



Oct 20-21 — Trinity Pines Retreat, Trinity, TX
Men from every campus of Houston's First will gather for the biennial Men's Retreat with guest speaker and award-winning author Kenny Luck. This year's retreat features a new charter bus option and a range of outdoor activities, including: football, soccer, basketball, Disc Golf and much more! Visit HoustonsFirst.org for registration and details.
CONTACT Heather.Kuehler@HoustonsFirst.org



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FRIENDSHIP MINISTRY

Develop friendships and learn about other cultures by opening your heart to international students and scholars during their time of university study in Houston. Attend a one-time orientation at The Loop campus to learn more about becoming a friendship partner with an international student from the University of Houston. Contact Marie Downing for orientation times and more information.

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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.
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**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!

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.

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.

MILESTONES

Fall semester begins soon

Milestones is a framework for adult discipleship that extends beyond Life Bible Studies to equip people in a particular stage of life, crisis or in general discipleship. Visit HoustonsFirst.org to discover Milestones classes available at your campus — then invite someone to come!

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:

"I was away in Panama City Beach, Florida for a week and it was incredible. I learned how to be BOLD in my faith and relentless in prayer, praise and more. I am truly grateful that I could go. #rwpbc17" – Courtney Stagner, @faithfulphotograph

ALL CAMPUSES

Deacons Meeting and Church Conference Wed, Aug 9 – The Loop

The Deacon Administrative Committee meeting is at 5:30p in Rm 143. All Deacons will meet at 6:30p in the Oasis Rm followed by the monthly Church Conference at 7:30p. Anyone may attend the Church Conference, but only church members may vote. Visit HoustonsFirst.org and search "Church Conference Minutes" to find minutes from previous meetings.

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

First H.O.P.E.

Sat, Aug 12 @ 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 speakers Regina Campbell with Workforce Solutions, Brian Kryger and Susan Goncher as they talk about interviewing and resumes. Learn more about First H.O.P.E. and find the help you need at HoustonsFirst.org. CONTACT Bob.Stroud@HoustonsFirst.org

CanHope – Fighting Cancer with Your Fork Tue, Aug 22 @ 7p – The Loop (Chapel)

CanHope ministers to families touched by cancer and those who love and care about them. Special guest speaker Susan Silberstein, Founder/Director for Advancement in Cancer Education, is a nationally-recognized author and speaker on nutrition and cancer prevention. This night is for anyone who is trying to prevent cancer and/or dealing with cancer currently. We all have friends and family who have been touched by someone diagnosed with cancer, so everyone is invited! RSVP to 713.957.6764.

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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 by Sun, Aug 27.

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Group Counseling

The Counseling Center at Houston's First offers group counseling and other services for church members from every campus, and non-members, too. These groups are starting soon at The Loop Campus for sex addiction, spouses of sex addicts, and those who have experienced sexual abuse:

- **Men of Integrity** (Wednesdays starting Aug 30)
- **Men of Integrity** (Thursdays starting Sep 7)
- **Facing Heartbreak** (Mondays starting Aug 28)
- **Healing the Wounded Heart** (Wednesdays starting Sep 6)

Visit HoustonsFirst.org and search "Group Counseling" for more information and how to get signed up.

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SINGLE PARENT FAMILIES

Single Parent Family Camp

Fri, Sep 8-Sun, Sep 10 – Pinewoods Camp

Single parents and their kids are invited to the 2017 Single Parent Family Camp at Pinewoods 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 HoustonsFirst.org soon – space is limited!

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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 Diserens 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

Milestones & MidLink Preview Night

Wed, Aug 23 – The Loop

Join us as we kickoff the fall 2017 MidLink semester with a night of fun for the whole family! Come early for MidLink Café at 5:15p in the Fellowship Center then take part in the Open House held at 5:45p in the Main Foyer to preview the Milestones classes that are being offered this fall. Comedian Jonnie W. will provide family-friendly entertainment in the Worship Center at 6:30p to wrap up the evening! Preschool childcare available.

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NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

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.

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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.

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CYPRESS

WOMEN

MOPS: Mothers of Preschoolers

First and Third Tuesdays @ 9:30a-12p beginning in Sep

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 groups meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month and is facilitated by Jessica Jackson. Learn more about joining MOPS and register at HoustonsFirst.org.

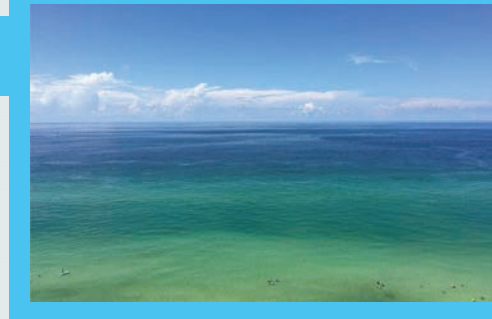
CONTACT Andi.Farrell@HoustonsFirst.org

Mother's Day Out

Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 9a-2p beginning in Sep

The Cypress Campus of Houston's First is pleased to announce the start of Mother's Day Out beginning this fall! We will welcome children (Birth thru PreK), both from our church and community to engage in Bible-centered teaching, enrichment and fun! Registration is open at HoustonsFirst.org.

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DOWNTOWN

All-In Lunch

Sun, Aug 13 @ 12:30-2:30p

Downtown Campus (Worship Ctr)

As the Downtown Campus grows, we invite you to be ALL-IN. Being ALL-IN means learning and growing as a campus family. Being ALL-IN means catching the vision to reach and transform our city for Jesus. Being ALL-IN means becoming involved in the church by serving according to your passions and interests. We invite everyone to join us for a vision lunch where you will learn how to be ALL-IN for the Downtown Campus and for Christ.

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ESPAÑOL

Make It Your Church Orientation

Sun, Aug 20 @ 6:30p – The Loop (Reception Rm)

Discover what it means to be a member of Houston's First at the Español Campus! Over dinner, meet staff members and hear about our mission, vision, and ministries. This is a perfect opportunity to invite your Spanish speaking friends & family. Learn more about membership and register by Sun, Aug 13 at HoustonsFirst.org.

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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@HoustonsFirst.org

MidLink Kick-off

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

As you settle back into a routine this fall, make Wednesday MidLink a part of your schedule. Join us as we kickoff Fall 2017 by watching *Insanity of God*, while regular NextGen programming begins! No RSVP needed. Learn more about MidLink at Sienna 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      

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