Jesus Christ, the baby born in the manger, became the man risen from the grave—all on our behalf. No greater story can be told or song can be sung. The kindness of God sent His only Son to live the life we could never live and die the death we should have died. The kindness of God sent One Child to save us all. As we enter the week before Christmas Day, remember that it is all because of that One Child who came centuries ago but who is here today to offer you forgiveness, salvation and friendship.

In Him,

Pastor Gregg

HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE
Sat, Dec 24 @ 2p, 4p, & 6p – At the Loop
Gather on Christmas Eve as we prepare our hearts for Christ’s birth with worship through song and a message from Pastor Gregg. Choose from 3 identical candlelight services. Childcare is not available, but the Thru the Roof ministry will care for special needs children and adults during the 2p service. Contact Denise Briley at thejoylady@msn.com or 713.816.6059 to register.

CHRISTMAS DAY
Sun, Dec 25 @ 10:30a – At the Loop, 11a – Downtown
Joy to the world! The Lord is come! Celebrate the birth of our Savior Christmas morning with special services At the Loop with Pastor Gregg and Downtown with Lee Hsia. Life Bible Studies will not meet that day. Childcare available through age 2 (At the Loop only).

NEW YEAR’S DAY
Sun, Jan 1 @ 10:30a – At the Loop, 11a – Downtown
Begin the new year by gathering for worship At the Loop with Jerrell Altic or Downtown with Lee Hsia! Life Bible Studies will not meet that day. Childcare is available through age 2 (At the Loop only).

YEAR-END GIVING

The church business office will be open until 4:30p on Sat, Dec 31, 2011, to receive contributions that will qualify as a 2011 donation. Any donations received via mail will be treated as a 2011 donation if the postmark date on the envelope is before Jan 1, 2012. In addition, any donations made via the church’s website at HoustonsFirst.org before midnight on Dec 31, 2011, will qualify as a 2011 donation.

Tithes and offerings towards the Great Commission Budget, the World Mission Offering, Local Missions and the Be A Part Of The Story capital campaign all qualify as charitable contributions and are tax deductible. Please contact Kerry Hunter at 713.957.5806 or at 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, please contact Amber Willet at 713.957.5807 or at Amber.Willet@HoustonsFirst.org.

HoustonsFirst.org/ChristmasSchedule 713.681.8000

TIMES, LOCATIONS & CONNECTIONS

SUNDAYS AT THE LOOP
Worship 9:15a • 11a • 5:00p
Life Bible Study 8:30 • 9:15a • 9:30a • 10:15a • 11a • 12n • 1p
Kids: Worship 9:30a • 11a • 1p

SUNDAYS DOWNTOWN
Worship 11a
Life Bible Study 10:30a
LIFE BIBLE STUDIES
Visit the Welcome Center for help finding a Life Bible Study, or visit HoustonsFirst.org/BibleStudies. Here are some to consider:
- Morning Star @ 8:20a, Oasis Rm, adults 67+
- The Difference @ 9:30a, Garden Rm, adults 50-62
- The Junction @ 10:45a, Rm 505, couples married 3-12 years
- Mosaic @ 6:45p, Garden Rm, single adults 21-26

SUMMIT NEW YEAR’S EVE PARTY
Sat, Dec 31 @ 8p-1a – Lucky Strike Lanes, Downtown
Young single adults are invited to ring in the New Year with music, bowling, karaoke, food, games, and more! Cost is $44 thru Dec 30; and $49 at the door. Purchase tickets online.
SummitYoungSingles.org
Ryan.McPhetridge@HoustonsFirst.org

FIRST PLACE 4 HEALTH ORIENTATIONS
Thu, Jan 5 @ 6:30p & Sun, Jan 8 @ 4p – At the Loop
Attend one of these orientations and see how First Place 4 Health can help you discover a new way to healthy living! Attendance is required for new members to join a class.
FirstPlace4Health.com
Lisa.Cramer@FP4H.com

FOUNTAIN OF THE BIBLE STUDIES
Every Sun, Jan 8-29
Each January, our Adult Life Bible Studies focus on a subject that is foundational to our faith. Our focus this January will be on prayer. Visit us online or in the Welcome Center to find a Life Bible Study that’s right for you!
HoustonFirst.org/FoundationsOfTheFaith
Jeanene.Andrus@HoustonsFirst.org

2012 CHURCHWIDE DEVOTIONAL
Pastor Gregg has chosen The One Year Book of Discovering Jesus in the Old Testament as the 2012 churchwide devotional. Copies are available in Corner Books for $14.99. Pick up a copy today—just in time for Christmas!
HoustonFirst.org/C CornerBooks
713.957.5822

WORLD MISSION OFFERING
Now – Jan 2012
Support missionaries who are sharing the Gospel in Texas, across the USA and around the world! Our church’s goal is to raise $500,000. Use a WMO envelope and place it in the offering plate, or make your donation online.
HoustonFirst.org/WorldMissionOffering
Rochelle.Tucker@HoustonsFirst.org

SPRING BREAK MISSION TRIPS
March 10-17, 2012
Spend your Spring Break at exciting locations while sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ! Locations include Costa Rica, East Asia, Haiti and France. Go online to register and learn about more trips happening throughout 2012.
HoustonFirst.org/Missions
Rochelle.Tucker@HoustonsFirst.org

HOPE HOUSE
The Hope House opens in January, providing temporary housing for patients undergoing medical treatment in Houston. Help furnish the home with a gift from our registry! Stop by Corner Books or go online to learn more.
HoustonFirst.org/HopeHouse
Peggy.Jones@HoustonsFirst.org

HUB MATH NIGHTS
6:30-8:30p – Fellowship Ctr
HoustonFirst.org/Students

PARENTS’ NIGHT OUT
6-10p – At the Loop
HoustonFirst.org/ParentsNightOut

MIDLINK SPRING SEMESTER BEGINS
Wednesday Evenings
HoustonFirst.org/MidLink

SUMMIT CELEBRATES
7p – Oasis Rm
SummitYoungSingles.org

ASWEGO CONFERENCE
For Students 7th-12th Grade
HoustonFirst.org/HUBMissions

MIDNIGHT MADNESS
Life Bible Study Leadership Training
HoustonFirst.org/MidnightMadness

DATE NIGHT HOUSTON WITH TIM HAWKINS
7p – Worship Ctr
HoustonFirst.org/DateNightHouston

GIRLS’ NIGHT OUT WITH ABBY RILE
6:30-9p – Fellowship Ctr
HoustonFirst.org/Women

SUPPORT MISSIONARIES WHO ARE SHARING THE GOSPEL IN TEXAS, ACROSS THE USA AND AROUND THE WORLD! OUR CHURCH’S GOAL IS TO RAISE $500,000. USE A WMO ENVELOPE AND PLACE IT IN THE OFFERING PLATE, OR MAKE YOUR DONATION ONLINE.

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Remember to pray for the thousands of names written on the foundations of the Worship Center and children’s building.

Foundation of prayers

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.

Need more info? Call 713.681.8000 to get in touch with us. Connect with us online anytime at HoustonsFirst.org or follow us on