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HOUSTON'S FIRST  
BAPTIST CHURCH

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# WELCOME!

## GREETING FROM PASTOR GREGG

He is Risen!

We declare that powerful truth at Houston's First not only as we celebrate the empty tomb on Easter, but also as we live out our new lives in Jesus every other day of the year.

Without Jesus' resurrection, there is nothing life-changing about the Christian faith. In fact, there would be nothing to have faith IN if it weren't for His final victory over death. Jesus' resurrection is the key that opens the door to have eternal life! We can place our faith in Him for our salvation knowing that He paid the price for our sins and that through Him—and Him alone—our relationship with God is restored.

If you're looking for a place to learn more about Jesus and what it means to be a Christian—or a place to deepen your relationship with Him—I invite you to make Houston's First your church. At each of our campuses, you'll discover a relevant biblical community where you can ask questions, find answers, share your story, and use your gifts while you grow in your faith.

He is Risen, indeed!



Pastor Gregg Matte



# SEVEN

## PILLARS OF PROVERBS

A MESSAGE SERIES  
BY PASTOR GREGG MATTE

Mr. Webster defines a proverb as “a short well-known saying containing a wise thought.” The book of Proverbs in the Old Testament is filled with such sayings — but unlike some advice the world offers, these are backed by God’s power and eternal truth. In this new series beginning Sun, Apr 15, Pastor Gregg will look at what Proverbs says about topics relevant to us today and how God’s wisdom provides answers we often seek.



What does it mean to be a follower of Jesus? That's what Pastor Gregg explored in the “Follower” series in the first part of 2018, looking at prayer, trust, courage, miracles, loving the poor, and much more. We saw that followers of Jesus can be leaders as we live out our faith and lead people to Him along the way. Find all of the messages at [HoustonFirst.org](http://HoustonFirst.org), iTunes, or the Houston's First Baptist Church app.



# GO -ING ON SPRING BREAK

When it comes to mission trips, the Houston's First family is encouraged to pray, give, or go. Over Spring Break in March, many members opted to go—spending their week sharing the Gospel on trips to these locations:



## COSTA RICA

Families and mission trip “rookies” partnered with Tamarindo Church, Iglesia Casa Vida, and YWAM Liberia on labor projects, evangelism, prayer walking, VBS, a food bank, and food distribution to people in need. While there, young members of the trip chose to be baptized in the Pacific Ocean—an outward expression of the new life they received when they accepted Jesus as their Savior.



## OAKLAND

Members from the Sienna Campus partnered with The Movement Church to serve the Oakland community and local schools. The team worked on several projects, including reorganizing and renovating the Family Resource Center at Elmhurst Community Prep, a middle school in Deep East Oakland. The Movement has a vision for growing to eight churches in Oakland serving eight public schools over the next eight years.



## NEW YORK CITY

The HUB Student Ministry's annual Rushmore trip builds off experience students gain during Rush Week in the summer. Students in 10th–12th grades connected with communities throughout the Big Apple in various ways, such as treating NYPD officers to donuts, raking leaves in Astoria Park, handing out free coffee to college students, cleaning toys donated to a church, leading worship in Central Park and the subway, and more. Along the way, they prayed for people and shared the Gospel with people they encountered.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

# Summer 2018

Visit [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org) or the Houston's First Baptist Church app for details about each of these and to register your child(ren) for all the fun ahead!



**Fri, June 1**

Typhoon Texas (Katy)

Families with kids (birth–12th grade)

Tickets on sale now



**June 10–13**

Carolina Creek Christian Camp

Kids entering 4th–7th grades

Registration open now  
at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org)



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**June 25–28**

The Loop Campus

Kids entering K–6th grade

(plus other kids born by Dec 31, 2013)

Registration opens Sun, Apr 8



# WHERE IS GOD CALLING YOU TO GO?

Visit [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org) to learn about these opportunities and complete an interest form to take the first step:

Guatemala (July 1-8)  
Switzerland (Cypress Campus) (July 4-13)  
Mexico (July 6-14)  
Middle East (July 13-21)  
Norway (July 21-29)  
New York City (July 22-27)  
Germany (July dates TBD)  
Brazil (Aug 11-18)



## MARCH MOMENTS



Impact Singles Ministry enjoyed a retreat at Pineywoods Camp



Cypress Campus hosted Sports Quest soccer camp over Spring Break



Español Campus celebrated baptisms at the cross tower



Children, students, and adults led worship on MultiGen Sunday at The Loop Campus



Downtown Campus' exterior renovations are progressing

## PASSION / WORSHIP NIGHTS

FRI, APR 20 @ 7P — THE LOOP CAMPUS

PASSION BAND

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TICKETS AVAILABLE AT [TICKETSERVANT.COM](http://TICKETSERVANT.COM)

### CornerBooks' Summer Reading Challenge

May 22–Aug 7  
Open to all ages  
Registration begins Tue, May 22

### Daycation (day camp)

May 29–Aug 10  
The Loop Campus  
Kids entering 1st–5th grades  
Registration open now

### Dunamai (day camp)

May 29–Aug 10  
The Loop Campus  
Kids entering 6th–9th grades  
Registration open now

### Houston 1:8

July 9–12  
Various locations  
Citywide mission trip to our city (all ages)  
Registration opens in May

### Rush Week

July 20–26  
Panama City Beach, FL  
Kids entering 7th–Recent Grads  
Registration open now

### Discover252 (T-Bar-M Day Camp)

Aug 6–10  
Cypress Campus  
Kids entering 1st–4th grades  
Registration open now

### THAT'S NOT ALL!

These are only some of the events happening this summer. You can look forward to weekly gatherings and other opportunities at your campus where you can connect with the Houston's First family and invite guests, too!



# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HOUSTON'S FIRST?



*make it your*  
**church**  
ORIENTATION

**DISCOVER WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A MEMBER OF HOUSTON'S FIRST**

RSVP AT [HOUSTONSFIRST.ORG](http://HOUSTONSFIRST.ORG) FOR THESE SESSIONS IN APRIL:  
THE LOOP CAMPUS — SUN, APR 8 • CYPRESS CAMPUS — SUN, APR 8  
DOWNTOWN CAMPUS — SUN, APR 22



**Text HFBCAPP to 41411**  
for links to download the Houston's First Baptist Church app for iOS or Android

 Google play  
 Available on the App Store

## ALL CAMPUSES

### HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

**Wednesdays @ 11:30a–12:40p**  
**1010 Lamar (Suite 1250)**

This weekly downtown Bible study is open to everyone! This month, speakers are Next Generations Minister Doug Bischoff (Apr 4) and Executive Pastor David Self (Apr 11, 18, 25). Lunch is available for purchase for \$5, or feel free to bring yours with you.

CONTACT: Diane.Bagby@HoustonsFirst.org

### SHARE YOUR FAITH WORKSHOP

**Sat, Apr 7 @ 9a–3p**  
**The Loop Campus (Connection Ctr)**

This five-hour workshop developed by Evangelism Explosion introduces a Gospel presentation using the five fingers on your hand that's easy to learn and hard to forget. Register at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org) and come learn and practice this simple way to share your faith in a loving and engaging way.

CONTACT: Charlotte.Nease@HoustonsFirst.org

## THE LOOP CAMPUS

### CANHOPE

**Mon, Apr 9 @ 6:45p**  
**The Loop Campus (Reception Rm)**

Ministering to families touched by cancer, CanHope gathers each month for dinner, prayer, and to hear somebody's story. Ken Lowrimore is speaking this month, so bring a salad, vegetable, or fruit and we'll provide the entree. Everyone is invited! RSVP to 713.957.6764. CONTACT: Sherry.Oradat@HoustonsFirst.org

### BAND OF BROTHERS: TOPGOLF

**Mon, Apr 9 @ 6:45–9p — Topgolf**

Men—even if you have never played golf, you are sure to have a great time at this event as you get to know other men from Houston's First and enjoy a little friendly competition, too. Tickets are \$25 per person and include dinner, dessert, and fun giveaways. Limited spots are available, so register at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org) before Wed, Apr 4.

CONTACT: Eric.Reed@HoustonsFirst.org

### VBS KICK-OFF FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

**Fri, Apr 13 @ 6:30–8:30p**  
**The Loop Campus (Oasis Rm)**

VBS is June 25–28, but the First Kids' Team invites families to this FREE kick-off event as we get excited about what promises to be a great week this summer! We'll show a sports movie as we gear up for Game On! (this year's theme), and we'll have dinner and fun snacks, too.

Register at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org).

CONTACT: Courtney.Harris@HoustonsFirst.org

### BLENDED & BLESSED

**Sat, Apr 21 @ 8a–4:30p — The Loop (Chapel)**

Houston's First hosts this one-day FamilyLife Today livestream event for stepfamily couples, single parents, dating couples with kids and those who care about blended families. Register for \$15 for adults and \$10 per child for childcare at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org).

CONTACT: Holly.Crain@HoustonsFirst.org

## SPRING WEEKEND OF CHOIR (S.W.O.C.)

**Apr 26–28 — The Loop Campus**

Kids in 1st–5th grades will practice an entire musical on Thursday (6–8:30p), Friday (6–8:30p) and Saturday (9a–2p) then present "The Greatest Show ... Man!" on Saturday at 6p in the Worship Center. Along the way, they'll play games, explore the Bible, enjoy a carnival and more.

Register at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org).

CONTACT: Joy.Harris@HoustonsFirst.org

### MYA BLOCK PARTY

**Fri, May 4 @ 6–8p — Warrior Field**

Married Young Adults and their kids will have a blast at this family-friendly event with inflatables, games and food—including Chick-Fil-A, Kona Ice and a queso contest. Who can you invite? Bring them with you, along with favorite block-party game, and come have fun! Register at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org).

CONTACT: Kristin.Hawkinson@HoustonsFirst.org

### MEN: SERVE

**Sat, May 5 @ 8a–1p — The Loop Campus (Oasis Rm)**

Men will meet at The Loop then head out in teams to serve the widows of our church around the city. Yard work, home repairs, car maintenance—there are many ways you can bless these ladies! Register to serve by Fri, Apr 27, at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org).

CONTACT: Heather.Kuehler@HoustonsFirst.org

## "WELCOME TO FIRST GRADE" BREAKFAST BASH

**Sat, May 5 @ 9–10:30a**  
**The Loop (Fellowship Center)**

Kids entering 1st grade in the fall will meet the First Kids Ministry staff and go on a scavenger hunt to learn all about the First Kids Ministry so they're ready to go on Promotion Sunday in June! This event is free to attend, but registration is required at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org).

CONTACT: Courtney.Harris@HoustonsFirst.org

## CYPRESS CAMPUS

### PARENTS' NIGHT OUT: LEGO NIGHT!

**Fri, Apr 13 @ 6–10p — Cypress Campus**

Parents can enjoy a night out while kiddos from birth–5th grade build new creations with friends! Registration is required at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org) for \$5 per child (including dinner), and space is limited!

CONTACT: Cindy.Wineman@HoustonsFirst.org

## THE BRIDGE: WOMEN'S NIGHT OF WORSHIP

**Tue, Apr 24 @ 6:30–8:30p — Cypress Campus**

Enjoy a night of worship for women across the generations! Daughters, mothers, sisters and girlfriends of all ages will be led in worship by Cypress Campus ladies and Bible teacher Shannon Owen will talk about breaking free from labels and claiming our true identity in Jesus. Light refreshments will be served, and childcare is available for birth–5th grade with registration at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org).

CONTACT: Teal.Moran@HoustonsFirst.org

## DOWNTOWN CAMPUS

### XEE: RELATIONAL EVANGELISM WORKSHOP

**Sat, Apr 28 @ 9a–2p — Downtown Campus (Rm 217)**

XEE from Evangelism Explosion equips Jesus-followers to share the Gospel effectively in everyday encounters. In this five-hour hands-on workshop taught by Downtown Campus Pastor Lee Hsia, you will learn relevant, biblical and relational evangelism skills for our postmodern culture.

RSVP online at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org).

CONTACT: Lee.Hsia@HoustonsFirst.org

### COLLEGE MINISTRY: PRAISE & PRAYER NIGHT

**Sun, Apr 29 @ 5–7p**  
**Downtown Campus (Level 3 College Space)**

As finals week approaches, all college students are invited to gather together to praise God for the past semester and pray for peace and endurance during these last few weeks of school!

CONTACT: Jarret.Garber@HoustonsFirst.org

## ESPAÑOL CAMPUS

### CAMPUS ANNIVERSARY

**Sun, Apr 8 @ 5p — Chapel**

Come celebrate our third anniversary with our campus familia! We will have a special time of celebration, thankfulness, and commemoration on what the Lord has done these past three years—and what's to come!

CONTACT: Karina.Bazaldua@HoustonsFirst.org

## SIENNA CAMPUS

### IMPACT SINGLES LIFE BIBLE STUDY

**Begins Sun, Apr 8 @ 9:30a**  
**Sienna Campus (The Corner B)**

Calling all single adults! Come join us as we launch Impact—a new Life Bible Study just for you at the Sienna Campus. We look forward to seeing you—and anybody you invite to come, too!

CONTACT: Cat.Boutch, cathyboutch@yahoo.com

### MOTHER/SON DATE NIGHT

**Fri, May 4 @ 6–8p — Sienna Campus**

Since moms are super cool, boys from age 4 through 5th grade will want to hang out with them on our Mother/Son Date Night! We'll have dinner, laser tag, and out of this world fun! Register at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org) for \$10 per person, with a max of \$25 per family.

CONTACT: Tyler.Scott@HoustonsFirst.org

*Visit [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org) or the Houston's First Baptist Church app for details about these and other upcoming opportunities!*



# WHERE YOU'LL FIND US

Houston's First Baptist Church has numerous locations around town. But with members from all across the greater Houston area living out their faith and making a difference in their homes, schools and offices, the church's ministry extends far beyond the addresses listed below!

## THE LOOP CAMPUS 7401 Katy Freeway, Houston, TX 77024



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## CYPRESS CAMPUS 11011 Mason Rd, Cypress, TX 77433 (Next to Bridgeland High School)



Jason Swiggart, Campus Pastor

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## DOWNTOWN CAMPUS 1730 Jefferson, Houston, TX 77003



Lee Hsia, Campus Pastor

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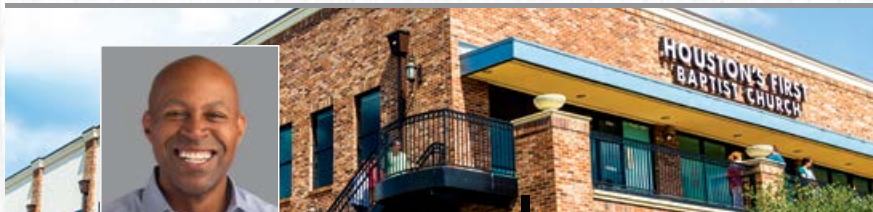
## ESPAÑOL CAMPUS 7401 Katy Freeway, Houston, TX 77024



Juan Alaniz, Campus Pastor

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## SIENNA CAMPUS 4309 Sienna Parkway, Missouri City, TX 77459



Malcolm Marshall, Campus Pastor

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## OUR SIGNATURE STATEMENT

Houston's First Baptist Church is a relevant biblical community where people gather their hearts, grow their souls and give their lives as we seek to fulfill the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19–20).

### RELEVANT

Having the passion, desire and ability to build necessary bridges to move people from culture to Christ.

### BIBLICAL

Fully embracing the beliefs and values revealed in the Bible as true, eternal and life-changing.

### COMMUNITY

Providing a place to be authentic, involved, impacted and impactful.

## JOINING HOUSTON'S FIRST

Membership at Houston's First is open to anyone who has placed their faith in Jesus Christ alone for the forgiveness of their sins and has been baptized by immersion at our church or by a body of believers of like faith and practice. If you have not already done so, we can assist you with these decisions. At the end of the worship service, come forward to speak with a minister or volunteer, or make your way to the Connection Center at your campus. They will walk you through the process of making Houston's First your church!

## LIFE BIBLE STUDIES

Life Bible Studies are the primary method for connecting with others in smaller settings and growing together at Houston's First. Visit [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org) to explore the many options, or ask a Guest Experience Team member at your campus for assistance in finding one that's right for you.

For more information about Houston's First, call 713.681.8000 or visit [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org).

## SUNDAYS AT HOUSTON'S FIRST

### The Loop Campus

Worship 9:15a • 11a • 5p

Life Bible Studies 8a • 9:15a • 10:45a • 6:30p

### Cypress Campus

Worship 9:30a • 11a

Life Bible Studies 8a • 9:30a • 11a

### Downtown Campus

Worship 11a

Life Bible Studies 9:30a

### Español Campus

Worship 5p

Life Bible Studies 6:30p

### Sienna Campus

Worship 9:30a • 11a

Life Bible Studies 9:30a • 11a