

How Can We Help?

Prayer

We will pray for these requests for two weeks unless notified or updated. Feel free to leave requests on our 24-hour prayer line at 713.335.6456 or HoustonsFirst.org.

() Add this request to the church's public prayer database.

Pastoral Care

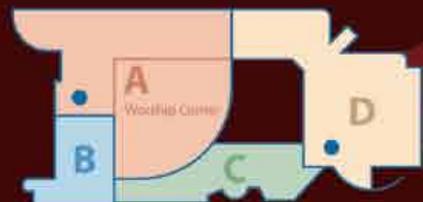
Are you experiencing grief, loneliness, illness, job loss or other life difficulties? The Pastoral Care Ministry provides free and confidential help through the Stephen Ministry. Call 713.957.6762 for assistance, or indicate your interests below:

- () I would like a Stephen Minister to call me.
 () I am interested in serving as a Stephen Minister.

Don't forget the "Get Connected" section on the other side!

Get Connected (turn over)

CAMPUS DIRECTORY & PARKING MAP



A	1 Bookstore 1 Chapel 1 Connection Center 1 Library 1 Main Foyer 1 Preschool Check-In	1 Reception Rm 2 Rehearsal Hall 1 Rms 143 & 145 3 Rms 330-336 1 Welcome Center 1 Worship Center
B	3 The Clubhouse 6 Counseling Center 1 FBA Primary School 3 The Loft 1 Pastoral Care	1 Rms 100-108 2 Rms 200-208 3 Rms 301-303, 319, 322-329 4 Rms 400-408 5 Rms 500-508
C	1 First Baptist Academy 1 FBA Library	1 Oasis Rm
D	1 Café 1 Christian Life Center 2 Crafts Rm (270) 1 Fellowship Center 2 Fitness Center 1 Garden Rm	1 Harbor Rm 2 Rms 249-270 3 Rms 362-366 3 Student Ministry 1 Welcome Center

● Welcome Centers *Numbers next to location indicate floor



Year-End Giving

The church business office will be open until 4:30 pm on Fri, Dec 31, 2010, to receive contributions that will qualify as a 2010 donation. Any donations received via mail will be treated as a 2010 donation if the postmark date on the envelope is before Sat, Jan 1, 2011. In addition, any donations made via the church's website at HoustonsFirst.org before midnight on Fri, Dec 31, 2010, will qualify as a 2010 donation.

Tithes and offerings towards the Operating Budget and the Be A Part Of The Story capital campaign all qualify as charitable contributions and are tax deductible. **CONTACT** Kerry Hunter at 713.957.5806 or Kerry.Hunter@HoustonsFirst.org should you desire additional information.

GIFTS OF STOCK

The gifting of stock to the church is a "win-win" situation for both the donor and the church. Since the church is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization, the gift will qualify as a charitable contribution and is tax deductible. This is a very simple and easy process that can be coordinated through the Financial Services office of the church. On all tax questions, it is advisable to consult with your tax advisor or CPA. If you donate a gift of stock, or desire additional information, **CONTACT** Amber Willet at 713.957.5807 or Amber.Willet@HoustonsFirst.org.

Decisions DEC 5, 2010 FOR BAPTISM

Shelley Fincher	Carolina Silva
Tara Schilling	
FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS	
Daniel Badger	Caleb McBride
DeAnne Byrd	DeeDee Omenson
Claudia Corona	Emma Omenson
Alison Dominguez	Eric Omenson
Hilary Duffy	Taylor Omenson
Donald Fincher	Brian Pawlanski
Kelly Gibson	Selise Pawlanski
Justin Grisham	Betsy Thomas
Marion Houser III	Tosby Thomas
Kelly Leffingwell	

Births

• Lincoln and Priscilla Goodwin in the birth of their daughter, Charlotte Hope Goodwin; Sister: Savannah Grace Goodwin

Sympathies

• Julian Kujawa in the death of his wife, Lorene Kujawa
 • Gary and Sherry Oradat in the death of her stepfather, Elbert Guess; Grandchildren: Ashley and Nathan Oradat
 • Dee O'Donaghy in the death of her nephew, Billy Rogers
 • Helene McCorvey in the death of her husband, Robert McCorvey; Children: Jason McCorvey and his wife Christine; Natasha Draper and her husband, Jace; Chelsea McCorvey; Grandchildren: Jaxon and Gavin Draper and Caden McCorvey

Houston's First Christmas Ornament

Deck your Christmas tree with Houston's First! Purchase this limited edition Christmas ornament in Corner Books for only \$5. Available while supplies last.

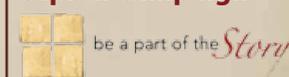
Weekly Summary

ATTENDANCE, DEC 5, 2010	
Sunday Bible Study	3,932
Mission Bible Study	961
Weekday Bible Study	78
Total Bible Study	4,971
Wednesday MidLink	384

GIVING, WEEK ENDING DEC 5, 2010

Tithes & Offering	\$429,199
Weekly Requirements	\$315,839
Over/(Under)	\$113,360
Designated Gifts	\$60,367
Over/(Under) for Nov	\$113,360
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD	(\$576,504)

Capital Campaign



WEEK ENDING DEC 5, 2010	
Total Pledged	\$25,446,592.77
Donations Received	\$72,719.65
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$20,317,654

WEEKEND WORSHIP

DEC 12, 2010



SUNDAYS

Worship
9:30 am • 11 am • 6:30 pm

Bible Study
8:20 am • 9:30 am • 10:45 am • 5:15 pm

Kids' Worship
9:30 am • 11 am • 6:30 pm

CANDY Cane Lane

Volunteers needed!
Sign up online today!

DEC 18
AT HOUSTON'S FIRST
S. Parking Lot, CLC & Oasis
10 am - 1 pm



For kids through 5th grade!



Pastor Gregg Matte

Dear Church Family & Guests,

Although I am writing this just a few days before the curtain goes up for Celebration, I am confident in saying that by the time you read this thousands of people will have been blessed and blown away by this Christ-centered production put on by our Worship Ministry and hundreds of volunteers. Pray that God would nurture the spiritual seeds planted by this musical presentation of the Gospel.

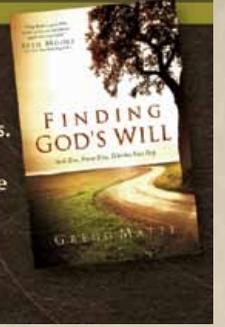
I also ask that you continue to pray for those in our church family who need physical healing in their lives. Last Sunday, we closed each worship service with a time of prayer for those around us who identified themselves as being in need healing. It was a beautiful moment to see you all gathered around them, interceding on their behalf and praying, "God, we know that You can and we ask that You would." Keep this prayer going!

Finally, I invite you to come forward at the conclusion of the worship service. Staff members and I are available to talk with you about becoming a Christian, being baptized, or joining our church—a relevant biblical community.

In Him, Pastor Gregg

PASTOR GREGG'S BOOK NOW AVAILABLE IN CORNER BOOKS!

Pastor Gregg's newly released book, Finding God's Will, is now available in Corner Books. Pick up copies today for yourself and for everyone on your Christmas list! Also available on Amazon.com & BarnesAndNoble.com



Latest News & Updates CHRISTMAS WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Join us on Christmas Eve, Fri, Dec 24, as we celebrate Christ's birth with worship through song and a message from Pastor Gregg. Choose between two identical worship services offered at 5 & 11 pm. On Sun, Dec 26, we will gather our hearts for worship at 9:30 & 11 am. There will be no Sunday Bible Study classes or 6:30 pm evening service that day.

2011 CHURCHWIDE DEVOTIONAL

Pastor Gregg has chosen The One Year Worship the King Devotional by Chris Tiegreen as the 2011 churchwide devotional. Tiegreen explores a crucial question for Christians: What is worship and why is it so important to God? Look for the devotional in Corner Books beginning this Tue, Dec 14!

Gather Our Hearts

Preschool & Children's Ministries

CANDY CANE LANE Sat, Dec 18 @ 10 am-1 pm - CLC, South Lot & Oasis Rm Kids from birth to 5th grade will have a blast as they celebrate Christmas on Candy Cane Lane. Activities include bounce houses, games, rides, candy, crafts, and a live nativity scene! COST Free! Food available for purchase. CONTACT Angie.Savage@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7626.

Summit Young Single Adults

MIDNIGHT IN THE PARK Fri, Dec 31 @ 9 pm - Minute Maid Park Ring in the New Year with young single adults from across Houston at Minute Maid Park, home of the Houston Astros. Enjoy a unique setting along with live music, dancing, games, fellowship, and fireworks! COST \$44 by today, \$49 by Dec 30, \$59 at the door. REGISTER HoustonsFirst.org/NYE2010. CONTACT Ryan.McPhetridge@HoustonsFirst.org.

Adults 60+

SPECIAL HOLIDAY POTLUCK Thu, Dec 16 @ 11 am - Rm 251 All adults ages 60+ are invited to celebrate Christmas at a potluck gathering. This will be in place of the regular Thursday Bible study. If you'd like to bring a dish, please contact Tracie Bowman for details. VISIT HoustonsFirst.org/Adults60Plus. CONTACT Tracie.Bowman@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7661.

Grow Our Souls

Churchwide SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES

Go deeper into God's Word in Sunday Bible studies, and experience community along the way. Stop by the Welcome Center for help finding a Bible study that's right for you, or visit HoustonsFirst.org/BibleStudies and explore the options on your own. Here's some to consider:

- Kingdom Service 2 @ 8:20 am - Rm 259 For adults ages 50-65
Morning Star @ 8:20 am - Oasis Rm (180) For adults ages 67+
Awaken @ 9:30 am - Harbor Rm (179) For singles ages 21-26
Saved 2 Serve @ 10:45 am - Rm 335 For couples married 1-6 years

HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays @ 11:30 am - 1010 Lamar (Lower level) HighPoint will not meet on Dec 15, 22, & 29, due to the Christmas holiday. Join us again in January! CONTACT Diane.Bagby@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.6781.

MIDNIGHT MADNESS

Fri, Jan 28, 2011 @ 5:30 pm-Midnight - Houston's First Save the date for the annual Sunday Bible Study Leadership equipping event, Midnight Madness! Whether you currently serve in a SBS or are interested in exploring more about serving, you will come away with a clear vision, effective strategies, and a renewed passion for seeing lives changed for Christ. Dinner is included. COST Free! CONTACT Jeanene.Andrus@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7601.

Give Our Lives

Churchwide WORLD MISSION OFFERING

Nov 2010-Jan 2011 The World Mission Offering (WMO) supports 5,000 missionaries serving with the Southern Baptist Convention around the world. Our church's goal this year is to raise \$400,000 in donations given in addition to our regular tithes. To give, use a WMO envelope in the Worship Center and Chapel seatbacks or go online at HoustonsFirst.org/WorldMissionOffering. All donations to the WMO are tax-deductible. CONTACT Rochelle.Ferrada@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.5861.

2011 MISSION TRIPS

Be on the lookout for upcoming 2011 Mission Trips around the world! Pray about where God may want you to go next year. VISIT HoustonsFirst.org/MissionTrips. CONTACT Rochelle.Ferrada@HoustonsFirst.org.

GIVING LIFE AWAY EXPO 2011

Sun, Jan 16 @ 8:30 am-1 pm & 4-8:30 pm - Main Foyer Stop by this all-day missions event where you can give, go, or pray locally or internationally. Learn more about Houston's First's mission trips and opportunities such as adopting a missionary, taking a stand to stop human trafficking, or actively aiding in clean water. CONTACT Rochelle.Ferrada@HoustonsFirst.org.

Volunteering

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

- Celebrate Recovery Prep Team (Counseling) CONTACT Huston.McComb@HoustonsFirst.org
Lord's Supper Preparation Team (Adult Enrichment) CONTACT Misti Steen, msteen@fulbright.com
Graphic Designers & Editors (Creative Services) CONTACT Matt.Arnold@HoustonsFirst.org
Children's Church Sunday School Teachers (The Faith Center) CONTACT Tracy.Collier@HoustonsFirst.org
Welcome Team (Communications) CONTACT Becky Murphy, 2talltexans@sbcglobal.net

How Can We Pray For You?

Share your requests the following ways and we'll add them to our online prayer database!

- Click "Find Help" at HoustonsFirst.org
Text "PRAYFIRST [your name and requests]" to 41411
Call our Prayerline at 713.335.6456
Complete the attached "How Can We Help?" card
Visit the Prayer, Missions & Connection Center

Need to Contact Us?

To contact HFBC staff, call 713.681.8000 (Mon-Fri, 8 am-4:30 pm) or email FirstName.LastName@HoustonsFirst.org.

Creating a worshipful environment. Worship requires our full attention. We ask that you: >> not bring food or drinks in the Worship Center >> silence cell phones >> use the restroom before the service (take your children, too!) >> remain seated once our time of Bible study begins. If you must leave during the service, you may either: reenter through the rear doors and find a new seat in the back or watch the remainder of the service on a monitor in the Main Foyer. At the end of the worship service, people will be invited to accept Christ or join the church. Please remain in the Worship Center during this time. Pastor Gregg and other worshipers will appreciate your thoughtfulness.



Remember to pray for the thousands of names written on the floor of the Worship Center and the renovated preschool and children's wing. Share and read stories of God's faithfulness at HoustonsFirst.org/Prayer.

Get Connected Complete and place in the offering plate or in a collection box by a Worship Center exit. () I am a first-time guest today. () I would like to speak to a minister about salvation, baptism, membership, ministries, or: () College student (school): () Single parent () Engaged (francé): () Married (since date): () Widowed () Veteran (branch):

Contact Information () Check if this is a change of address. Name _____ Today's Date _____ Address _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____ Primary Phone # _____ Birthdate (mm/dd/yy) _____ Email _____ School _____ Children living at home: _____ Grade _____ Name _____

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