



**HOUSTON'S FIRST**  
BAPTIST CHURCH  
PASTOR GREGG MATTE

Weekly Guide  
July 16, 2017



### 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](http://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](http://HoustonsFirst.org) for details and to enroll.

- **Guitar** — 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



### 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. The album is available on iTunes and from CornerBooks.



### SHUTTLE PARKING

Do you attend The Loop Campus on Sunday mornings? Use shuttle parking to make room for others! It's a simple way to expand the ministry of our church. Get details on the five garages at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org).

### LIFE BIBLE STUDIES

Life Bible Studies are the primary method for connecting with others and growing together at Houston's First. Visit [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org) to find one that's right for you, or ask the Guest Experience (GX) team at your campus for assistance.



### 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

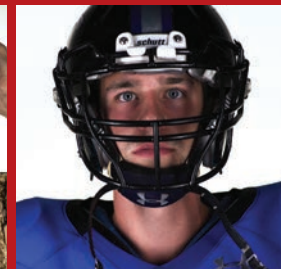
#### Sienna Campus

4309 Sienna Pkwy  
Missouri City, TX 77459  
Worship 9:30a & 11a  
Life Bible Studies 9:30a & 11a

# Celebration



## ITS TIME TO SUIT UP



Get your game face on and join the team  
as we gear up for Celebration this Christmas!

Visit [TheFirstChristmas.org](http://TheFirstChristmas.org)  
or text CELEBRATION to 41411  
to discover how you can use your gifts  
and skills on Team Celebration!

**#TeamCelebration**



## TWEET OF THE WEEK:

"El pastor Juan Alaniz de Houston's First Baptist Church - campus Español, tiene a su cargo hoy la predicación de la Palabra de Dios." — Iglesia Bautista Emanuel - Madrid, @ibemadrid

## ALL CAMPUSES

### HighPoint Bible Study

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

This weekly downtown Bible study is open to everyone! Minister of Worship & Arts at The Loop Campus John Bolin is teaching this Wednesday at 12:10p. Bring your lunch or purchase one there for \$8. Visit [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org) to learn more.

**CONTACT Diane.Bagby@HoustonsFirst.org**

### Stephen Ministry Training Class

**Wednesdays beginning Aug 30 @ 6:30-9p**

**The Loop (Rm 330)**

Stephen Ministry training equips our members through 50 hours of classes to come alongside an individual who is experiencing loneliness, relationship difficulties, loss, divorce, grief or spiritual crisis in their lives. If you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister, fill out an application online at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org) by Sun, Aug 27.

**CONTACT Denise.Munton@HoustonsFirst.org**

### 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](http://HoustonsFirst.org).

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### The Redemption Wash

**Sun, July 30 @ 2-5p — The Loop**

Houston-area law enforcement officers are invited to bring their patrol or personal vehicles to a free car wash sponsored by C.H.A.R.M. Prison Ministry and Houston Executive Mobile Detailing. Washing the vehicles will be former inmates who are now connected with C.H.A.R.M. and the support the ministry provides. Learn more about The Redemption Wash and C.H.A.R.M. at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://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](http://HoustonsFirst.org).

**CONTACT Joshua.Bagby@HoustonsFirst.org**

## SINGLE PARENT FAMILIES

### Single Parent Family Camp

**Fri, Sep 8-Sun, Sep 10 — Pineywoods Camp**

Join us for the 2017 Single Parent Family Camp at Pineywoods near Lake Livingston. Days are filled with worship, being in the Word and lots of family adventure. This year's activities include canoeing, racing pedal cars, human foosball, gaga ball, dodgeball, riding the giant swing, adventure park, swimming and ziplining in the pool. Have the time of your life while your whole family grows in their faith. Register at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org), space is limited!

**CONTACT Holly.Crain@HoustonsFirst.org**

## 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](http://HoustonsFirst.org).

**CONTACT Heather.Kuehler@HoustonsFirst.org**

## 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 the free event by Sun, July 30, and register for childcare (Birth-5th grade) by Sun, July 23, at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org).

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## NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

### First Kids Family Pool Party

**Wed, Aug 9 @ 6:30-8:30p — Quillian Center**

Before heading back to school, come hang out with other First Kids families (1st-5th grades) poolside or at the basketball courts at this free party at the Quillian Center at First Methodist Houston! Food and drinks will be provided, so bring the whole family for a night of fun! Registration is required for this free event at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org).

**CONTACT Dylan.Pierson@HoustonsFirst.org**

## Welcome to The HUB

**Sun, Aug 13 @ 12:30-2p — The Loop (The HUB area)**

Having a sixth grader, and soon, a teenager, can be stressful, exciting and challenging. The HUB Student Ministry comes alongside parents and students, encouraging them as they begin navigating uncharted waters. Meet The HUB staff, sixth grade teachers and other families with students over an informative lunch to learn about The HUB and hear an encouraging word from Dr. Richard Ross, Student Ministry professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. RSVP at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org).

**CONTACT Tony.Bianco@HoustonsFirst.org**

## CYPRESS

### NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

**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.

**CONTACT Cindy.Wineman@HoustonsFirst.org**

## 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](http://HoustonsFirst.org).

**CONTACT Peter.Lee@HoustonsFirst.org**

## ESPAÑOL

### 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. Get more details at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org).

**CONTACT: Douglas.Hernandez@HoustonsFirst.org**

## SIENNA

### 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](http://HoustonsFirst.org).

- Rio de Janeiro: Aug 14-21
- Budapest: Aug 19-26

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## Did you serve during Houston 1:8?

Here are some great opportunities to continue serving:

- Connect and minister to your neighbors
- Serve at one of our two Faith Center locations:

### Faith Center — Spring Branch

Mon-Thu & Sat @ 10a-1p — 8244 Long Point Rd

**CONTACT Claudia.Reyes@HoustonsFirst.org**

### Faith Center — Harwin

Tue, Thu & Sat @ 10a-1p — 5860 Ranchester Dr #833

**CONTACT Justin.Seale@HoustonsFirst.org**

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

## Baptism Sunday

**Sun, Aug 27 — 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**

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](http://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