



HUB WORLD

QUICK START GUIDE



Welcome to HUB WORLD

If you're new to the HUB Student Ministry, we hope that this guide will help you get acquainted with all we have to offer. In these pages, you will find info about our lingo (words we use often), big events that happen each year and where you can find out more information on our website. I want to encourage you to check out the HUB website if you have any questions or need further information. You can find us on the web at www.HoustonsFirst.org/Students.

We hope you will see that our ministry is here for you. Our goal is to create an atmosphere in which students can see mirrored in our ministry the discipleship they also receive at home. We believe there is no greater discipler of a student than their parents. If this is new to you, don't worry – we're here to help.

Above all else, know that this book will never take the place of great one-on-one conversations between our staff and your family. Feel free to contact us (see Staff Info page) whenever you need us for anything. We're here for you, we love you and we consider it an honor to serve the families of the HUB!

Tony Bianco
Middle School Minister

Zac Hufty
High School Minister

Doug Bischoff
Next Gen Minister

Strategic Values

Mission Statement

The HUB Student Ministry is here to lift up King Jesus in all that we do. Our mission is then lived out through our strategic values. Our values are strategic in that they are specifically focused with the purpose of becoming our identity. We value . . .

- 1.** The Supremacy of Christ over the Centrality of Christ (for more information, read Richard Ross' book concerning the Supremacy of Christ). This view sees Christ as Supreme in everything we do rather than a little god in our pocket.
- 2.** Students having an ongoing walk with King Jesus, and love for His church that is multi-generational.
- 3.** "As We Go." This is a missional statement. This phrase is shortened from the statement "AS Christians (identity in Christ), WE help people (seeing & meeting needs) GO to heaven (evangelism)."
- 4.** Parents as the primary disciplers of their children. Our role is secondary.
- 5.** The role and importance of layers of appropriate godly adults. These adults help guide each student in their walk with King Jesus.





Student Ministry Staff

Doug Bischoff

NextGen Minister

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Family: Wife, Wendy; Kids – Lucas (8th Gr), Bailey(6th Gr) , Micah(5th Gr) and Ruth(3rd Gr)

Interests/Hobbies: Playing games & watching movies with my family; St. Louis Cardinals Baseball

Current book I'm reading:

Generation iY by Tim Elmore

Most embarrassing song on my iPod:

Any song from Tangled Soundtrack

Zac Hufty

High School Student Minister

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Family: I've been married to Nicole for 7 years and we have two beautiful girls: Emmalyn (3 years old) and Kaylin (6 months).

Interests/Hobbies: I love sports, reading, St. Louis Cardinals baseball, and most of all spending time with my family.

Favorite thing about Student Ministry:

Seeing students "get it" of what it means to be a follower of Christ and working alongside great godly adult leaders.

Current book I'm reading:

"Everyone Communicates, Few Connect" by John Maxwell.

Most embarrassing song on my iPod:

"Take My Breath Away" Top Gun soundtrack.

Quimi Alaniz

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Family: My Papi & Mami - Juan & Josie; My sister - Sami

Interests/Hobbies: I like to sing, make music, run, watch movies, go to thrift stores, jump on my mini trampoline, craft, and meet new people.

Favorite thing about Student Ministry:

Worship and attempt to make smoothies at the Hub Cafe.

Current book I'm reading:

"To Selena, With Love" by Chris Perez

Most embarrassing song on my iPod:

Probably songs that I make and record that at the time I think are good, but when I listen to them, I realize I'd be pretty embarrassed if anyone heard them.

Tony Bianco

Middle School Student Minister

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Family: I am married to my high school sweetheart Diamend and we have a son, Grayson (4 months).

Interests/Hobbies: I enjoy spending time with my family, watching movies, playing video games, golf, disc golf, and basketball.

Favorite thing about Student Ministry:

Hanging out with students in their "world".

Current book I'm reading:

"Generation iY" by Tim Elmore

Most embarrassing song on my iPod:

The "Enchanted" soundtrack.



Daniel McLendon

Middle School Ministry Assistant
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Family: I have 3 sisters and no brothers... Needless to say, growing up was interesting.

Interests/Hobbies: I enjoy playing and writing music, playing tennis, camping, spending time with friends and family, and watching sports.

Favorite thing about Student

Ministry: I love worshipping with the students! There is nothing like seeing students passionate about praising God.

Current book I'm reading: "Simply Christian" by N.T. Wright

Most embarrassing song on my iPod: Justin Bieber

Susan Newman

Student Ministry Admin Assistant
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Family: Husband of 27yrs – Elliott / daughter, Angie / son, Daniel & wife, Amy / daughter, Helen & husband, Haden / son, Luke / grandsons, Wyatt & Thatcher

Interests/Hobbies: Traveling with Hubby & being "Susu" (grandmother).

Favorite thing about Student

Ministry: Help the staff, their families and the students.

Current book I'm reading: "Study of David"

Linda Sproule

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Family: Married to Robert for 35 years; Son & Daughter-in-Law – Colin & Katy Sproule; Daughter & Son-in-Law – Heather & Nathan Anz; Granddaughter – Elliana Sproule

Interests/Hobbies: HGTV, sewing, and Texas Aggies

Favorite thing about Student

Ministry: Seeing and hearing about Students serving

Current book I'm reading: "Moo Baa La La La" by Sandra Boynton and "I Am Changes who I Am" by Gregg Matte





HUB Lingo and Weekly Schedule

Here are a few terms that you need to be aware of to better understand our ministry.

LBS – Life Bible Studies are weekly gatherings on Sunday mornings where students experience life-on-life discipleship with adult leaders and fellow peers.

Milestones – Classes geared for parents as they disciple their son/daughter during the life stages of the teenage years.

AMP – A weekly Wednesday evening gathering for High School students that encompasses fun activities, worship, and teaching. AMP goes from 7-8:30pm in room 363 in the HUB Student Ministry area.

Wired – A weekly Wednesday evening gathering for Middle School students that include games, worship, and teaching. Wired goes from 6:30-8pm in room 364 in the HUB Student Ministry area.

CRWTH – The name given to our leadership program for our High School students. CRWTH equips students to grow in their influence and service of their church, school and community. CRWTH meets about every 6 weeks.

V43 – Stands for “Vision for Three.” A campus mission strategy for students that involves a commitment to Pray, Serve, and Invite unchurched friends to hear the Gospel.

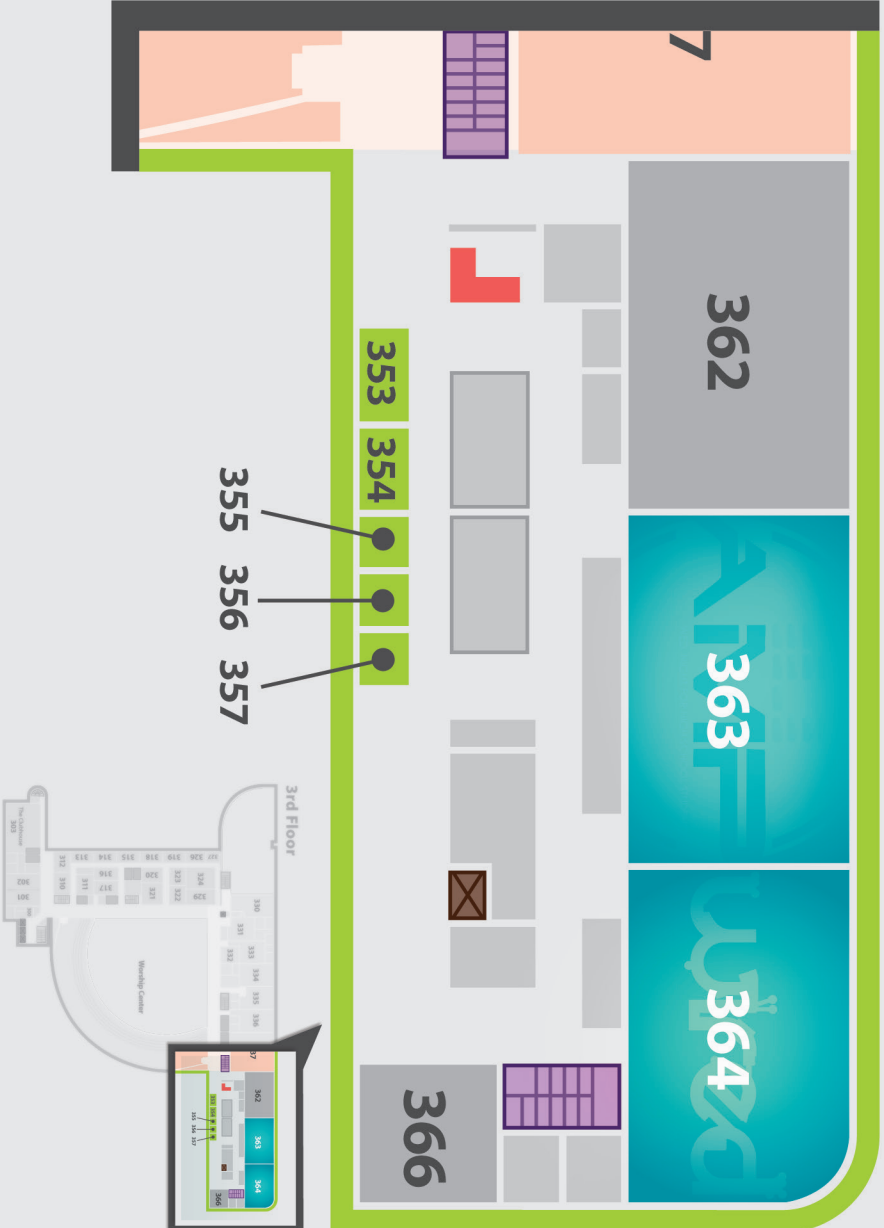
Each week in the HUB

Sun

- 9:15a Life Bible Study Groups
MS starts in Rm. 364
HS starts in Rm. 363
- 10:45a Life Bible Study Groups
MS starts in Rm. 364
HS starts in Rm. 363
- 4:15p Life Bible Study Groups
6th – 12th grades – meet at the
couches in the Gaming Area

Wed

- 5:30p Gaming Area/Smoothie Bar opens
- 6:30p Wired begins (goes until 8:00pm)
- 7p Amp begins (goes until 8:30pm)





HUB Big Events

Middle School Retreat

Each year the Middle School Student Ministry takes a break from school and the world around them and Retreat! We use this time to refocus, reconnect, and revitalize our relationship with God.

Students 6th – 8th Grade

Date: Oct 26-28

Location: Lake Tomahawk Christian Retreat Center

The HUB Family Christmas Party

Christmas is the time to spend with family and friends. What better way to celebrate than a good old-fashioned Christmas Party...HUB style. Join us for crazy games, holiday treats, and yuletide fun!

Students 6th – 12th Grade

Date: Dec 2

Location: HFBC Chapel

AsWeGo Weekend

This is a 24-hour experience for students that involves worship, training, hands-on ministry and interaction from those around the world that are making a difference for the kingdom.

Students 7th – 12th Grade

Date: Jan 18-19

Location: HFBC

Summer Rush

Enjoy the summer through Rush Groups (small groups that meet on Thursday at HFBC) and great Wednesday night activities. Past summers have included Amazing Race nights, mystery dinners, concerts and out-of-town trips.

Students 6th – 12th Grade

Date: Ongoing thru summer with kickoff May 31

Location: Mostly 3rd floor HUB Student area

Camp Intersect

This camp is 4 days and each day includes worship, small group Bible study, recreation, games, and swimming. Although this is a fairly new camp we have seen God do amazing things in the lives of these students.

Students 3rd – 6th Grade

Date: Jun 6-9

Location: Carolina Creek Christian Camp, Huntsville, TX

Rush Week

Combine the best parts of going to summer camp with the life-changing memories from a mission trip and what do you get? Rush Week! Students get to serve others, worship, build relationships, and have a blast! There is no better way to spend your summer!

Students 7th – 12th Grade

Date: Jul 20-27

Location: Announced at 2013 AsWeGo Weekend

All grades refer to school year 2012-2013.

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Getting Connected

HoustonsFirst.org/Students or TheHUBStudents.com

What's on the website?

- Information on upcoming events
- Amp & Wired news
- Calendar of events
- Weekly schedule
- Student Leadership info
- Mission opportunities
- Crazy photos of past events
- Parents page (resources, downloads, and parenting helps)
- Medical release forms and online registration
- Staff contact information



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Parenting a Teen

We know it's not easy to parent teenagers today. But we also know that God has hard-wired students to be influenced by their parents. We hope that you are taking advantage of this influence by being a disciple-maker of your son or daughter in their walk with God. Here's our TOP Five list of how to start making disciples of your student:

- 5) Use dinner time to pray and to talk about spiritual things.
- 4) Encourage them to read their Bible each day and plan a weekly time to discuss what your family is learning.
- 3) Ask your student how you can pray for them and then do!
- 2) Encourage them to talk about their faith as part of their everyday experiences.
- 1) Fall in love with Jesus yourself and share that experience with your son/daughter.

We've also put together some ways you can improve in your discipleship of your student:

Milestones – Classes/seminars that help you better understand how to disciple your student. Some Milestone classes involve specific topics such as technology, rite of passage and purity. For more information about when these are available, go to www.HoustonsFirst.org/Milestones.

Resources – On the parent page of our website, you will find a list of resources we encourage you to read as you grow in making disciples of your kids.

Parent email – Send your email address to Susan.Newman@Houstonsfirst.org and we'll get you on our weekly parent email list. You'll hear about lots of opportunities for both you and your student.

FAQs

Where is the Student Ministry Office?

Many times in our event promotions you will be directed to contact or bring things to the Student Ministry Office. It is the office of Susan Newman, Student Ministry Administrative Assistant, and is located on the 3rd floor in the student area (Rm. 354). Email for the Student Ministry Office can be directed to Susan. Newman@houstonsfirst.org. Phone is 713-957-7631.

How do I register for an event?

Most events that require registration can be accessed online by going to HoustonsFirst.org/Events or a specified event registration address. If you have specific questions about how to register, please contact Linda Sproule (Linda.Sproule@houstonsfirst.org or 713-957-7634).

Are health forms required for all events?

Health forms are required for all out-of-town or overnight events only. To download a health form, go to TheHubStudents.com and look for downloads under "Parents".

How can I get involved as a parent?

Your best involvement is in encouraging and challenging your son/daughter to be involved in the ministry of the church. We would also enjoy having you involved in the following ways: 1. Join the Parent Prayer Group (HoustonsFirst.org/HUBParents) 2. Attend a Milestone class or 3. Apply to serve as a student ministry volunteer (Contact Susan Newman at Susan.Newman@houstonsfirst.org).

How can I get my son/daughter more involved in church?

When a student is connected to other students, they will be involved. Our first suggestion is to encourage consistent attendance in a Life Bible Study Group. Through this venue students connect with other students of the same gender and grade. Second, encourage your student to attend midweek programs (Amp/Wired) and other special events with their small group. Finally, there's no better place to get connected than Summer Rush (HUB activities throughout the summer). If you still sense a reluctance to get involved please don't hesitate to contact Zac Hufty, High School Minister, or Tony Bianco, Middle School Minister.

Can 6th graders participate in all Student Ministry activities?

The short answer is no. We believe the transition from Children's Ministry to Student Ministry is a big step. Therefore, we provide a 6th grade program that allows students a transition year. This is accomplished through a separate 6th grade LBS department; Summer mission opportunities just for 6th graders; and asking 6th graders to wait until 7th or 8th grade to participate in AsWeGo weekend, Rush Week, and Student Leadership.

What is the best way to know what's going on in the HUB?

This book of course! Other sources of information are 1. Our website – TheHubStudents.com 2. Weekly parent email (subscribe by contacting Susan Newman), and 3. By phone – 713-957-7631.

For other questions you may have, please give us a call or send an email!



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