



1 PETER OVERVIEW: THERE'S HOPE IN THE HURTS

Apr 2, 2017 • Pastor Gregg Matte • 1 Peter 5:12–14 (p. 782 in HCSB provided)

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Houston's First is a Relevant Biblical Community.

► Peter's Journey

- His call *Mark 1*
- Spokesman *Matthew 10:2*
- Denial *Matthew 26*
- Restoration *Mark 16:7 & John 21*
- Leader *Acts 1–12*

► Current events at the time

- 63 A.D. – 1 Peter is written.
- 64 A.D. – Fire in Rome. Nero persecuted Christians as scapegoats.
- 67 A.D. – Peter and Paul martyred possibly on the same day. (Peter was around 75 years old.)
- 68 A.D. – Nero flees and commits suicide.
- 70 A.D. – Temple in Jerusalem destroyed by Roman army.

► 1 Peter is about God's grace in:

- _____ *1 Peter 1:1–2:10*
- _____ *1 Peter 2:11–3:12*
- _____ *1 Peter 3:13–5:11*

► Be known as _____: at home, work and church.

Luke 19:17; Hebrews 3:5

- Goal of Peter's letter:
 - Encouragement and _____ so we will _____.
There's hope in the hurts.
- Faith in action is:
 - Brotherly _____ and _____ in Christ.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Generosity

AT HOUSTON'S FIRST

Week ending Mar 26, 2017

First-time givers	47
All givers	960

Great Commission Giving

Weekly Total	\$436,904
Requirements	\$550,124
Fiscal Year Total	\$22,379,263
Requirements	\$23,254,340
Over/(Under)	(\$875,077)
(Fiscal Year is Jul 1–Jun 30)	

Thank you for giving to the ministry and missional impact of Houston's First!

TAKING A STEP

Make an Impact at Your Campus

As we are all called to step up and serve — either for the first time or by expanding your role — you're invited to let the church know where you are interested in making an impact. Here's how to do it:

WHAT ARE YOUR GIFTS?

Take a confidential online spiritual gifts assessment free of charge courtesy of Houston's First! While not required to volunteer, the assessment can assist you in determining where to serve with your spiritual gifts.

- Go to HoustonsFirst.org and search "Spiritual Gifts."

WHAT ARE YOUR INTERESTS?

Fill out the "Step Up To Serve" interest form to indicate areas that interest you. Then, team leaders will contact you about taking the next step!

- Go to HoustonsFirst.org and search "STEPUP" or
- Text "STEPUP" to 41411 to receive a link on your mobile device.

"SERVE YOUR CAMPUS" LUNCH

Sun, Apr 30 @ 12:30p — The Loop Campus
 At this free lunch, discover why serving is an important aspect of the Christian faith and learn about opportunities for you to step up and serve at The Loop Campus. RSVP at HoustonsFirst.org.

DECISIONS

Week ending Mar 26, 2017

Baptized

Olivia Leung	Christyn Wolf
Laura Rios Benavides	Kenna Wong

For Baptism

Jennifer Medvetz

From Other Fellowship

Andrew Amerson	Elizabeth Gilbert
Matthew Cope	Dominique Thompson

Statement

Busayo Olorunnipa
Grant Posell

BIRTHS

- Jeff & Emma Arrington in the birth of their son, Elijah Cooper Blu. Piper and Natalie, sisters

SYMPATHIES

- Jacque Killingsworth in the loss of her husband, Wayne; Patsy Killingsworth, mother; Gary & Pam Mayes, sister; Doris Dyson, mother-in-law
- Cheryl Seidner, family and friends in the loss of her son, Christopher Lind
- Jim & Sue Caldwell in the loss of her brother, Bobby Hordey; Jordan Caldwell, nephew
- Family and friends in the loss of Kenneth Eckley

ATTENDANCE

Week ending Mar 26, 2017

Life Bible Study	5,388
Mission Bible Study	102
Total Bible Study	5,490

ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES

During worship services at The Loop Campus, complimentary devices may be checked out from the Receptionist Desk in the Main Foyer.

MOBILE GIVING

Share your generosity with Houston's First via your mobile device! Text "HFBCLoop" to 77977 to receive a link where you can make a one-time donation or establish recurring giving. Donations can be made to the following:

- Great Commission Budget
- Benevolence
- Local Missions

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