

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Mon, June 26–Thu, June 29 @ 9a–12:30p

The Loop

Discover the God of the universe as a Galactic Starveyor! Kids will search the skies and God's Word to uncover His truth etched in His handiwork. VBS is for kids entering kindergarten through sixth 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 NEXT Mon, June 5.

VBS for Women

June 26–29 @ 9:30–11:30a – The Loop (Garden Rm)

Discover the wonder among wonders – that the God who created everything there is – the visible and invisible longs to rescue you, have a relationship with you and restore your hope. Join Nancy Taylor as she teaches and encourages you during the week of VBS.



JULY 10–13 – A MISSION TRIP TO OUR CITY

Houston 1:8 turns 20 this year! Be a missionary right here at home as we share the love and truth of Jesus throughout the greater Houston area. Visit HoustonsFirst.org to discover where your campus is serving, then register by Sun, June 25.

GIVING LIFE AWAY

First Pantry Sun, June 4 – The Loop

The Faith Center's Food Pantry & Clothes Closets serve more than 1,000 people each month. Next Sun, June 4, please bring nonperishable food items, gently used clothing and other household goods to The Loop Campus to help serve those in need. Donation bins will be located at main entrances to the church and in the Missions Office.

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



Summer Reading Challenge

Now through Aug 14

The Library at CornerBooks at The Loop Campus invites you to take the Summer Reading Challenge! Accept the challenge by searching "CornerBooks" at HoustonsFirst.org or stopping inside CornerBooks at The Loop. The challenge wraps up with a celebration on Wed, Aug 23 – and the more you read, the greater chances you have to win some special prizes!



School of Fine Arts AT HOUSTON'S FIRST

SOFA Summer Camps

The School of Fine Arts at The Loop Campus offers a variety of camps and classes this summer. Visit HoustonsFirst.org for details and to enroll.

- **MusikGarten** – June 15–July 27 @ 2:15–2:45p
- **Music Theory** – July 9, 15 & 16 @ 12:30–2:30p
- **Guitar** – July 10–14, July 17–21 @ 10–11:30a
- **Beginner Jazz/Tap Dance** – July 17–19 @ 7–8p & 8–9p
- **Music Theater** – July 17–28 @ 9:30a–12:30p
- **Drum** – July 24–28 @ 10–11:30a
- **Intermediate Jazz/Tap Dance**
July 31–Aug 2 @ 7–8p & 8–9p

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.



HOUSTON'S FIRST
BAPTIST CHURCH
PASTOR GREGG MATTE

Weekly Guide
May 28, 2017

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO PAID THE
ULTIMATE PRICE IN SERVICE TO OUR NATION

MEMORIAL DAY 2017



"NO ONE HAS GREATER LOVE THAN THIS,
THAT SOMEONE WOULD LAY DOWN
HIS LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS."

JOHN 15:13



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: "If anyone wants to come with Me, he must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me." (Matthew 16:24) @HFBCcypress opens June 11!" — @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.

CONTACT Diane.Bagby@HoustonsFirst.org

GriefShare

Thursdays @ 7-8:30p – The Loop (Rm 249)

Fridays, beginning June 9 @ 10-11:30a – The Loop (Rm 249)

GriefShare helps you move from mourning to joy, showing you how to take healthy steps forward after your loved one's death. This weekly group is a place where you don't have to have it all together. You'll find others who understand the raw emotions and difficult struggles you're facing. GriefShare is now available two times a week at The Loop Campus – Thursday evenings or Friday mornings.

CONTACT Janette.Arterburn@HoustonsFirst.org

NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

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.

CONTACT Tony.Bianco@HoustonsFirst.org

SINGLE PARENT FAMILIES

Oasis Conference for Single Moms

Sat, July 15 @ 8:30a-4p – The Loop

The desert of life can be vast and overwhelming. We all need oases to refresh us! Spend a day being refreshed and focused on the One who will walk with you through the desert. Hear from Natalie Mott, be led in worship with Lisa Pierre, and learn from those who have gone before you as single mothers. Visit HoustonsFirst.org to learn about extras, activities for kids, and to register. Enjoy early bird perks if registered by Wed, May 31!

CONTACT Holly.Crain@HoustonsFirst.org

THE LOOP

NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

5th Grade Launch

Fri, June 2 @ 10:30p-Sat, June 3 @ 11a

The Loop (The HUB)

This overnight event following our summer kickoff at Typhoon Texas is for students entering sixth grade to help them – and their families – transition from Children's Ministry to Student Ministry. The bus will leave Typhoon Texas at 10:30p and students will meet in The HUB at 11p. Register online for \$15 at HoustonsFirst.org.

CONTACT Mike.Harvey@HoustonsFirst.org

ADULTS AGES 60+

Bus Trip to Hunt Retreat

Wed, May 31 @ 9a-3p – Hunt Retreat

Bring your detective skills: treasure hunting, some laughs and a talent show are "hunting" for you! We will depart from The Loop Campus at 9a. The cost is \$10 for lunch. If you prefer, you may drive yourself and meet us at Hunt Retreat. Register at HoustonsFirst.org.

CONTACT Tracie.Bowman@HoustonsFirst.org

WOMEN

A Beautiful Inheritance

Wed, June 7 & 14 @ 6:30-8p – The Loop (Chapel)

In this two-session study, join Shannon Owen as she teaches what Scripture means when it tells us that we have an inheritance. The idea of inheritance, by definition, starts with the idea of family, so we will explore not only the gift itself but what it means to be adopted as daughters of God. Childcare is available with registration at HoustonsFirst.org.

CONTACT Carolyn.O'Neal@HoustonsFirst.org

Choosing Joy in Life's Challenges

Thursdays, June 8-22 @ 10a-12p

The Loop (Fellowship Ctr)

Life can be tough, and finding the way to consider challenges "all joy" (James 1:2) can seem completely impossible; however, when we can understand what Godly joy is, we can stand firm in any trail. Join Marsha Taylor for this three-week series in finding joy and security, no matter what circumstances come our way.

CONTACT Carolyn.O'Neal@HoustonsFirst.org

MEN

Fight: Winning the Battles that Matter Most

Wednesdays, June 7-July 5 @ 6:45-8:15p

The Loop (Garden Rm)

Please join us this summer for this five week series. In this video-based small group Bible study, pastor and bestselling author Craig Groeschel explores the life of Samson, helping you uncover who you really are—a man created with a warrior's heart in the image of God—and how to stand up and fight for what's right. Find out more at HoustonsFirst.org.

CONTACT Heather.Kuehler@HoustonsFirst.org

Men: Serve

Sat, June 24 @ 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, June 16, at HoustonsFirst.org. If you are a widow in need of assistance contact Sherry Oradat at 713.957.6764.

CONTACT Heather.Kuehler@HoustonsFirst.org

CYPRESS

Tour Sunday

Sun, June 4 @ 9:30-11:30a – 11011 Mason Rd, Cypress

While our first official Sunday in the new building is Sun, June 11, we're hosting Tour Sunday the week before so you can see our new home! Come at 9:30a for a tour of the building, followed by a time of worship and prayer at 10:30a. Childcare is not available on this day, so plan on keeping our little ones with you! Since the building and street are not appearing on most online maps yet, directions are available at HoustonsFirst.org.

CONTACT Dana.Haddad@HoustonsFirst.org

DOWNTOWN

XEE: Relational Evangelism Training

Wednesdays, June 7-28 @ 6-8p

1730 Jefferson St (Rm 229)

XEE equips Jesus-followers to share the Gospel effectively in everyday encounters. In this four-week class taught by Downtown Campus Pastor Lee Hsia, you will learn and put into practice relevant, biblical, and relational evangelism skills for our postmodern times. Register at HoustonsFirst.org.

CONTACT Lee.Hsia@HoustonsFirst.org



ESPAÑOL

Multi-Campus Training

Sun, June 4 @ 3p – The Loop (Rm 143)

Would you like to be part of the multi-campus vision? Join this training event given by Pastor Juan where he will prepare leaders to go serve the Spanish-speaking community at each of our Houston's First campuses!

CONTACT Douglas.Hernandez@HoustonsFirst.org

SIENNA

Summer Night of Family Worship

Wed, June 28 @ 6:30-8p – Sienna Worship Center

You'll likely be playing together as a family this summer; make sure you worship together, too! Join the Sienna Campus family as we gather for a time of praise and worship and a word from Campus Pastor Malcolm Marshall.

CONTACT Kelli.Boylan@HoustonsFirst.org

PROMOTION SUNDAY

Hey Parents! Next Sun, June 4, is Promotion Sunday for all NextGen Ministries! Your children will move up to their new Life Bible Studies for the coming school year – from newborns to incoming 12th graders. Volunteers and staff members will be available to help you navigate this next big step for your child! (Promotion Sunday for the Cypress Campus is an opening day in the new building, Sun, June 11.)

If It Brings You Glory

The latest album from the Choir & Orchestra at Houston's First is available now from CornerBooks and iTunes! *If It Brings You Glory* features "Come Ever Reign," "I Just Can't Stop My Hallelujahs," "He Leadeth Me," and other original songs, several with multigenerational moments with children and students, too.



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](#) [y](#) [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
- Pray as people respond
- Exit after we are dismissed