



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

Interested in a short-term mission trip?

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

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

CONTACT Ameer.Omar@HoustonsFirst.org

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

THE SKY'S THE LIMIT

**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.

- **Drum** – July 24-28 @ 10-11:30a
- **Intermediate Jazz/Tap Dance**
July 31-Aug 2 @ 7-8p & 8-9p

IT'S TIME TO SUIT UP



Get your game face on and join the team as we gear up for *Celebration* this Christmas! There are many different positions to play in our annual Christmas musical presentation this Dec 7-10. Visit TheFirstChristmas.org or text CELEBRATION to 41411 to discover how you can use your gifts and skills on Team Celebration.

CONTACT Dora.Bolin@HoustonsFirst.org

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.

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

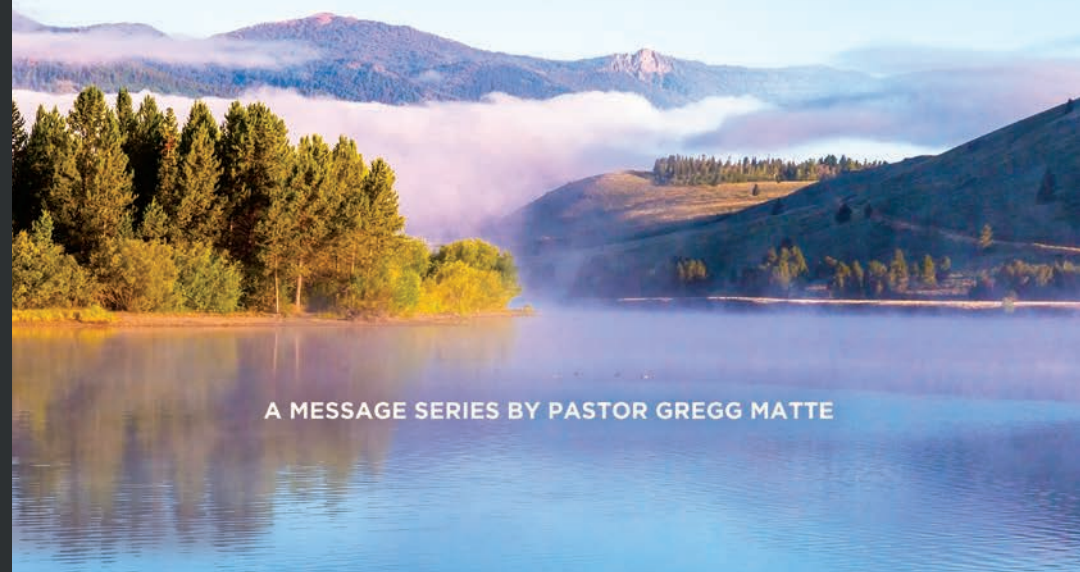
1730 Jefferson St
Houston, TX 77003
Worship 11a
Life Bible Studies 9:30a

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



A MESSAGE SERIES BY PASTOR GREGG MATTE

TWEET OF THE WEEK: "Awesome to see our church, @houstonfirst, come together and serve our city this week for the sake of the Gospel! 🙌 #houston18 #thewell" – @JoyLippardHanna

ALL CAMPUSES

HighPoint Bible Study
Wednesdays @ 11:30a – 1010 Lamar (Tunnel Level)
 This weekly downtown Bible study is open to everyone! Sienna Campus Pastor Malcolm Marshall 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

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 HoustonFirst.org by Sun, Aug 27.
CONTACT Denise.Munton@HoustonFirst.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 HoustonFirst.org.
CONTACT Cathy.Clemons@HoustonFirst.org

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 HoustonFirst.org.
CONTACT Torrance.Wilson@HoustonFirst.org

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 HoustonFirst.org.
CONTACT Joshua.Bagby@HoustonFirst.org

SINGLE PARENT FAMILIES
Single Parent Family Camp
Fri, Sep 8-Sun, Sep 10 – Pineywoods Camp
 Single parents and their kids are invited to 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 – canoeing, racing pedal cars, human foosball, dodgeball, adventure park, swimming and more. Have the time of your life while your whole family grows in their faith! Register at HoustonFirst.org soon – space is limited!
CONTACT Holly.Crain@HoustonFirst.org

MEN
Warrior's Heart
Thursdays @ 6:30-7:30a – The Loop (Garden Rm)
 In our summer series, *Walking with God*, Minister to Men Eric Reed and Steve Discerns co-facilitate this time of encouragement. Breakfast is available for purchase in the Café. Learn more at HoustonFirst.org.
CONTACT Heather.Kuehler@HoustonFirst.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 today at HoustonFirst.org.
CONTACT Amber.Willet@HoustonFirst.org

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 HoustonFirst.org.
CONTACT Dylan.Pierson@HoustonFirst.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 HoustonFirst.org.
CONTACT Tony.Bianco@HoustonFirst.org

MEN
Generation-to-Generation Training
Sat, Aug 19 @ 8:30a-12p – The Loop (Rm 143)
 Generation-to-Generation mentoring encourages men to walk alongside other men and assist in their spiritual growth. Learn the fundamentals of mentoring, including listening skills, scriptural guidance, and biblical friendship. This training time is required for all men seeking to be a mentor at Houston's First.
CONTACT Jim.Jones@HoustonFirst.org

CYPRESS
NEXTGEN MINISTRIES
First Friends & First Kids Playgrounds
Grand Opening
Wed, July 26 @ 6-8p – Cypress Campus
 Gather together with the Cypress Campus family to celebrate the grand opening of the "Everybody's Treehouse" and "Happy Hollow" outdoor playground areas! Explore the new playgrounds, eat a frozen treat, and praise God for what He has given us. Everybody is welcome!
CONTACT Cindy.Wineman@HoustonFirst.org

WOMEN
MOPS: Mothers of Preschoolers
First and Third Tuesdays @ 9:30a-12p beginning in Sep
Cypress Campus
 This fall the Cypress Campus will begin MOPS! MOPS international encourages and equips moms of young children to realize their potential as mothers, women, and leaders in relationship with Jesus and in partnership with the local church. This group meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month and is facilitated by Jessica Jackson. Learn more about joining MOPS and register at HoustonFirst.org.
CONTACT Andi.Farrell@HoustonFirst.org



DOWNTOWN
NEXTGEN MINISTRIES
Fun Family Outing
Sat, Aug 5 @ 10:30a-1p – Levy Park (3801 Eastside St)
 Gather with the Downtown Campus First Friends and First Kids ministries for an afternoon of fun at Levy Park! Take an opportunity to connect with other families from our campus in a relaxed environment and enjoy a provided lunch together, too! Register at HoustonFirst.org for just \$5/person (\$20 max/family) by Wed, Aug 2.
CONTACT Kristin.Fowles@HoustonFirst.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. Register by today at HoustonFirst.org.
CONTACT Douglas.Hernandez@HoustonFirst.org

SIENNA
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@HoustonFirst.org

LIFE BIBLE STUDIES
 Life Bible Studies are the primary method for connecting with others and growing together at Houston's First. Visit HoustonFirst.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 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 HoustonFirst.org, and follow us on

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

psalm 23

A Psalm of David

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.
- 4 Even though I walk through the valley of
the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.
- 5 You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
forever.

English Standard Version



Scripture memory is not an end in itself. The purpose of memorizing scripture is not merely knowledge about God. It is to know and experience His character, His ways and His purposes—to grow in intimate communion with Him. When scripture is committed to memory, you can meditate on it at any time of day, no matter the place or circumstance, and draw upon it when you need guidance or comfort.

The 23rd Psalm is one of the most widely recognized passages of the Bible. It speaks to the personal care that God uniquely provides, like a shepherd cares for his sheep. There is great benefit for us, individually and collectively, in memorizing this treasured passage of scripture so that we know the Shepherd and experience His provision and care.

“I have all things and abound; not because I have a good store of money in the bank, not because I have skill and wit with which to win my bread, but because the Lord is my Shepherd.”

– Charles Haddon Spurgeon

Baptist preacher • 1834–1892

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Here are some ideas for making the most of memorizing Psalm 23 and other scriptures.

BOOKS

- *Taking The Word To Heart: Five Ways to Get a Grip on God’s Word* by Nancy Taylor
- *A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23* by W. Phillip Keller

DAILY REMINDERS

Downtown Campus Pastor Lee Hsia created a 7-day journey that will lead you through one verse of Psalm 23 each day, with the entire Psalm on the seventh day. You can text **psalm23** to **72717** to receive text messages, or sign up for emails at <http://hfbc.journeymaker.org/psalm23>.

APP

There are many apps geared for scripture memory, one of which is Bible Minded (biblemindedapp.com). Just choose the passage and version you want to memorize, and use the Study Mode to help you learn it quickly.

