

# CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS AT HOUSTON'S FIRST!



## FROM HEAVEN, TO THE HAY, IN THE HEART — PART 3

Dec 21, 2014 • Pastor Gregg Matte • Luke 2:16–20



\_\_\_\_\_ has a plan.

The \_\_\_\_\_ holds the Savior.

Our \_\_\_\_\_ can be filled.

▶ The Christ of Christmas fills our hearts with \_\_\_\_\_.

*1 Samuel 12:24*

▶ The Christ of Christmas fills our hearts with \_\_\_\_\_.

*Luke 2:14*

▶ The Christ of Christmas fills our hearts with \_\_\_\_\_.

*Romans 10:9; Deuteronomy 6:5–7*

Download an Advent Devotional Guide prepared by Houston's First staff members at  
[HoustonsFirst.org/Christmas](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Christmas).

## 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.

### THRU THE ROOF TEAM

#### First Kids

[Denise.Briley@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Denise.Briley@HoustonsFirst.org)

### HOMEBOUND CARE TEAM

#### Pastoral Care

[Denise.Munton@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Denise.Munton@HoustonsFirst.org)

### LORD'S SUPPER PREPARATION TEAM

#### Adult Enrichment

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### FOOD PANTRY / CLOTHES CLOSET TEAM

#### Local Missions

[Claudia.Reyes@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Claudia.Reyes@HoustonsFirst.org)

### MEDICAL EMERGENCY TEAM

#### Systems

[Lee.Phillips@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Lee.Phillips@HoustonsFirst.org)

### GREETERS

#### Welcome Team

[2talltexans@sbcglobal.net](mailto:2talltexans@sbcglobal.net)

## GIVING — WEEK ENDING DEC 14, 2014

MISSION 1:8 Weekly Giving	\$634,614
MISSION 1:8 Weekly Goal	\$609,890
MISSION 1:8 Over/(Under) for December	\$123,822
Other Designated Giving	\$81,781
<b>MISSION 1:8 YTD</b>	<b>\$66,453,809</b>
(Giving to MISSION 1:8 is from Mar 2013–Feb 2015)	

## ATTENDANCE DEC 14, 2014

Life Bible Study (all campuses)	4,983
Mission Bible Study	135
<b>Total Bible Study</b>	<b>5,118</b>

## DECISIONS DEC 14, 2014

### Baptized

Mac Barrow  
Wesley Cunningham  
Alex Delafuente  
Daria Derscheid  
Deanna Heppler

Benjamin Iliev  
Long Mai  
Grace Nguyen  
Jedidiah Nguyen  
Hannah Warren

### For Baptism

Sara Binau  
Rachel Champ  
Laura Flores  
Michael McKey

Celani Rodriguez  
Greer Weeks  
Kyle Weeks

### From Other Fellowship

Kyle Preston  
Robin Preston

### Salvation in Christ

Sofia Carrera  
Julia Krasnitsky

## BIRTHS

- Chad & Jamie Smith in the birth of their son, Ethan Charles Smith.
- Jonathan & Kirsten Riquelmy in the birth of their daughter, Alana. Douglas & Caroline Schreiber, grandparents.

## SYMPATHIES

- Eldon Sims in the loss of his wife, Mary Sims.
- Joy Jones in the loss of her brother, Tom Williams.
- Kevin & Wendy Nilsen in the loss of her sister. Jonas and Gabriel, nephews.
- Barry & Eva Williamson in the loss of her mother.

### VISIT

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

### STOP BY

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

### FOLLOW

Pastor Gregg on Facebook (GreggMatte) and Twitter (@GreggMatte)

