Grace and Mercy*. Meet the artists at a reception on Sat, Apr 8, from 6-8p in the Main Foyer at The Loop.

Broken For You
Thu, Apr 13 @ 7p - The Loop Campus
All campuses will come together at The Loop - united for Him to remember His sacrifice for us.

Easter Weekend
Celebrate Jesus' resurrection at one of 14 worship services on Easter weekend!

Sat, Apr 15
• The Loop @ 5p

Sun, Apr 16
• The Loop @ 8a, 9:30a, 11a & 5p
• Cypress @ 8a, 9:30a & 11a
• Downtown @ 9:30a & 11a
• Español @ 9:30a
• Sienna @ 8a, 9:30a & 11a



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MAKING SUNDAY HAPPEN

Neil Armstrong took a step to get out of bed the morning before the lunar landing that set the course for the iconic "one small step" he took onto the moon's surface. That step made a far-reaching, unparalleled impact now almost 48 years later. When you "step up" to serve as a volunteer at Houston's First, God can use you to point others to Jesus to change the course of their lives for all eternity.

And, with thousands of people gathering at the five campuses of Houston's First every Sunday, there are countless opportunities to serve. These 10 teams provide essential elements of a typical Sunday at our church. Roles and opportunities may vary from campus to campus, and there might be other teams unique to your campus, too. The point is, there is always a place for you to give life away. So, whether it seems like a small step or a giant leap, find where you can help make Sunday happen at Houston's First!

IT TAKES ABOUT

1,955

VOLUNTEERS ACROSS OUR FIVE CAMPUSES TO MAKE SUNDAY HAPPEN

WHAT ARE YOUR GIFTS?
Unaware of your spiritual gifts, heart passions or personality traits? Take a confidential online spiritual gifts assessment free of charge courtesy of Houston's First! While not required to volunteer, the assessment can assist you in determining where to serve with your spiritual gifts.

>>> HOW TO DO IT
• Go to HoustonFirst.org and search "Spiritual Gifts"

WHAT ARE YOUR INTERESTS?
The first step to serving as a volunteer is to let someone know you're interested! Fill out the "Step Up To Serve" interest form and the respective team leaders will contact you about taking the next step!

>>> HOW TO DO IT
• Text "STEPUP" to 41411 to receive a link on your mobile device

NUMBERS REFLECT ESTIMATED VOLUNTEERS SERVING ON EACH TEAM ACROSS ALL FIVE CAMPUSES ON A TYPICAL SUNDAY AT HOUSTON'S FIRST.

GOING GIVING PRAYING

THE LOOP CYPRESS DOWNTOWN ESPAÑOL SIENNA

STEPPING UP ANSWERING GOD'S CALL TO GIVE YOUR LIFE AWAY

We asked 10 of the more than 1,955 volunteers who make Sundays happen at Houston's First to tell us about their experience serving at the church. **What experience might God have in store for you when you step up to serve at your campus?**

PARKING DAVID SMITH

David moved to Houston and found community and purpose manning a welcome table at another church's Saturday night singles' group, where he met Anne. Sundays were spent worshipping at The Loop until he and Anne became part of the Cypress Campus launch in 2013. They married the following year and have discovered satisfying ways to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

"Volunteering is the best way to get connected within the Body of Christ, and to have fellowship with other believers," said David.

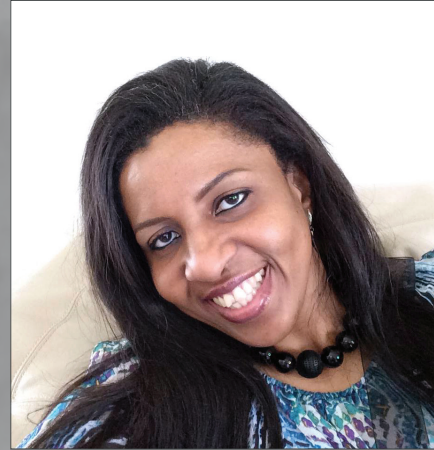
He joined the Parking Team at the Cypress Campus and is part of the "tear down" team in their long-term temporary quarters at Smith Middle School. He also serves widows as part of Men: Serve and as an intercessor for the prayer ministry. "If you take the first step in obedience, the Lord will direct your steps," he said. "Be part of the story of what God is doing."



GUEST EXPERIENCE KOY OKONMA

Greeting, welcoming and encouraging people comes naturally for Koy. She has been part of the Sienna Campus since it launched four years ago, and is guiding others and making them feel at home. Her ministry gives her a sense of belonging and responsibility that comes with service.

"It's a wonderful feeling to be part of a church family," she said. "I have a ready smile and it warms my heart when people smile back! It tells me they feel noticed, welcome and loved. It's so fulfilling to serve rather than to be served!"



CORNERBOOKS ARMANDO REVERON

A friend asked Armando to help at The Loop Campus one Sunday when CornerBooks had a special table in the Main Foyer. "I loved it so much that I asked the staff if I could do it more often," he recalls, "and with joy they 'Yes!'" Now, as a weekday volunteer, Armando's goal is to handle the easy-to-do things so the staff can focus on the more important work they need to get done.

"I recognized how important CornerBooks is with all the people coming in, and how front-and-center it is to main entrance of the church," he said. "Getting to know people and their stories, having a laugh, and sharing what God is doing in their lives is what it is all about."

Armando encourages others who decide to step up and serve to give it your all. "Volunteering is an incredible way to make a big church seem small," he noted. "There are so many ministries, opportunities, and stories to be a part of at Houston's First. Take a step of faith and try it. Be a light for Christ (Matthew 5:15), get to know people, help out as much as you can — but most importantly, have fun doing it!"



PRESCHOOL MINISTRY STACY ALEXANDER

Stacy has attended Houston's First for 46 years. "I get to love on the cutest babies — every Sunday! What could be better than that?" she said. Stacy's long tenure at the church began in the nursery when she herself was a baby. After graduating college, she went back to the Preschool Ministry as a volunteer when her mentor asked her to help out one Sunday.

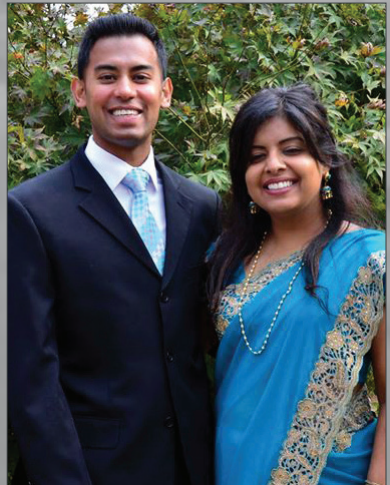
"The most important thing for young couples is to have a time of focused worship," she said. "Providing care for their children allows parents of preschoolers to make lifelong relationships in Life Bible Study and sit under the teaching of Pastor Gregg. Knowing the Preschool Ministry enables those connections is very encouraging to me."



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY PAUL & AMY PAULY

Paul and Amy and their daughter Emma have been at the Sienna Campus for more than two years. Paul believes the Holy Spirit reminds them of the need to live in obedience and acts as a built-in accountability partner as they prepare to teach children each week.

"One of the ways God acts on hearts as a volunteer is to help us focus on the needs of others," said Paul. "Giving of yourself causes the natural selfish and self-centered mindset to break down. One of the ways God rewards us when we serve others is to show us the fruit of His work through us. The greatest joy in children's ministry is when we see little ones draw closer to Jesus."



STUDENT MINISTRY BEAU & DEANNA PARKER

A high school teacher, Deanna's love for students drew her to serving in the HUB Student Ministry. Beau, already volunteering in other areas, wanted to serve along with his wife — and, he wanted to set an example for their teenage daughter, Autumn. "Church is not just a Sunday activity," he says. "Rather, it is something we invest ourselves and time into because God asks us to."

Deanna points out that serving in ministry often goes deeper than one might expect. "You start out on one path thinking you are just there to help, but you end up developing relationships with the students, their parents, the leaders, and the church staff," she said. "You walk through life with them — through the good things and the tough things."

The Parkers have been blessed as they've sought to bless those they're serving. "We have seen the Lord grow our personal relationships with Him," said Deanna. "And, the strongest relationships we have formed at church and in life are with the people we serve with. Serving together as a family has drawn us closer together, and we have had the joy of watching our daughter step out in service without our prompting."



THRU THE ROOF DAN CURRIE

When Dan was growing up, his small church fully accepted his older brother, Matt, who has special needs, and was a source of support for his family. "At Houston's First, it's no different," Dan said. "I love that our church welcomes people with special needs and their families."

In the Thru The Roof Special Needs Ministry at The Loop Campus, Dan serves families just like his was many years ago. "The families of these kids are some of the strongest people I know," he said. "And the kids in Thru The Roof show such Christ-like love. I believe God made them perfectly; to reflect His love and joy!"

Dan has learned a lot over the past two-and-a-half years on the Thru The Roof team. "Serving at Houston's First has been a huge joy and I have met some amazing people with a heart for the Lord. Through these kids, God has changed my perspective on where I find my joy and reminded me to not take myself too seriously."



ADULT LIFE BIBLE STUDY DAVID OLIVERAS

"Someone volunteered a long time ago at a Vacation Bible School," recalls David, "and a week later, I became a believer." Now, David is seeking to share what others have shared with him throughout his life by serving as a Life Bible Study teacher at the Español Campus.

"By the grace of God, I am helping to create a support system for the ministry of Houston's First." David recognizes that a church of our size requires input from people with various gifts and backgrounds. "I am just a blessed gear in the machine."

David encourages people considering serving to take the step and do it. "Take it out of the theoretical and into the practical. In the end, by blessing others you end up receiving more blessings. It is marvelous to be part of the family of believers."



WORSHIP LAURA WOODS

Laura loves to sing and had been part of a church choir most of her life, but a demanding job kept her tied up and away from friends, family — and ministry. A job change led her to hear God's call to the Singers, a vocal ensemble that leads worship at The Loop during the 11a service. She joined about five years ago.

"Being a part of Singers has meant so much to me personally in my spiritual walk with the Lord as well as serving others," said Laura. "We get the best view in the Worship Center as the Holy Spirit moves across our congregation and ushers them into the presence of God. My heart is to draw others to His presence through music. If God is calling you to volunteer, go for it! You will be far more blessed by serving than you would ever expect."



CONNECTION CENTER GAY DICKERSON

Gay and her husband, Cliff, joined Houston's First at The Loop Campus a couple of months before the Downtown Campus launched in 2011. They knew immediately that was where God was leading them, and Gay soon joined the Connection Center team.

"I served on the connection team at the church we belonged to before, so this is a ministry I have been led to," said Gay. God brings people across her path on Sundays where it is obvious He has been moving in their lives.

"One young man, who was not born or raised in this country, had been attending a Life Bible Study for a few Sundays," Gay recalls. "One week, he came to the Connection Center wanting to ask Jesus into his life. I was so thankful that God allowed me to be a part of this young man's salvation story."

