

## MAKE IT YOUR CHURCH!

Houston's First encourages believers in Jesus Christ to commit to a local body of fellow Christians. If interested in making us your church, come forward at the end of a worship service, visit the Connection Center at your campus, or contact Malcolm Marshall at [Malcolm.Marshall@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:Malcolm.Marshall@HoustonFirst.org) or 713.335.6453 or any member of your campus team.

## LIFE BIBLE STUDIES

Life Bible Studies on Sunday are the primary method for connecting with others and growing together at Houston's First. Go deeper into God's Word, relate in a way that builds community, and experience the Bible as relevant to your life. Visit [HoustonFirst.org](http://HoustonFirst.org) to find one that's right for you, or ask the Welcome Team at your campus for assistance.

## ONE SACRED EFFORT

### WORLD MISSION OFFERING

The World Mission Offering is an opportunity to further support the advancement of the Gospel. Collected Nov-Jan, the offering goes to mission work in Texas, North America, and around the world. Give using designated envelopes or online at [HoustonFirst.org/WorldMissionOffering](http://HoustonFirst.org/WorldMissionOffering).

## THERE'S MORE TO CHURCH

### THAN SUNDAY MORNINGS

The Loop has a worship service at 5p and Life Bible Studies at 6:30p. Same message as the morning — with room to park on campus, too! So, go on a weekend getaway, get your grocery shopping done, or just sleep in — then go to church on Sunday night!

## SUNDAYS AT HOUSTON'S FIRST

### The Loop Campus

7401 Katy Fwy  
Houston, TX 77024  
Worship 9:15a • 11a • 5p  
Life Bible Studies 8a • 9:15a • 10:45a • 6:30p

### Cypress Campus

10300 Warner Smith Blvd  
Cypress, TX 77433  
Worship 11a  
Life Bible Studies 9:30a

### Downtown Campus

1300 Lamar St  
Houston, TX 77002  
Worship 11a  
Life Bible Studies 9:30a

### Sienna Campus

4309 Sienna Pkwy  
Missouri City, TX 77459  
Worship 9:30a & 11a  
Life Bible Studies 9:30a & 11a

## GIVING LIFE AWAY

### GIVING LIFE AWAY EXPO

Jan 11-23, 2015

Houston's First's heart for missions is presented in a compelling way at this annual Expo showcasing the many ways we're involved with spreading the Gospel. The Expo will have a presence at each of our campuses in 2015.

### NIGHT OF PRAYER

Tue, Jan 13 @ 7-9p — The Loop (Chapel)

Gather with the Houston's First family to pray for our missionaries, mission partners, upcoming mission trips — and for God to raise up people to share the Gospel here at home and on the mission field.

### SPRING MISSION TRIPS

Ready to go on the mission field? Complete the interest form at [HoustonFirst.org/Missions](http://HoustonFirst.org/Missions) to learn more about these and other 2015 opportunities:

- Mar 7-17 — Costa Rica - Cypress Campus
- Mar 14-21 — Costa Rica
- Mar 14-21 — Guatemala (orphan care)
- Mar 14-21 — Canada
- April 1-5 — New York City
- April (TBD) — Canada
- Apr 23-May 3 — East Asia (unreached people group)
- Apr 23-May 3 — East Asia (major city)



### SHUTTLE PARKING

Attend The Loop on Sunday mornings? Use shuttle parking to make room for others! It's a simple way to expand the ministry of our church. Get details on the 5 garages at [HoustonFirst.org/ShuttleParking](http://HoustonFirst.org/ShuttleParking).



HOUSTON'S FIRST  
BAPTIST CHURCH  
PASTOR GREGG MATTE

Weekly Guide  
Jan 4, 2015

## RESOLVE TO MAKE A CHANGE

Whether you're looking to get into shape, volunteer your time and talents, tackle an addiction, meet new people, grow closer to God — or something else — Houston's First's ministries and programs can help you take the next step. And, you'll find people to encourage you each step of the way! So, explore [HoustonFirst.org](http://HoustonFirst.org), stop by the Welcome Center, call a campus near you, or send a message to [Info@HoustonFirst.org](mailto:Info@HoustonFirst.org). Let's see what God is going to do in 2015!

### THE LOOP CAMPUS

713.681.8000

### CYPRESS CAMPUS

713.863.4111

### DOWNTOWN CAMPUS

281.459.0959

### SIENNA CAMPUS

713.865.7670



# NEWS + UPDATES



Houston's First Baptist Church is a relevant, biblical community where we **gather our hearts**, **grow our souls** and **give our lives** as we seek to fulfill the Great Commission.

TWEET OF THE WEEK: "I can't even explain to you, how amazing church was today. @HoustonsFirst" — Skyler Womack, @thatskylife

## ALL CAMPUSES

### Parking Garage Info Meeting

**Wed, Jan 7 @ 6:30p — The Loop (Fellowship Ctr)**

Parking has been an issue at The Loop Campus since we opened in 1977. Recently, the church was approached by a developer with interest in building an office tower on our west parking lot along with a parking garage that would more than meet our needs. Learn about this opportunity and how God has moved along the way at this informational meeting. A vote on whether to pursue the feasibility of the proposal will be taken at the monthly Church Conference on Sun, Jan 11.

**CONTACT Chad.Hamm@HoustonsFirst.org**

### HighPoint Bible Study

**Every Wed @ 11:30a — 1010 Lamar (tunnel level)**

HighPoint is temporarily suspended while our Downtown Campus at 1010 Lamar undergoes some repairs. Visit [HoustonsFirst.org/HighPoint](http://HoustonsFirst.org/HighPoint) for updates on the progress and to find previous messages!

**CONTACT Diane.Bagby@HoustonsFirst.org**

### Midnight Madness

**Fri, Jan 23 @ 5:30p-12a — The Loop**

Life Bible Study leaders from all campuses will gather to learn how we can be more effective as missionaries right here in the greater Houston area. Midnight Madness features a keynote speaker and breakout sessions designed to sharpen our focus on the purpose of Life Bible Studies. Leaders from all age divisions and campuses can register at [HoustonsFirst.org/Events](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Events).

**CONTACT Mandy.ODonnell@HoustonsFirst.org**

### HUB STUDENTS

#### AsWeGo 2015

**Jan 9-10**

Short for "AS Christians WE help people GO to Heaven," AsWeGo is a weekend filled with missions, worship, fun times, and great relationship building. We'll spend Friday night at The Loop, then serve others throughout Houston on Saturday as we learn about missional issues around the world. Register at [HoustonsFirst.org/Events!](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Events!)

**CONTACT Susan.Newman@HoustonsFirst.org**

## YOUNG SINGLES

### Summit Snow Jam

**Apr 9-13, 2015 — Winter Park, CO**

Hit the slopes with Pastor Gregg and friends from Summit! Cost of \$779 (thru Feb 15) includes airfare, lodging at Zephyr Lodge (ski-in, ski-out), lift tickets, and more. Details and registration at [HoustonsFirst.org/Events](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Events).

**CONTACT Jody.Rogers@HoustonsFirst.org**

## MEN

### Warrior's Heart

**Every Thu @ 6:30-7:30a — The Loop (Fellowship Ctr)**

Warrior's Heart returns on Thu, Jan 8! This weekly Bible study and breakfast focuses on unleashing men for kingdom impact. Dr. Bruce Fong brings a wealth of wisdom, humor, and application from the Bible. While men are encouraged to come weekly, you can come whenever you can. Details at [HoustonsFirst.org/Events](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Events).

**CONTACT Emily.Brown@HoustonsFirst.org**

### Men: Serve

**Sat, Jan 17 @ 8a-1p — The Loop**

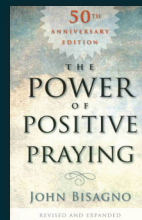
Men will go out in teams to serve the widows of our church family through yard work, home repairs, and other projects. Advance registration is required, so sign up to serve by Jan 9 at [HoustonsFirst.org/Events](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Events).

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## THE LOOP

### BRO. JOHN BOOKSIGNING

Bro. John Bisagno, our Pastor Emeritus, is celebrating the 50th anniversary of his book, *The Power of Positive Praying*. Bro. John is at The Loop Campus in the Main Foyer today to sign copies after each worship service. The book is available there and in CornerBooks. Congratulations, Bro. John!



## Milestones & MidLink Preview Night

**Wed, Jan 21 @ 6:30-8p**

Come for soup and chili at MidLink Cafe (4:45-6:30p) followed by worship led by Elevate Student Worship and a presentation by Andrew Lazo, an expert on the life and writings of C.S. Lewis. After that, discover opportunities for growth and discipleship through Milestones during an Open House. Preschool, Children, and Student programming starts that night, too!

**CONTACT Courtney.Schisler@HoustonsFirst.org**

## Fitness Expo

**Sun, Jan 25 @ 12:30-2p — Fitness & Rec Center**

Come discover all the Fitness & Recreation Center has to offer! This FREE event features fitness class demonstrations, health screenings, fitness assessments, chair massages, kids' programs, health vendors and free food. Optional: Bring workout clothes and join in on the demos!

**CONTACT Debbie.Brown@HoustonsFirst.org**

## YOUNG SINGLES

### Summit Celebrates Missions

**Sat, Jan 10 @ 7-9p — Fellowship Center**

Gather for a night of worship through song, prayer and testimony about what God has done and is doing in missions and service here and around the world. We'll also have a potluck dinner from MISSION 1:8 cities and hear from Jerrell Altic, Minister of Mobilization. Stick around for coffee and fellowship afterwards!

**CONTACT Kelly.Leffingwell@HoustonsFirst.org**

## CYPRESS

### MidLink

**Resumes Wed, Jan 14 — Ministry Center**

Classes available for all ages and stages of life including Blast, Mission Friends, Financial Peace University, P.L.A.C.E and Parenting for True Greatness. Look for information coming soon!

**CONTACT Dana.Haddad@HoustonsFirst.org**

## Men: Serve

**Sat, Jan 17 @ 7:30a — Ministry Center**

Men from the Cypress Campus will go out in teams to serve our widows through yard work, home repairs, and other projects. Advance registration is required, so sign up to serve by Jan 9 at [HoustonsFirst.org/Events](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Events).

**CONTACT Lyndle Jackson, frogmn@hotmail.com**

## DOWNTOWN

### Welcome Team & Service Logistics Team

Give your life away as a volunteer while the Downtown Campus gathers in temporary spaces! To serve on the Welcome Team, contact Joanna Poor ([jpoor2@comcast.net](mailto:jpoor2@comcast.net)). To serve on the Service Logistics Team, contact Bobbie Chun ([bas\\_chun@hotmail.com](mailto:bas_chun@hotmail.com)).

## Marathon Sunday!

**Sun, Jan 18**

At 8a at 1010 Lamar, come cheer on the marathon runners and show hospitality to fellow spectators through conversation and hot cocoa and coffee! Then, gather at 5p for a worship service at the Four Seasons Hotel! Want to help with this special day? Contact Carly!

**CONTACT Carly.O'Connor@HoustonsFirst.org**

## SIENNA

### NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

### Popcorn and Pajamas Family Movie Night

**Fri, Jan 9 @ 6:30p — Sienna Worship Center**

Everything is awesome when families with preschoolers and children come together to watch The LEGO Movie! Make yourself at home by wearing your pajamas. We'll provide light refreshments.

**CONTACT Katie.Walker@HoustonsFirst.org**

## Dad's Day at the Rockets Game

**Mon, Jan 19 @ 4:30p — Toyota Center**

Dads — bring your kids to cheer on the Houston Rockets as they take on the Pacers! The game starts at 4:30p. Tickets are available in the Worship Center foyer at the Sienna Campus for \$15 each. Dads and kids from other campuses are welcome, too! Contact Jordan for tickets.

**CONTACT Jordan.Floro@HoustonsFirst.org**

Need more information? Call 713.681.8000, visit [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org), and follow us on



**CREATING A WORSHIPFUL ENVIRONMENT.** Worship requires our full attention. We ask that you: >> silence cell phones >> use the restroom before the service (take your children, too!) >> remain seated once our time of Bible study begins.

At the end of the worship service, people will be invited to accept Christ or join the church. Please remain in the service during this time. Pastor Gregg and other worshipers will appreciate your thoughtfulness.