



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 and worship leader Ryan Langford. 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. Learn more and register at HoustonsFirst.org.
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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.
CONTACT Dora.Bolin@HoustonsFirst.org



Summer Reading Challenge
Deadline is tomorrow, Mon, Aug 14
 The Summer Reading Challenge sponsored by the Library at CornerBooks at The Loop Campus comes to an end tomorrow! Submit your reading logs today during CornerBooks' hours, or online at HoustonsFirst.org by tomorrow. Then, come to the celebration on Wed, Aug 23 from 4:30-6:30p to claim your prizes and for a chance to win Grand Prizes, too!

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.

IT'S THAT TIME!

Watch for "Back To School Sunday" plans coming up at your Houston's First campus. And, consider going to a Life Bible Study or a Milestones class yourself this semester. You're never too old to learn, grow, and connect with new people!

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



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 on “Becoming The Person God Wants You To Be Through Goodness.” Bring your lunch or purchase one there for \$8. Visit HoustonsFirst.org to learn more.

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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.

CONTACT Sherry.Oradat@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 by Sun, Aug 27.

CONTACT Denise.Munton@HoustonsFirst.org

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 – 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 HoustonsFirst.org soon – space is limited!

CONTACT Holly.Crain@HoustonsFirst.org

MEN

Men: Serve

Sat, Sep 16 @ 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, Sep 8, at HoustonsFirst.org. If you are a widow in need of assistance contact Sherry Oradat at 713.957.6764.

CONTACT Heather.Kuehler@HoustonsFirst.org

THE LOOP

Back 2 School Sunday

Sun, Aug 20 – The Loop

Next Sunday at The Loop, bring \$30 gift cards to Academy, Walmart or Amazon as we help kids buy shoes for school. You can also give any amount online by selecting “Back 2 School Shoes” as the giving type. Your contributions will go to kids associated with Galveston Urban Ministries, our Faith Centers in Houston, and our Single Parent Family Ministry. Finally, in the spirit of going back to school, wear your favorite team’s colors – your kid’s school, an alma mater, a professional team, or whatever!

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Milestones & MidLink Preview Night

Wed, Aug 23 – The Loop

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

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NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

Parenting Seminar

Sun, Aug 27 @ 9:15a, 10:45a & 6:30p

The Loop (Fitness & Rec Center)

As you know, our kids are growing up in a difficult culture. It can be a challenge to know how to navigate this journey as parents. Gather during one of the Life Bible Study hours at The Loop for a free parenting seminar featuring a cultural presentation by Axis for parents, grandparents, singles, and anyone interested in the culture facing today’s kids! Learn more about Axis and the seminar at HoustonsFirst.org.

CONTACT Katie.Walker@HoustonsFirst.org

MARRIED YOUNG ADULTS

Marriage Matters

Fri, Sep 8 @ 6:30–8:30p – The Loop (Fellowship Ctr)

Your marriage matters! And, in marriage, there are a lot of matters to consider. Come enjoy dinner and an evening of marriage encouragement from guest speakers Ron & Rosemary P’Pool. Visit HoustonsFirst.org to register for just \$25 per couple – including childcare! Space is limited!

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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. Register for the training at HoustonsFirst.org.

CONTACT Jim.Jones@HoustonsFirst.org

CYPRESS

MidLink Kick-Off

Wed, Aug 23 @ 6–8p – Cypress Campus

There is more to Houston’s First than what goes on on Sundays! Join the Cypress Campus family this fall semester for MidLink – the overall name for everything that goes on on Wednesday nights. The kick-off night includes a food truck, live music on the back porch, Mission Friends for infants-Kindergarten, BLAST! for 1st–5th graders, METRO for middle and high school students, and information about Adult groups and classes offered this fall. Visit HoustonsFirst.org for more details.

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DOWNTOWN

XEE: Relational Evangelism Training

Every Wed, Sep 13–Oct 25 @ 6–8p

Downtown Campus (Rm 229)

XEE equips Jesus-followers to share the Gospel effectively in everyday encounters. In this seven-week class, you will learn and put into practice relevant, biblical, and relational evangelism skills for our postmodern times. Find out more and register online at HoustonsFirst.org.

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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 MidLink on Wednesday evenings a part of your schedule. Join us as we kick off Fall 2017 by watching *Insanity of God*, while regular NextGen programming begins, too! No RSVP is needed. Learn more about MidLink at Sienna at HoustonsFirst.org.

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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