



HOUSTON'S FIRST
BAPTIST CHURCH
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Weekly Guide
Apr 9, 2017

EASTER AT HOUSTON'S FIRST

Visit HoustonsFirst.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

Today thru Sun, Apr 23 — The Loop Campus
Original pieces based on the theme of *Donum Gratia - The Gift of Grace and Mercy*.

Broken For You

Thu, Apr 13 @ 7p — The Loop Campus

All campuses will come together at The Loop — united for Him in praise, prayer and preparation for Easter weekend.

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Mon, June 26—Thu, June 29 @ 9a–12:30p

The Loop Campus

Discover the God of the Universe as a Galactic Starveyors! Kids will search the skies and God's Word to uncover God's truth etched in His handiwork. VBS is for kids entering kindergarten through 6th grade in Fall 2017, plus Little Dippers (kids born by Dec 31, 2012). Registration is open now at HoustonsFirst.org!

- Make SPACE in your schedule as a VBS volunteer! Register to serve by Mon, June 5.
- Women — discover all that God has done for us in a Bible study led by Nancy Taylor during VBS hours.

GIVING LIFE AWAY

Interested in a Short-term Mission Trip?

Find details about these and other trips — and complete an interest form — at HoustonsFirst.org.

The Loop Campus:

- NYC: June 5–11
- Cambodia: June 8–18
- Kenya: June 23–July 5

Cypress Campus:

- Switzerland: July 5–14
- Costa Rica: July 8–15

Downtown Campus:

- Montreal: Apr 24–26
- Honduras (Living Water): Apr 29–May 6 (open to any campus)

Español & The Loop Campuses:

- Cuba: June 17–24
- Madrid: June 30–July 8
- Xàtiva, Spain: June 30–July 10

Sienna Campus:

- Guatemala: July 22–29

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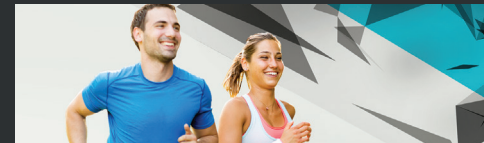
For more information on Giving Life Away,
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Broken for You.

ONE CHURCH UNITED FOR HIM
in PRAISE, PRAYER and PREPARATION
for EASTER WEEKEND

Thu, Apr 13 @ 7p — The Loop Campus

Every campus will gather at The Loop and observe the Lord's Supper.
A benevolence offering will be collected for Living Water International.



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 — and no contracts! Learn more at HoustonsFirst.org.

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

1730 Jefferson St
Houston, TX 77003
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



TWEET OF THE WEEK:

"Never know who you'll run into at Minute Maid Park! @astros @LosAstros @roberttreidryan #biggio #goastros #rightfield" — @GreggMatte

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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CanHope

Mon, Apr 10 @ 6:45p — The Loop (Reception Rm)

CanHope ministers to families touched by cancer and those who love and care about them. At this meeting you'll share a meal with Carole Lewis as she shares her "Joy in the Journey." The entree is provided; please bring a salad or vegetable. Come enjoy this time of testimony, prayer and fellowship! RSVP to 713.957.6764.

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NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

Family Night at Typhoon Texas

Fri, June 2 @ 7-10p — Typhoon Texas Houston

Families with preschoolers, children and students (Birth-12th grade) from every campus are headed to Typhoon Texas for a fun-filled Friday night to kick-off the summer — and we'll have the park all to ourselves! Invite coworkers, neighbors, or your kids' classmates or teammates to come with you. It'll be a fun and relaxing way to introduce them to your church family! Discounted tickets go on sale this Sat, Apr 15, at HoustonsFirst.org.

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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! Register at HoustonsFirst.org.

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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. We want YOU there — Register at HoustonsFirst.org.

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COLLEGE STUDENTS

College Ministry Spring Retreat

Fri, Apr 28-Sun, Apr 30

SeaSide Church Retreat Center, Galveston

The Houston's First College Ministry is heading to Jamaica Beach in Galveston! Our focus is to gather for a time of fellowship, worship and rest. We will have a weekend filled with teaching, games, beach fun and S'mores. You don't want to miss out, so register by Mon, Apr 24, at HoustonsFirst.org.

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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. Speaker Nabeel Qureshi provides God's message for a retreat that is not a chance to flee from life's challenges, but to run to God with them! Registration is open now 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. We will have a special panel discussion this week in the series, "Faith@Work." Breakfast is available for purchase in the café. Learn more at HoustonsFirst.org.

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THE LOOP

NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

Spring Weekend of Choir

Thu, Apr 20-Sat, Apr 22 — The Loop

This power-packed event is open to children in 1st-5th grades, who will present an entire musical in one weekend! There will also be exciting times of Bible study, Bible quizzing, fun and crazy games, dynamic activities, and a carnival! The musical performance is Sat, Apr 22 @ 6p. Learn more and register by Thu, Apr 13, at HoustonsFirst.org.

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Senior Celebration

Sun, May 7 @ 12:30-2p — The Loop (Fellowship Ctr)

Senior Celebration is an event for graduating high school seniors and their immediate families. This is our opportunity as a church to tell them how proud we are and to encourage them and their families as they are launching into after-high school life! Seniors, register by Sun, Apr 23, and submit your photos for a special slide show.

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MARRIED YOUNG ADULTS

MYA Block Party

Sat, May 6 @ 5-7p — Warrior Field

This family-friendly event at Warrior Field will feature inflatables and games as well as dinner and treats from Chick-Fil-A and Steel City Pops — and a queso contest! Invite a friend, bring your favorite block party game, and come have fun! Register at HoustonsFirst.org.

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CYPRESS

WOMEN

The Word with Friends

Tuesdays thru 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.

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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 Hsia 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 HoustonsFirst.org.

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ESPAÑOL

Easter Service

Sun, Apr 16 @ 9:30a — The Loop (Chapel)

We will celebrate this resurrection day with a one-time special morning service in the Chapel, and Spanish translation will be provided. Don't forget, we'll see you on Easter morning and then at the regular 5p service the following week!

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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 HoustonsFirst.org.

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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 Sienna Men's staff members 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 HoustonsFirst.org.

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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 [f](#) [t](#) [i](#) [i](#) [v](#) [@](#) [s](#)

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
- Exit after we are dismissed
- Pray as people respond