



**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](http://HoustonsFirst.org).  
**CONTACT** [Heather.Kuehler@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Heather.Kuehler@HoustonsFirst.org)

## 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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



## 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.

**CONTACT** [downings@flash.net](mailto:downings@flash.net)

## HOUSTON WELCOMES REFUGEES

**Mon, Sep 11 @ 7-8p**

**The Loop Campus (Fellowship Center)**

There are multiple ways to get involved with this ministry and to begin caring for refugees in Houston. Attend this orientation session on Mon, Sep 11, and learn more at [HoustonWelcomesRefugees.com](http://HoustonWelcomesRefugees.com).

## THE SKY'S THE LIMIT

## Summer Reading Challenge

**Wed, Aug 23 @ 4:30-6:30p**

The Summer Reading Challenge sponsored by the Library at CornerBooks is over — except for the celebration! If you participated in the challenge, stop by this come-and-go event at CornerBooks at The Loop Campus this Wednesday. Pick up your prizes if you earned them, and see if you win a Grand Prize. While there, pick up some more books to read, too!

## 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.



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

Weekly Guide  
Aug 20, 2017

# LOVEIRST AMARRIMERO

**A JOURNEY THROUGH 1 JOHN WITH PASTOR GREGG MATTE**  
**UNA JORNADA POR 1 JUAN POR PASTOR GREGG MATTE**

**"We love because He first loved us."**

**1 JOHN 4:19**

## 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 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](mailto:Diane.Bagby@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.

**CONTACT** [Sherry.Oradat@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto: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](http://HoustonsFirst.org) by Sun, Aug 27.

**CONTACT** [Denise.Munton@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto: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](http://HoustonsFirst.org) and search "Group Counseling" for more information and how to get signed up.

**CONTACT** [Greg.Curnutte@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Greg.Curnutte@HoustonsFirst.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 [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org) soon – space is limited!

**CONTACT** [Holly.Crain@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto: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](http://HoustonsFirst.org). If you are a widow in need of assistance contact Sherry Oradat at 713.957.6764.

**CONTACT** [Heather.Kuehler@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Heather.Kuehler@HoustonsFirst.org)

## THE LOOP

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

**CONTACT** [Katie.Walker@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto: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](http://HoustonsFirst.org) to register for just \$25 per couple – including childcare! Space is limited!

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## 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](http://HoustonsFirst.org) for more details.

**CONTACT** [Susan.Newman@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Susan.Newman@HoustonsFirst.org)

### Cypress Singers

**Wednesdays beginning Sep 20 @ 6p – Cypress Campus**

Along with the Cypress Band, Singers will lead worship at the 11a service in the Worship Center at the Cypress Campus. This small choral ensemble, directed by Nicole Hufty, provides an opportunity for individuals to serve the church through worship. Outside of Sunday mornings, Singers will enjoy social gatherings together and occasionally lead worship for other ministries. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings, and no audition is required! If you have a heart for worship in an authentic community, then get connected through Singers!

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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 taught by Downtown Campus Pastor Lee Hsia, 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](http://HoustonsFirst.org).

**CONTACT:** [Lee.Hsia@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Lee.Hsia@HoustonsFirst.org)

## ESPAÑOL

### WOMEN

### Florece: Women's Leadership Conference

**Sat, Sep 23 @ 8:30a–4:30p**

**First Baptist Church, Galena Park**

Sponsored by the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention's Hispanic Ministries, this conference is full of biblical teaching, inspiring music, and some surprises that combine to give an experience like no other. The atmosphere of the conference encourages women to pray for each other and share ideas and resources for ministry. The day includes seminars and general sessions aimed at inspiring and training in practical ministerial areas and helping women to develop an effective women's ministry. The cost is \$20 for adults and \$5 for youth (13–18 years).

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

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## MEN

### Men's Tailgate: Texans on the Big Screen

**Thu, Sep 14 @ 7:25p – Sienna Worship Center**

Guys – invite your neighbors or co-workers to watch the Houston Texans take on the Cincinnati Bengals. Doors will open at 6p for the chili cook-off, games and festivities, with judging beginning at 7p. Then, the Texans kick-off at 7:25p. Register online at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org) to participate in any or all of our competitions!

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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