



MESSAGE NOTES

CYPRESS CAMPUS

The Problem of Convenient Excuses

Mar 19, 2023 • Jason Swiggart, Cypress Campus Pastor • Luke 9:57-62

▶ **A disciple is one who is...**

- _____ Jesus — _____
- _____ by Jesus — _____
- Committed to the _____ with Jesus — _____

▶ **Following Jesus requires us to live _____.**

▶ **Would you rather _____ the dead or _____ the dead?**

▶ **The expectation of a Jesus follower is to live in the _____.**

What's your excuse?

Online Options

Our worship services are available online each Sunday at 9:15a, 11a, and 5p at HoustonFirst.org and YouTube.com/HoustonsFirst.



HOUSTON'S FIRST
BAPTIST CHURCH

week at a **GLANCE**

GENEROSITY

at Houston's First

From Dec 1, 2021–Jan 31, 2023:

First-Time Givers to Date	1,189
Total Givers to Date	5,752
Kainos Giving to Date	\$67,885,305

Kainos covers our Great Commission Fund (ministry operating budget) plus special projects and additional missional endeavors. Giving to Kainos is from Dec 2021–Dec 2023.

ATTENDANCE

Week ending Mar 12, 2023

Worship	737
Life Bible Study	921
MidLink	608

MIDLINK WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

SPRING 2023 MIDLINK OPPORTUNITIES

6:30–8p with dinner for purchase at 5:30p

MidLink: the overall name for everything that happens on Wednesday nights at our Cypress Campus! While opportunities for kids include BLAST (birth–3rd grade), WAKE (4th–5th grade), and CyHUB Metro (6th–12th grade), the Cypress Campus offers classes for adults, as well. You can find more at HoustonFirst.org.

NEWS & UPDATES

FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT – MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays @ 6:20–7:30a

Books available for purchase every Tuesday morning. Breakfast provided. CONTACT: Cypress.Men@HoustonFirst.org

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES – SPRING 2023

Faithful – Beginning Wed, Mar 22

The Bible is full of covenants! Let's grow together as we learn about the eternal faithfulness of God. REGISTER: [At HoustonFirst.org](https://HoustonFirst.org)

REFRESH – BUNCO

Tue, Mar 28 @ 6–8:30p

Ladies, join us for a night of fun with friends! We'll teach you everything you need to know and you'll meet lots of friends along the way. Bring diapers or wipes to donate to our ministry partner, CareNet. REGISTER: [At HoustonFirst.org](https://HoustonFirst.org)

HOW TO JOIN HOUSTON'S FIRST – CYPRESS

At the end of the service, you will be invited to come forward to start a conversation about salvation through Jesus Christ or joining Houston's First. Another chance is after the worship service or a later time, where a staff member or volunteer will meet with you to hear your story and talk about what it takes to move forward as a healthy, contributing member of the church. There are two prerequisites for joining the church: Saving Faith and Baptism by Immersion.



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VISIT HoustonFirst.org for messages via on-demand audio, video and live webcast

DOWNLOAD the Houston's First app for iOS or Android

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H1C COLLEGE SPRING RETREAT

Apr 21–22

Spring Retreat 2023 is going to be AMAZING! We're staying local in Cypress...and we're going to have an insane time as we hang out, study the Word and grow together with our H1C Community over lots of fun and lots of food! Registration required.

PARENT COMMITMENT

Sun, Apr 30

Registration Required. Celebrate the birth of your new baby and your commitment to disciple your child with our church family. Please plan to attend the pre-parent commitment class on Sun, Apr 16 @ 12:30–1:30p. Contact Renee.Johnson@HoustonFirst.org to register or for more information.

SINGLE MOMS' MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON

Sun, Apr 30 @ 12:30–2p

No matter the reason you are parenting on your own: death, divorce, deployment, separation, challenges will arise. Houston's First - Cypress wants to take a moment to encourage you. Children's programming for ages birth–5th grade is available. REGISTER: [At HoustonFirst.org](https://HoustonFirst.org)

SPORTS QUEST SOCCER CAMP

Hosted by Houston's First – Cypress

June 12–15 @ 8–11a

Sports Quest is dedicated to sharing biblical truth to reach, teach, and encourage next generation leaders through soccer. This camp is open to boys and girls ages 5–12. COST: \$195/child REGISTER: [At SQSoccer.com](https://HoustonFirst.org)

VBS

June 19–22

For kids that have completed kinder-5th grade for 2022–2023 school year! Join us this summer for four days of high-energy FUN as we learn how to follow Jesus—how to DO what He says, BELIEVE who He is, LOVE who He loves, SHARE what He did, and GO where He leads. REGISTER: [At HoustonFirst.org](https://HoustonFirst.org)

CAMP RUSH 2023

June 25–29 – Current grades 6–8

Join us in Rocksprings, TX for a week filled with fun, worship, and small groups, while growing in or starting a relationship with Christ! REGISTER: [At HoustonFirst.org](https://HoustonFirst.org)

RUSH WEEK 2023

July 14–20 – Current grades 9–12

Join us in Panama City Beach, FL for a summer camp to remember! Experience the fun of camp along with serving on mission. REGISTER: [At HoustonFirst.org](https://HoustonFirst.org)

PRETEEN CAMP

On August 1–4 each summer, kids who have completed 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade trek off to a fun-filled week of summer camp. During this week, kids build life-long friendships while being challenged to go deeper in their spiritual walk. First Kids partners with Student Life Kids Camp in Waxahachie, Tx for this Preteen Camp. REGISTER: [At HoustonFirst.org](https://HoustonFirst.org)

1DAY HOUSTON

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

Join 250+ churches and ministries across town for 1DayHouston, an opportunity for all Houston's First campuses to perform service projects across the city. After serving, enjoy a special citywide celebration at the Toyota Center on either Apr 29 or 30. Find out more at HoustonFirst.org or text 1DAY to 44322.

What part will you play?

Find volunteer opportunities at your campus and discover your spiritual gifts here or text

VOLUNTEER to 44322.

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