

FALL FESTIVITIES

When making plans for the weekend of Oct 30–31, consider which of these is right for you and your family!

These are all opportunities to connect people with Jesus Christ and our church. No matter which you choose, be intentional about making it a great night and having an impact on people for Christ. Visit HoustonsFirst.org for details.

Trunk or Treat

Sun, Oct 30 @ 4–6p—Sienna Campus

With plenty of candy, fun carnival games, and bounce houses for the kids, enjoy a safe way to spend Halloween. Costumes are encouraged!

The Great Pumpkin Theme Party

Sun, Oct 30 @ 6–8p—Cypress Ministry Center

In the midst of all the fall decorations, Students (6th–12th grades) are invited to come for the most pumpkin pumpkin party ever! Bring a friend and wear a costume for this free fall fun!

FirstFest

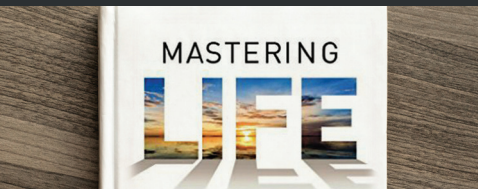
Mon, Oct 31 @ 5–9p—The Loop Campus

This action-packed evening of rides, games, candy and more is open to the entire community—and it's free! Wear costumes, bring friends, and come for the fun!

Light the Night

Mon, Oct 31

Make a difference in your neighborhood with a block party, reverse trick-or-treating, or your own great ideas! Light the Night is hosted by you at your home or at a gathering in your neighborhood.



MASTERING LIFE

Mastering Life Before It's Too Late:

10 Biblical Strategies for a Lifetime of Purpose

Pastor Gregg's essential reading this fall provides 10 workable routines for aligning your daily agenda with God's perfect will. *Mastering Life* is available from CornerBooks, and author Robert J. Morgan will be our guest speaker at The Loop Campus on Sun, Nov 27.

GIVING LIFE AWAY

FOOD PANTRY & CLOTHES CLOSETS

More than 1,000 people each month are served by the Food Pantry & Clothes Closets at our two Faith Centers—Spring Branch and Harwin. Here are two ways you can support this vital ministry:

Your Donations

Bring non-perishable food items, gently used clothing and other household goods to The Loop Campus on the first Sunday of each month. Or, drop off donations at the Spring Branch or Harwin locations during their normal hours.

Your Time

Give life away by serving on the team at either location sorting donations, assisting families, praying with visitors, and more. There are opportunities to serve during the week and on Saturdays, too.

For more information on Giving Life Away, contact Charlotte.Nease@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 Welcome Team at your campus for assistance.



WEDNESDAY EVENINGS—THE LOOP

Gather at The Loop on Wednesday evenings for MidLink—an evening of food and activities for all ages! In addition to the following churchwide options, you can go to music rehearsals or fitness classes. Preschoolers, children and students can go to programs designed just for them. Pick up a *Milestones Guide* or visit HoustonsFirst.org for more information, and to learn about Wednesday night options at our other campuses, too.

CHURCHWIDE

MidLink Cafe @ 4:45–6:15p—Fellowship Ctr
The Link (Adult Bible Study) @ 6:30–8p—Fellowship Ctr
Profundizando el Discipulado—Deepening Discipleship (Adult Spanish Bible Study) @ 7–8p—Rm 145
Milestones classes @ 6:30–8p—various locations



HOUSTON'S FIRST
BAPTIST CHURCH
PASTOR GREGG MATTE

Weekly Guide
Oct 2, 2016



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

Smith Middle School
10300 Warner Smith Blvd
Cypress, TX 77433
Worship 9:30a & 11a
Life Bible Studies 9:30a & 11a

Downtown Campus

1010 Lamar (Tunnel Level)
Houston, TX 77002
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

PASTOR GREGG'S PODCAST IS BACK FOR SEASON TWO
AND GETS THINGS STARTED IN EPISODE ONE BY ASKING
"WHAT'S YOUR ONE WORD?"

ALL CAMPUSES

HighPoint Bible Study

Wednesdays @ 11:30a—1010 Lamar (Tunnel Level)

This weekly downtown Bible study is open to everybody! 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

Deacons Meeting and Church Conference Today—The Loop

The Deacon Administrative Committee meeting is today at 2:30p in Rm 143. All Deacons will meet at 3:30p in the Oasis Rm followed by the monthly Church Conference at 4:30p. Anyone may attend the Church Conference, but only church members may vote.

Becoming a Grace-Based Parent

Wednesdays, Oct 5–Nov 2 @ 6:30–8p

The Loop (Rm 602)

Becoming A Grace-Based Parent is a five-week class to help you create a sound foundation for raising morally-strong and spiritually-motivated children. A weekly video and live discussion cover topics such as building and keeping connection, providing structure and limits, communication and consequences, and more. Cost is \$50 (includes workbook). Contact Phyllis Wells to register.

CONTACT Phyllis.Wells@HoustonsFirst.org

First H.O.P.E.

Sat, Oct 8 @ 9a–12p—The Loop (Rm 504/505)

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 us for this training with guest speaker Fred Lowe, who will instruct on the power of words.

CONTACT Bob.Stroud@HoustonsFirst.org

CanHope

Mon, Oct 10 @ 6:45–8p—The Loop (Reception Rm)

CanHope ministers to families touched by cancer and those who love and care about them. Special guest Shane Hall, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, OK, is a cancer survivor and former Hope House guest. We will share a meal together: an entree is provided, so please bring a salad, vegetable or dessert. Come enjoy this time of testimony, prayer and fellowship! RSVP to 713.957.6764.

Celebration Ticket Sales Launch

Sat, Oct 15 @ 8–11a—The Loop (Main Foyer)

Be among the first in town to get tickets to *Celebration*—our musical Christmas production this Dec 7–11 at The Loop Campus! Enjoy Christmas music while our Ticket Sales team answers your questions and assists you in finding seats for the presentation you plan to attend. Visit TheFirstChristmas.org for presentation times, ticket prices, childcare information and more.

CONTACT Support@BrushFireTech.com

The Greater Houston Solemn Assembly

Sat, Oct 22 @ 9a–1p—Husky Stadium @ HBU

Our Pastor Emeritus Dr. John Bisagno and others invite you to come together with other Houstonians—across denominational, racial, generational and political lines—to meet at the cross of Christ on behalf of our city and nation. Pre-worship begins at 8:30a, with the solemn assembly beginning at 9a. Visit TheGHS.org for more about this citywide gathering.

CONTACT TheGHS2016@gmail.com

YOUNG SINGLE ADULTS

Under the Texas Sky Hoedown

Sat, Oct 29 @ 6–10p

The George Ranch Historical Park

Experience a boot stomp'n' good time at the Summit Hoedown! Gather at George Ranch Historical Park and enjoy a night of Texas dining, dancing, and an all-around good ol' time under the Texas sky! Ticket sales start today, so saddle up soon at HoustonsFirst.org!

CONTACT Joshua.Bagby@HoustonsFirst.org

MEN

Warrior's Heart

Thursdays @ 6:30–7:30a—The Loop (Garden Rm)

In our new series, *The Kingdom*, we examine the Kingdom of God in the Old and New Testaments and all its implications on all of life, covering success, marriage, decision-making, conflict, friendship, career, and more. Different men teach each week, with Missions Pastor William Taylor teaching this Thursday. Breakfast is available for purchase in the Café. Registration at HoustonsFirst.org is encouraged, but not required.

CONTACT Emily.Brown@HoustonsFirst.org

THE LOOP

Voter Registration

Every Sun thru Oct 9—The Loop

The general election will take place on Tue, Nov 8. The last day to register or update your registration for this most important event in our country is Tue, Oct 11. Make it easier on yourself and stop by one of our voter registration tables in the Main Foyer or Fitness & Rec Center lobby on Sundays to register, or to change your information.

CONTACT DanCraig@iglide.net

3–Day Marriage Clinic

Fri, Oct 14–16 @ 12–6p—The Loop (Rm 504/505)

When couples experience symptoms such as anger, resentments, and withdrawal, the root problem is usually the same: violating one or more of 25 Essential Marriage Skills Dr. Karl Elkins has identified in the Bible. Elkins, from Christway Counseling Center, will lead a three-day marriage clinic to explore these essential marriage skills, which provides the equivalent of 18 weeks of counseling in just three days! Register for just \$75 per couple at HoustonsFirst.org.

CONTACT Greg.Curnutte@HoustonsFirst.org

NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

MS Bonfire

Fri, Oct 21 @ 6–10:30p—Redweik Ranch

Middle School students are invited to chill and hangout with The HUB around a huge bonfire! We'll play outdoor games & activities, cook our dinner and dessert over the fire, plus hear the Word and worship. All who attend get a limited edition retreat sabbatical "MS Bonfire T-Shirt"! Bring a friend and don't miss out! Register for just \$20 (includes meal & shirt) at HoustonsFirst.org.

CONTACT Tony.Bianco@HoustonsFirst.org

CYPRESS

NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

HUB Service: Boys & Girls Country

Sat, Oct 22 @ 8:30a–1p

Cypress student ministry will head out to Boys & Girls Country, a Cypress Campus Ministry Partner, to support their mission by working the grounds and cleaning the residence facilities. Cost is \$20 per student to cover transportation and lunch. Meet at the Cypress Ministry Center. Registration is required at HoustonsFirst.org.

CONTACT Hannah.Stovall@HoustonsFirst.org

DOWNTOWN

Share Your Faith Workshop

Sat, Oct 15 @ 10a–2p

Vine Street Studios (1113 Vine St, Ste 117)

The Share Your Faith Workshop is a comprehensive tool condensed into a one-day training session. In this workshop taught by Lee Hsia, you will learn and practice how to share the Gospel in five easy steps. Find out more and register by Thu, Oct 13, at HoustonsFirst.org.

CONTACT Lee.Hsia@HoustonsFirst.org

ESPAÑOL

New Life Bible Studies

Sundays @ 6:30p—The Loop

Get connected and grow deeper with the Español Campus! Try out one of our newly restructured Life Bible Studies on Sunday evenings following our 5p worship service:

- **Nido Vacío:** Empty nesters
For adults with children no longer at home (Rm 262)
- **Nico Lleno:** Couples & single parents
For adults with children at home (Rm 258)
- **Solteros:** Singles—Singles, 21 and up (Rm 261)
- **Nuevos a la Familia:** New to the church family
For adults new to the church (Rm 263)

CONTACT Douglas.Hernandez@HoustonsFirst.org

SIENNA

Midweek Bible Studies

WOMEN

- **James: Mercy Triumphs** by Beth Moore
Tuesdays thru Nov 15 @ 10a–12p
Sienna Campus (Worship Ctr)
- **Lies Women Believe**
Wednesdays thru Nov 16 @ 6:30–8p
Sienna Campus (Worship Ctr)

Register for each at HoustonsFirst.org for \$20 (additional \$5 for childcare).

CONTACT Cherry.Sears@HoustonsFirst.org

MEN

- **Resolution for Men**
Wednesdays thru Nov 16 @ 6:30–8p
Sienna Campus (The Corner)

No RSVP needed; cost \$10. Learn more at HoustonsFirst.org.

CONTACT Ron.Barkley@HoustonsFirst.org

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
- Exit after we are dismissed
- Pray as people respond