

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS AT  
**HOUSTON'S FIRST!**



**FROM HEAVEN, TO THE HAY, IN THE HEART – PART 2**

Dec 14, 2014 • Pastor Gregg Matte • Luke 2:8 –16



**HEAVEN** has a plan.

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

Our **HEARTS** can be filled.

▶ **Jesus came for the** \_\_\_\_\_.

*Isaiah 40:29; Matthew 11:28–30*

▶ **Jesus came for the** \_\_\_\_\_ **and the** \_\_\_\_\_.

*Matthew 4:18–19; Acts 9:4–15*

▶ **Jesus came for the** \_\_\_\_\_.

*Matthew 9: 9; John 4:7–18; 1 Timothy 1:15*

▶ **Jesus came for** \_\_\_\_\_.

*John 3:15–16; John 12:30; Romans 5:8*

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.

### HIGH 5 KIDS' CHOIR

#### First Kids

[Dora.Pop@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Dora.Pop@HoustonsFirst.org)

### VOLUNTEER COACHES

#### Faith Center

[Russell@cfmhouston.org](mailto:Russell@cfmhouston.org)

### EVENT ASSISTANT

#### Special Events

[Jan.Butterfras@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Jan.Butterfras@HoustonsFirst.org)

### LORD'S SUPPER PREPARATION TEAM


#### Adult Enrichment

[misti.steen@nortonrosefulbright.com](mailto:misti.steen@nortonrosefulbright.com)

### JAIL / PRISON MINISTRY TEAM

#### Local Missions

[David.Trickett@charmprisonministry.org](mailto:David.Trickett@charmprisonministry.org)



## GIVING — WEEK ENDING DEC 7, 2014

MISSION 1:8 Weekly Giving	\$708,988
MISSION 1:8 Weekly Goal	\$609,890
MISSION 1:8 Over/(Under) for December	\$99,098
Other Designated Giving	\$163,786
<b>MISSION 1:8 YTD</b>	<b>\$65,821,767</b>
(Giving to MISSION 1:8 is from Mar 2013–Feb 2015)	



## ATTENDANCE DEC 7, 2014

Life Bible Study (all campuses)	4,853
Mission Bible Study	112
<b>Total Bible Study</b>	<b>4,965</b>



## DECISIONS DEC 7, 2014

### For Baptism

Paulina Briones  
Emilio Cortez

Auston Fertak  
Rodrigo Fierro

### From Other Fellowships

Joe Aikins  
Tamara Aikins  
Aaron Clayton  
Morgan Clayton  
Brittney Davis  
Patti Eddlemon

Elisa Fierro  
Christian Frias  
Derek Irish  
Jemma Irish  
Will Kleeper  
Aimee Vu

### Statement

Jo Lynn Hawk  
Christy Millette



## BIRTHS

- Jacob & Brittany Hudson in the birth of their son, Eli Riley. Sibling: Harper Anne Hudson. Lee & Lisa Colley, grandparents.



## SYMPATHIES

- Marilyn McKinney in the death of her mother, June E. Van Cleave.
- Barbara Collis in the death of her sister-in-law, Alice Frances Dailey.
- Family and friends in the death of Elbert Palmer (Deacon Emeritus).

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