

OUR GREAT COMMISSION FUND

Thanks to the generosity of the Houston's First family, the Great Commission Fund (or budget) for the church for 2017-18 is \$32,186,382.

To develop the budget each year, ministry directors submit their budget requests to the Leadership Team for review, discussion and approval. The proposed budget is then presented to the Finance Committee for discussion and a vote and, if approved, is then submitted to the deacons for discussion and a vote.

Once the deacons approve, the budget is presented at the monthly Church Conference where members vote to accept the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. This year, the Great Commission Fund was approved by church members at the Church Conference on Wed, June 7. It provides funding for the church from July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018.

The budget reflects a large increase for our multisite campuses as we continue to reach more people throughout our city.

OPERATIONS **\$6,135,081**

Property Insurance, Church Calendar, Operations, Financial Services, Culinary Services, Weddings/Special Events, Security, Transportation, Facilities, IT, Capital Improvements

GROWING **\$6,109,464**

Life Bible Studies, Pastoral Care, Men's and Women's Ministries, NextGen, Membership Services

MISSIONS **\$5,228,140 ***

Missions Department, Denominational Support, International and Domestic Missions, Woodhaven, Faith Center, partners serving the Poor, Widows, Orphans, Prisoners, and Refugees

GATHERING **\$5,454,316**

Worship, Production, Communications, Pastoral, CornerBooks, Celebration, School of Fine Arts

CAMPUSES **\$6,316,099**

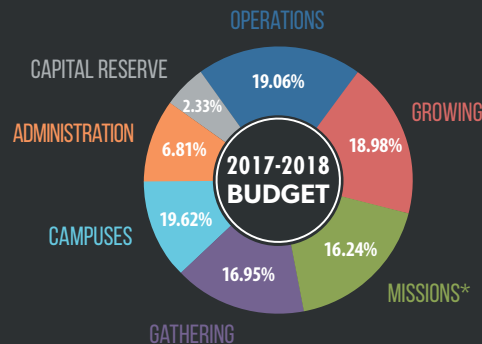
Cypress, Downtown, Español, Sienna

ADMINISTRATION **\$2,193,283**

First Baptist Academy, Deacons, Counseling, Administration, Recreation, Hunt Retreat, Human Resources

CAPITAL RESERVE **\$750,000**

TOTAL GREAT COMMISSION FUND **\$32,186,382**



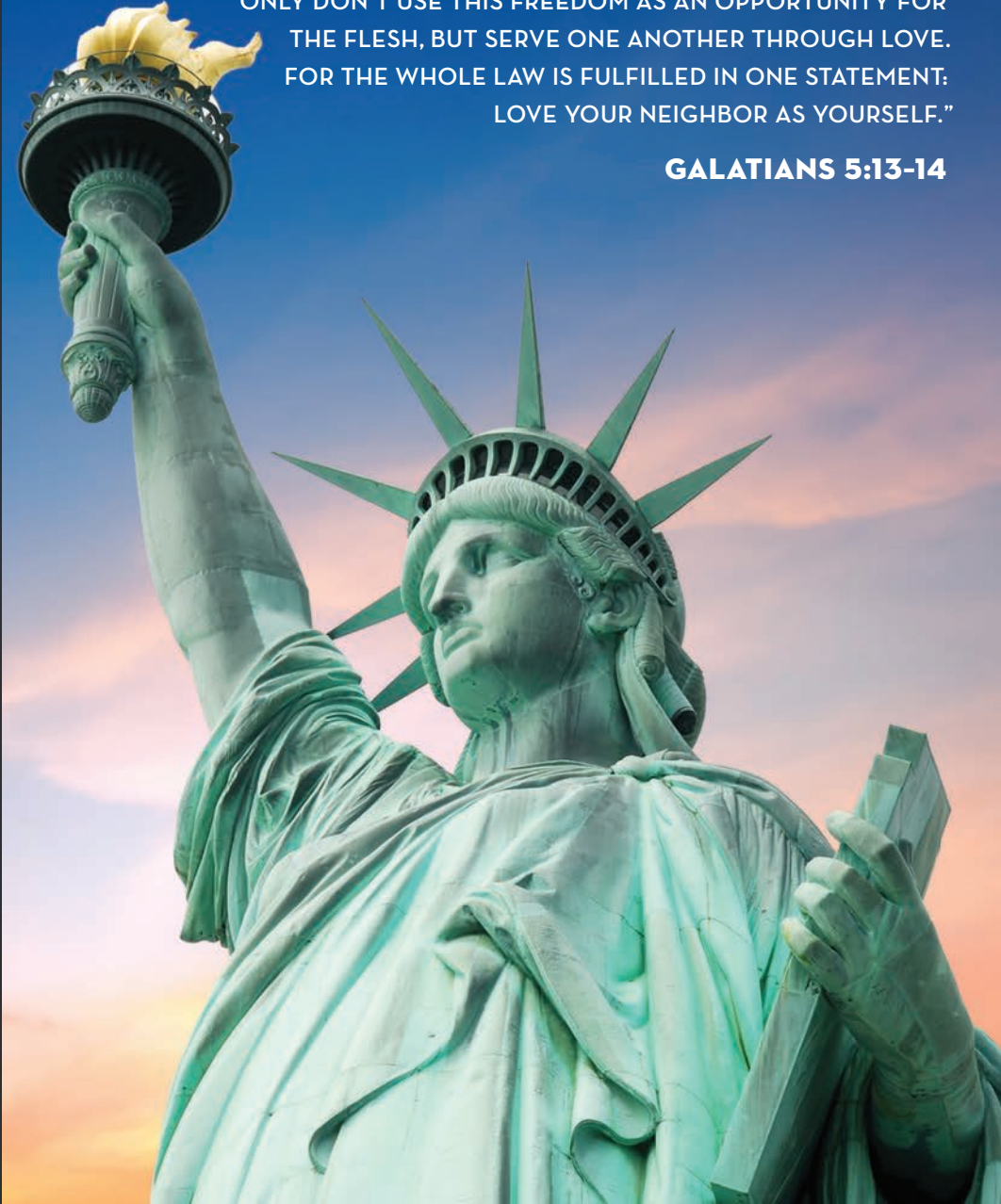
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This is the operating budget amount given to Missions. In addition to these budgeted funds, Missions also receives about \$5.6 million annually in designated giving from contributors (an amount not included in the operating budget numbers shown here). The Missions-designated funds support missional causes throughout our City, Nation and World.

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!

“FOR YOU WERE CALLED TO BE FREE, BROTHERS AND SISTERS; ONLY DON'T USE THIS FREEDOM AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE FLESH, BUT SERVE ONE ANOTHER THROUGH LOVE. FOR THE WHOLE LAW IS FULFILLED IN ONE STATEMENT: LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.”

GALATIANS 5:13-14



Give online to the Great Commission Fund at HoustonsFirst.org, or text your campus code to 77977 to receive a secure link for giving on your mobile device:

HFBCLoop • HFBC Cypress • HFBCDowntown • HFBCEspañol • HFBCSienna

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

11011 Mason Rd
Cypress, TX 77433

Worship 9:30a & 11a

Life Bible Studies

8a • 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: "Pastor Malcolm illustrated the importance of biblical hospitality with this sign that hangs outside the office of our Gathering Pastor, Stephen Smith!" – @HFBCSienna

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 here for \$8. Visit HoustonsFirst.org to learn more.

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First H.O.P.E.

Sat, July 8 @ 9a-12p – The Loop (Rm 253/254)

For job seekers and those wanting a career change, First H.O.P.E. job ministry offers a professional consultant, resume/interview tips, career assessment and more. Join our special guest speaker from Star of Hope and learn about volunteering at Star of Hope and open jobs at Star of Hope Ministry.

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Summer Seminar: Israel and The Nations

Wed, July 26 @ 6:30-8:30p – The Loop (Chapel)

This free summer seminar will feature guest speaker Moran Rosenblit with Hope for Israel, a Jerusalem-based organization. He will speak about the significance of Israel among the nations and current world events. Learn more about Moran and Hope for Israel at HoustonsFirst.org.

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COLLEGE/SINGLES/MARRIED

The Porch Live Houston

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

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

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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.

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MEN

Warrior's Heart

Thursdays @ 6:30-7:30a – The Loop (Garden Rm)

This summer we begin a new series, Walking with God. Minister to Men Eric Reed and Steve Diserens will co-facilitate this time of encouragement. Breakfast is available for purchase in the Café. Learn more at HoustonsFirst.org.

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THE LOOP

Biblical Principles of Estate Planning

Sun, Aug 6 @ 12:30-2:30p – The Loop (Oasis Rm)

Think estate planning is only for older adults? You might be surprised to know that people of all ages can benefit from planning ahead. Over lunch, learn about the biblical and practical aspects related to having a will, life insurance, and legal documents. Registration for free lunch and childcare (Birth-5th grade) is required by Sun, July 23, at HoustonsFirst.org.

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NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

The HUB Challenge

Sun, July 9 @ 6-10p – The Loop (HUB area)

Are you up for the challenge? Students (6th-12th grades) – get your team of 8-10 and get ready for a night of competition with The HUB Challenge! Bring friends, dress in uniform and prepare for a night of extreme challenges. You will not want to miss out!

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CYPRESS

NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

Astros Game with The HUB

Fri, July 14 @ 5:30-10:30p

11011 Mason Rd, Cypress

Let's go out to the ballgame! Students in 6th-12th grades – join The HUB Cypress for an evening of baseball, fun, and fireworks as the Astros take on the Minnesota Twins. We will take buses from the Cypress Campus to Minute Maid Park and back. Invite a friend and sign up today! Register for just \$35 at HoustonsFirst.org or on The HUB Cypress App.

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Grow@Home: Summer Nights

Wed, July 19 @ 6-8p – 11011 Mason Rd, Cypress

Engage as a family, exploring relevant issues to equip you to grow together. Bring the entire family and enjoy a meal, faith conversations and fun! Don't miss out on this chance to strengthen your faith and family relationships.

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DOWNTOWN

Go! Life Bible Study

Every Sun @ 9:30a – 1730 Jefferson

Are you interested in a Life Bible Study that brings a broader range of life experience to the table? Come visit the Go! Life Bible Study at the Downtown Campus. Designed for both singles and married couples in their late 20s-40s, Go! offers a unique perspective for those who may desire a different type of class. Interested in learning more about Downtown Campus Life Bible Studies? If so, visit HoustonsFirst.org.

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ESPAÑOL

Houston 1:8

July 10-13 @ 6:30p – Warrior Field

This is the second year the Español Campus is partnering with ANSA (All Nations Soccer Academy) to put together an awesome soccer camp for kids where they learn soccer skills and about Jesus Christ, too. This year, we'll have different activities for parents at the same time, including workshops on helping kids with their homework and how to get scholarships and educational resources. If they want to get in shape, parents can also attend free fitness classes and a workshop on eating properly! Join us for this 4-day soccer camp for kids at Warrior Field!

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Family Celebration

Sat, July 29 @ 12p – Hunt Retreat

Gather with the Español Campus familia for a day at Hunt Retreat! Bring your whole family for fun, games, food and fellowship.

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SIENNA

Houston 1:8 Rally

Sun, July 9 @ 5p – Sienna Worship Center

The Sienna Campus is kicking off Houston 1:8 with a bang! Join us for games on the lawn, a word from Campus Pastor Malcolm Marshall and food, too.

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Summer Night of Family Worship

Wed, July 19 @ 6:30-8p – Sienna Worship Center

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

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Interested in a short-term mission trip?
Find details about these and other trips – and complete an interest form – at HoustonsFirst.org.

- Norway: July 27-Aug 8
- Montana: Aug 2-8
- Rio de Janeiro: Aug 14-21
- Budapest: Aug 19-26

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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.

- **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

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](#) [c](#) [o](#) [n](#)

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