

# CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS AT HOUSTON'S FIRST!



## FROM HEAVEN, TO THE HAY, IN THE HEART – PART 1

Dec 7, 2014 • Pastor Gregg Matte • Luke 2:11

### ▶ The Old Testament \_\_\_\_\_

- Prophecies
  - Born in Bethlehem – *Micah 5:2*
  - Virgin Birth – *Isaiah 7:14*
  - Coming Ruler – *Isaiah 9:6–7*
- A few Christophanies (pre-incarnate Christ) – *John 1:18*
  - Visitors to Abraham – *Genesis 18:10*
  - Jacob's wrestling match – *Genesis 32:22–32*
  - Fourth man in the furnace – *Daniel 3:25*
  - Seated on the throne – *Isaiah 6:1–7; John 12:41*
- He was named JESUS in Luke 1:31 — meaning “Savior” or “Jehovah is salvation.”

### ▶ Angels \_\_\_\_\_

- Watch the angels at work at Christmas:
  - Gabriel to Zechariah about John (breaks 400 years of silence/priestly family) – *Luke 1:19*
  - Gabriel to Mary about Jesus – *Luke 1:26–33*
  - An angel to Joseph in a dream – *Matthew 1:20–23*
  - Angels to Shepherds – *Luke 2:8–15*

### ▶ The \_\_\_\_\_ wise men to Jesus.

- The star appeared, moved and \_\_\_\_\_ !

**BIG HUGE ETERNAL POINT:** HEAVEN has a plan. The HAY holds the Savior. Our HEARTS can be filled.

## A READING OF PAUL'S LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS

Pastor Gregg will resume our journey through Ephesians in January. During this “halftime” break, use our recording of a reading of Paul's letter as a reminder of what we've learned and as a preview of what's to come!

**Online:** Visit [HoustonsFirst.org/Ephesians](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Ephesians)

**Podcast:** Search Houston's First Baptist Church on iTunes

**CD:** Available in CornerBooks (\$3 each)

# WEEK AT A GLANCE



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Visit [HoustonsFirst.org/Volunteer](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Volunteer) for details about the following opportunities and nearly 100 other ways you can serve His Kingdom.

### CUSTOMER CARE TEAM

#### Corner Books

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### LORD'S SUPPER PREPARATION TEAM

#### Adult Enrichment

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### CONNECTION CENTER TEAM

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### FEMALE LIFE BIBLE STUDY LEADERS

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## GIVING — WEEK ENDING NOV 30, 2014

MISSION 1:8 Weekly Giving	\$345,832
MISSION 1:8 Weekly Goal	\$609,890
MISSION 1:8 Over/(Under) for November	(\$159,239)
Other Designated Giving	\$48,074
<b>MISSION 1:8 YTD</b>	<b>\$65,115,579</b>
(Giving to MISSION 1:8 is from Mar 2013—Feb 2015)	



## ATTENDANCE NOV 30, 2014

Life Bible Studies did not gather on Sunday, November 30, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

**VISIT** [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org) for messages via on-demand audio, video & live broadcast

**STOP BY** Corner Books for messages on CD, including today's message

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## DECISIONS NOV 30, 2014

### Baptized

Timothy Dunne

Tracy Hale

### For Baptism

Mac Barrow

Jonathan Shane

DeeDee Soberon

David Weaver

### From Other Fellowships

Sarah Coors

Richard Grossman

Amanda Harden

Samantha Helton

Peggy Jackson

Brandi Salinas

Diane Wetzel

### Statement

Abigail Dewlen



## BIRTHS

- John (staff) & Paige Bolin in the birth of their son, Hudson Edward Bolin. Sibling: Grace.
- Justin (staff) & Lisa Holcomb in the birth of their son, Gentry Davis. Siblings: Addyson, Riley, and Brady.
- Chris & Tara Read in the birth of their son, Austin Michael Read. Siblings: Emma, Owen, and Eli.
- Brannan & Meredith Howell in the birth of their son, Joah Kelton.
- Adam & April Hays in the birth of their daughter, Rachel Hays.



## SYMPATHIES

- Ted & Yvonne Cummins in the loss of his sister.
- Jamie & Robin Venable in the loss of her mother, Joyce Henry.
- Michaelle Moise in the loss of her mother.
- Inez James in the loss of her sister, Anna Lee Richardson. Survivors: Claire Brunson, niece.
- Barbara Collis in the loss of her brother-in-law, J. D. Smith.
- Don & Denise Munton (staff) in the loss of her father, Loy Sharon. Survivors: Abigail Munton, Isaiah Munton, Zachariah Munton, grandchildren.
- Larry & Joy Sharon in the loss of his uncle, Loy Sharon. Survivors: Mark & Matthew Sharon, great nephews.

