

EASTER WEEKEND 2023

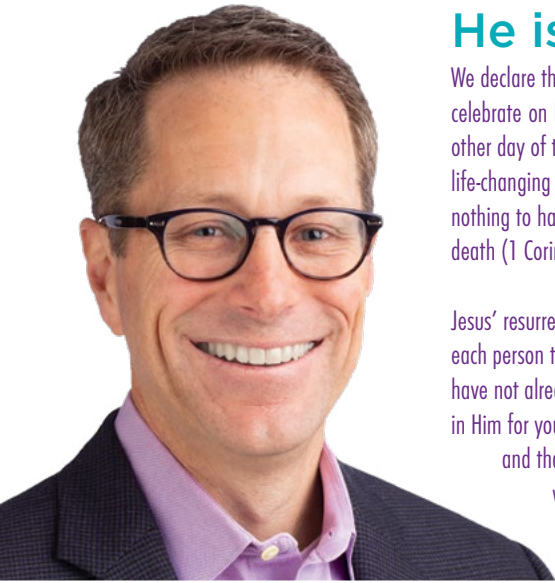
HE IS
RISEN!



HOUSTON'S FIRST
BAPTIST CHURCH

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WELCOME TO HOUSTON'S FIRST



He is Risen!

We declare that powerful truth at Houston's First not only as we celebrate on Easter, but 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 weren't for His final victory over death (1 Corinthians 15:19).

Jesus' resurrection opens the door to eternal life—but it is up to each person to make the decision to walk through it or not. If you have not already done so, be assured that you can place your faith in Him for your salvation knowing that He paid the price for your sins and that through Him—and Him alone—your relationship with God is restored.

Will you take that next step?

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

THE SELFLESS SELF

A MESSAGE SERIES
BY PASTOR GREGG MATTE



UPCOMING SERIES

Pastor Gregg is taking us through a series of messages on Romans — Paul's letter to believers in Rome. In it, Paul shares truths about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, salvation, how we are to live out the Christian faith, and much more. Starting next Sunday, Pastor Gregg will begin a three-week series on "The Selfless Self" with guest speaker Pastor Jaime Garcia of Bethel Baptist Church on Sun, Apr 23. We'll see how the Bible calls us to put others first in a way that ministers to them while shining with the love of Christ. Also, we'll learn how God equips us to do exactly that!

We invite you to come hear what God's Word has to say, and to listen to Pastor Gregg's previous messages, too.

MESSAGE SCHEDULE

Sun, Apr 16 — Romans 14

Sun, Apr 23 — Romans 15:1-13

Sun, Apr 30 — Romans 15:22-33

FIND PREVIOUS MESSAGES

HoustonFirst.org

[HoustonFirst](https://HoustonFirst.org)

Text **MESSAGE** to **44322**

make it your church

ORIENTATION

What does it mean to be a member of Houston's First? Find out at *Make It Your Church Orientation!* Over lunch or dinner, discover our mission and ministries and what membership is all about. To RSVP to this free event, visit HoustonFirst.org or text **YOURCHURCH** to **44322**.

The Loop Campus — Sun, Apr 16 @ 12:30p & 6:15p

Downtown Campus — Sun, Apr 16 @ 12:30p

Cypress Campus — Sun, May 7 @ 5p

Sienna Campus — Sun, June 25 @ 12:30p



STAND COURAGEOUS

MEN'S CONFERENCE

SAT, JUNE 3 @ 8A-4P — THE LOOP CAMPUS

Houston's First is hosting Stand Courageous as several churches have partnered together to bring this city-wide men's gathering to Houston.

Stand Courageous seeks to help men develop a strong biblical character, cultivate positive habits, build and rebuild relationships, and make commitments that will move men closer to God's good purpose and design — men who will Stand Courageous!

Register at HoustonFirst.org or text **COURAGEOUS** to **44322**.



KAINOS

Jesus Makes All Things New

Kainos is the Greek word for "new" and the name of an initiative at Houston's First focusing on new ways to serve others and to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Here are just a few of the many endeavors made possible so far by the generosity of our church family:

- Building a residential facility in Kenya for children with special needs and their families
- Translating the Bible for various people groups in multiple countries in Asia
- Strengthening local churches by providing funding and other assistance
- Renovating our Faith Center-Spring Branch for use by ministries based at the facility
- Launching Difference Maker Ventures to fund church members with ideas for Gospel-focused projects or ministries



Discover more about these and other Kainos endeavors at HoustonsFirst.org/Kainos or by texting **KAINOS** to **44322**.

SUMMER FUN 2023

Summer is just around the corner! It's never too late to plan ahead, or to invite people to come with you. Visit HoustonsFirst.org or scan this code for details and to sign up for the following opportunities—you won't want to miss the fun!



NEXTGEN SUMMER KICK-OFF — ALL CAMPUSES
Families with kids (birth-12th grade)
Thu, June 1 — Typhoon Texas (Katy)



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL — THE LOOP
Completed K-5th grades and those with Special Needs ages 5-12
June 19-22 — The Loop Campus



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL — CYPRESS
Completed K-5th grades
June 19-22 — Cypress Campus



PINE COVE CITY DAY CAMP — SIENNA
Completed K-5th grades
June 19-23 — Sienna Campus



CAMP RUSH — ALL CAMPUSES
Completed 6th-8th grades
June 25-29 — Camp Eagle, Rocksprings, TX



RUSH WEEK — ALL CAMPUSES
Completed 9th-12th grades
July 14-20 — Panama City Beach, FL



SPORTS CAMP — DOWNTOWN
Kids ages 4 through completed 5th grade
July 17-20 — Downtown Campus



KINDER KAMP — THE LOOP
Kids entering and completed Kindergarten
Wed, July 19 — The Loop Campus



SUPER PLACE CAMP
Friends with Special Needs ages 5-21
July 31-Aug 4 — Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church



PRETEEN CAMP — ALL CAMPUSES
Completed 3rd-5th grades
Aug 1-4 — Lakeview Camp & Retreat Center, Waxahachie, TX

1DAY HOUSTON

Sat, Apr 29 (Serve Day); Sat, Apr 29 or Sun, Apr 30 (Citywide Celebration)

Houston's First is partnering with 250+ other churches, ministries, and organizations for 1DayHouston on Sat, Apr 29 — a citywide day of service projects taking place at "Serve Centers" across the greater Houston area.

On that day, Houston's First members will serve at Serve Centers along with community volunteers from outside our church who sign up to serve. After serving together to bless our city, volunteers will gather for a celebration at the Toyota Center with special guest artists. An invitation will be given to the thousands in attendance to take their next steps in their relationship with Jesus Christ — perhaps for the very first time.

To sign up to volunteer at this special event, head to HoustonsFirst.org or text **1DAY** to **44322**.



WHERE YOU'LL FIND US

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

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



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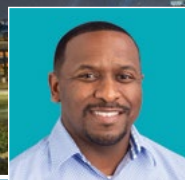
CYPRESS CAMPUS *11011 Mason Road, Cypress, TX 77433 (Next to Bridgeland High School)*



Jason Swiggart, Campus Pastor

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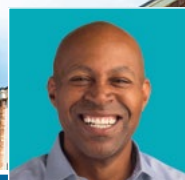
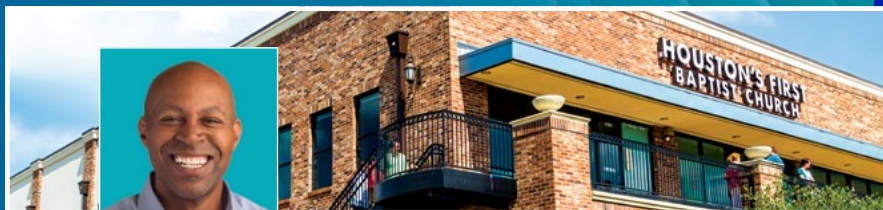
DOWNTOWN CAMPUS *1730 Jefferson Street, Houston, TX 77003*



Leon Brooks III, 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, has been baptized by immersion at our church or by a body of believers of like faith and practice, and agrees with the church's statements of faith and bylaws. 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](#) or text **LBS** to **44322** 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](#).

SUNDAYS AT HOUSTON'S FIRST

THE LOOP CAMPUS

Worship 9:15a • 11a • 5p | en Español 11a

Life Bible Studies 8a • 9:15a • 10:45a • 6:15p
en Español 12:30p

CYPRESS CAMPUS

Worship 9:30a • 11a

Life Bible Studies 9:30a • 11a

DOWNTOWN CAMPUS

Worship 9:30a • 11a

Life Bible Studies 9:30a • 11a

SIENNA CAMPUS

Worship 8:30a • 9:45a • 11a

Life Bible Studies 8:30a • 9:45a • 11a

ONLINE

Worship 9:15a • 11a • 5p

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