

GOD CONTROLS KINGS & EVERYTHING

Jan 31, 2016 • Pastor Gregg Matte • Ezra 1 (p. 302 in HCSB provided)

DIFFERENCEMAKER DECLARATION

I was made for more than watching.

I have a history-changing, difference-making, life-giving, Spirit-empowered legacy to leave.

Jesus, I ask You to work deeply in me and clearly through me as I pray, give, and go in Your love.

I am a difference-maker.

In Jesus' name, Amen!

• Ezra is about the return of the Jews after 70 years of Babylonian exile and rebuilding of the Temple.

• Ezra is about the sovereign _____.

▶ God is in _____ and has a _____.

• He knows the _____. *Isaiah 44:28; Jeremiah 25:12; 29:10–14; 1 Timothy 2:1–2*

• He even _____ to kings, rulers, and leaders.

▶ _____ His people for His plan.

▶ _____ resources for His plan.

Exodus 15:22–27; Matthew 6:25–34; Philemon 4:19

BE A DIFFERENCEMAKER

When it comes to being a Difference-maker, God's love is key. His love is transformational. It changes things.

The Apostle Paul said that that any Difference-making efforts, words, or deeds will fall flat if they are pursued without love (1 Corinthians 13:1–4). Ask the Lord to make you a conduit of His love to a broken world.

Share your stories at HoustonsFirst.org/MyStory and on social media with **#diffmakers**.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Visit HoustonsFirst.org/Volunteer for details about the following opportunities and nearly 100 other ways you can serve His Kingdom.

KIDS' CLUB HOMEWORK HELPERS

Faith Center

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ORCHESTRA

Music & Worship

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ELIJAH RISING

Local Missions

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MIDLINK WELCOME TEAM

NextGen

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PRAYER MINISTRY TEAM

Prayer, Missions & Connection Center

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TECH COACH

Adult Enrichment

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DECISIONS JAN 24, 2016

Baptized

Mia Ahn
Jenny Dietz
Chloe Kim

Kacee Senter
Presley Winfree

For Baptism

Morgan Bellows
Cydney Currie
William Dai

Leah Fiedler
Alan Starnes
Ali Starnes

From Other Fellowship

Kolby Buckner
Laura Buckner
Rashid Lane
Hope Manley
Guy Tabor

Jo Tabor
Caylen Wall
Sondra Warner
Jaclynn Zimowski
Joseph Zimowski

Statement

Caleb Burris
Sarah Burris
Aaron Campbell
Emily Campbell

Janae Lyon
Grace Mendizabal
Mauro Mendizabal



BIRTHS

- Chris & Paige McInturff in the birth of their daughter, Mabry Frances; Doak, brother.



SYMPATHIES

- Family and friends of Clifford Dale Reeves.
- David & Amy Ratliff in the loss of their son, Benjamin; Jack, brother.
- Mike & Diane McNulty in the loss of his father; Stuart and Collin, grandchildren.

ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES

During worship services at The Loop Campus, complimentary devices may be checked out from the Receptionist Desk in the Main Foyer.

Generosity

AT HOUSTON'S FIRST

Week ending Jan 24, 2016

First-time givers 39

Total number of givers 1,070

Great Commission Giving total \$390,094

Thank you for giving to the ministry and missional impact of Houston's First!



ATTENDANCE JAN 24, 2016

Life Bible Study 5,525

Mission Bible Study 108

Total Bible Study 5,633



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- Great Commission Budget
- Local Missions
- Benevolence
- Unstoppable Gospel: The Offering (also known as the World Mission Offering)

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