



HOUSTON'S FIRST  
BAPTIST CHURCH



## PART 1: SOCIAL MYTHS OR SPIRITUAL TRUTHS?

Apr 23, 2017 • Pastor Gregg Matte • 2 Peter 1:16–21 (p. 783 in HCSB provided)

61  
**2Pt**  
2 PETER  
3

▶ **1 Peter » God's grace in salvation, submission and suffering.**

**2 Peter » Chapter 1: How do I walk purely?**

**Chapter 2: How do I discern truth?**

**Chapter 3: How does this all end?**

### Warnings



Swindoll, Charles R. *Swindoll's Living Insights: New Testament Commentary: James, 1 & 2 Peter*. Tyndale House Publishers, 2014. Page 288.

▶ **Do we live by clever myths or \_\_\_\_\_?**  
*2 Peter 1:16–18*

▶ **The Bible is trustworthy and \_\_\_\_\_ worthy.** *2 Peter 1:19–21*

- Pay attention and change the world.

Ask three questions:

- What does it say about \_\_\_\_\_ and/or \_\_\_\_\_?
- What does it warn or \_\_\_\_\_?
- What does it call me \_\_\_\_\_?

Have three tools:

- Understandable translation of the Bible
- A \_\_\_\_\_
- Your choice: headphones, journal, favorite chair, cup of coffee, paint brush...

- The Bible is God's word to us.

- \_\_\_\_\_
- Inerrant
- Life-changing and stabilizing

# WEEK AT A GLANCE

*Generosity*  
AT HOUSTON'S FIRST

**Week ending Apr 16, 2017**

First-time givers  
All givers

71  
1,265

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](http://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](http://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](http://HoustonsFirst.org).

## DECISIONS

**Week ending Apr 16, 2017**

### For Baptism

Angelina Dut  
Natalie Garcia  
Gina Olivarez  
John Schock

Larry Schock  
Matthew Schock  
Paige Schock

### From Other Fellowship

Rhonda Collins

Pam Lathem

## ATTENDANCE

**Week ending Apr 16, 2017**

Life Bible Studies did not meet on Sun, Apr 16

Mission Bible Study

MidLink

**Total Bible Study**

—  
50  
1,708  
**1,758**

## BIRTHS

- Robert & Nicole Woods in birth of their son, Connor James
- Andrew & Kirsten Kelley in the birth of their son, Crawford Robert; Keith & Cindy Kelley, grandparents

## SYMPATHIES

- Joe & Nancie McClintock and family in the loss of his aunt, Opal
- Brittany Goffney in the loss of her grandfather

## 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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