

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WEEKEND WORSHIP AT THE PARK

*The City On The Hill – First Baptist Highland Park*

2025 Churchwide Theme:

“STRETCH” – (Joshua 8:18, Matthew 12:13)

Scripture: Ephesians 1:7 (NLT)

**SATURDAY, January 18, 2025**

**6:30 P.M.** – Sermon: “Get Your Go On”, Scripture: John 9:1-12, Focus v. 7 (NLT)

**SUNDAY, January 19, 2025**

**8:00 A.M.** – Sermon: “Bishop John R. Bryant, Global African Methodist Episcopal Ambassador”, Scripture: To Be Announced (TBA)

**10:45 A.M.** – Sermon: “Bishop John R. Bryant, Global AME Ambassador”,  
Scripture: TBA

**9:30 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.- SUNDAY BIBLICAL INSTITUTE** (*In -Person & Virtual*)

2<sup>ND</sup> WEEKENDS Communion and Baptism

Weekend Hymn of Praise: “There is Power in the Blood”, #258

You can also access our ministry through the free **Light Source App** where we are alongside a number of prominent ministries.

# UPCOMING PARK POWER

WE WELCOME IN PERSON WORSHIPPERS AS WE RECOMMEND, BUT NO LONGER REQUIRE, MASK WEARING ONCE YOU ENTER OUR SANCTUARY BUILDINGS. PLEASE SEE OUR STAFF IF YOU DESIRE A MASK. TEMPERATURE CHECKS ARE ALSO NO LONGER REQUIRED.

JOIN US ON WEDNESDAYS AT 12:00 NOON FOR THE POWER HOUR and on Wednesday evening for WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORD (6:45 p.m.) as a part of WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS WITH JESUS AT THE PARK

**Monday, January 20 – 7:00 p.m. – MEN’S BIBLE STUDY - East Chapel (Right off the Main Sanctuary). Book: “Elevate and Dominate” by Deion Sanders.** For our next book we’re looking at “Witness to Grace: A Testimony of Favor” by W. Franklyn Richardson and we’re working on making sure that we can secure an adequate number of copies.

**Wednesday, January 22 – 6:45 p.m. – REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. WORSHIP hosted by our Men’s Ministry. “KEEPING THE DREAM ALIVE” – John 7:38.** *Special Guest: Dr. James Henry Harris -Distinguished Professor and Chair of Homiletics and Practical Theology at the Samuel Dewitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University, Richmond VA. The Mighty Men of God will minister through song! Start spreading the word as we would love for the entire congregation to be present.*

**Monday, January 27 – Beginning of the Year Congregational Conference – 7:00 p.m.** All members are welcome to be a part of this time of vision and information sharing.

**Wednesday, January 29 – 6:45 p.m. – INSTALLATION/CONSECRATION OF CHURCH LEADERS AND ORDINATION OF DEACONS SERVICE.** Our special guests will be Rev. Dr. George Parks and the Metropolitan Baptist Church of Largo, MD Church Family. This promises to be an historical occasion in the life of our church.

*Invite others to join us in worship or connect online, starting with putting the FREE First Baptist Highland Park App on your phone, along with your ability to connect via our various feeds (Light Source, YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram LIVE, and our website).*

## **DON'T GET WRAPPED UP IN THE STRUGGLE**

Ephesians 6:12 (NIV) says, *“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.”* This battle is one that all of us must face and conquer, but we must remember that the best way to do it is through strengthening our relationship with the Lord through Bible Study, prayer, and consistent worship. When we demonstrate our faith through tithing and witnessing it will help to build up your faith muscles. Satan wants you to be weak and shaky but God’s Holy Word can take you to an entire new level. One’s love for God will lighten life’s loads and who should want to carry something that you do not have to? The power of the Holy Spirit can help can navigate you through the unknown. Remember that it is unknown to us, but not unknown to God. The other reality is that God wants you to be victorious and is supplying you with everything that you need to be successful. So, let us trust God and allow Him to guide our footsteps and decisions. Lift your heads because your help comes from the hills, but God can meet us in our valley moments. Spread the word and let others know that Jesus is the answer.

***Every Thursday at 12:00 noon, brothers are invited to join the Men’s Ministry Prayer Call by dialing (605)475-4082; Access Code: 105587. This call normally does not exceed 15 minutes but it is a wonderful time for brothers to be strengthened in their faith walk. The brothers will take a break this week (December 26) and resume next Thursday, January 2.***

## **PARK POWER POINTS**

Throughout this weekend and into this week we shall celebrate the life and legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who on this past week (January 15) would have turned 96 years old. He was murdered April 4, 1968, after being a Nobel Peace Prize winner. All these years later we can still pause and reflect on the impact that he made in the world and realize that there is still much work to be done. His value for education continues to resound in the ears of young people as they ***seek to go further than they have ever gone.***

Here at *The City on the Hill – First Baptist Church of Highland Park* we continue to be *“Bible Believing, Christ Centered, and Spirit Led.”* Just the other day on our grounds, throngs of young people gave their lives to the Lord and we praise God

for the power of the living Word. We pray that that same energy continues to ring throughout our campus this weekend. Prayer warriors are urged to shower heaven with your prayers as we believe God for lives that will never be the same. How honored we are to have Bishop John Bryant as our special Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend guest. Bishop Bryant has blessed our church down through the years with his powerful preaching and we look forward to him blessing us again this year having received his Doctor of Ministry degree from Colgate Rochester as an original Martin Luther King Jr. Fellow along with of the greatest preaches of all time and for many years pastored the Bethel AME Church of Baltimore, Maryland before being elected as a Bishop. He is indeed a living legend and is featured in several museums, including the both the Reginal Lewis Museum and Blacks in Wax in Baltimore, having preached all over the world to massive religious bodies.

The praises of God continue to resound with enormous joy because there's still **"Power at The Park!"** and every time we walk onto these grounds, we never know how God is going to speak to and through us.

***We're claiming that this will be the year of unusual financial increase as we continue to embrace Biblical Giving through that first tenth to God that we know as the Tithe and then we will give our additional gifts, also known as Offerings, inclusive of the extra \$20 given each week with \$15 going to BURN THE MORTGAGE and \$5 to Missions. We're already appreciative of the gifts that people have given for the California fires.***

**JOIN US EVERY FRIDAY MORNING – 6:30 a.m. – (302) 202-1102 Conference Code: 192857. Periscope - @REVHPDIII (Twitter) – Facebook Live and you can Follow Our Church (@FBCHighlandPark) on Twitter and Facebook and #Hash Tag us (#CITYONTHEHILL others, #POWERATTHEPARK, #FBCHighlandPark) on Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook. Spread the Word! MAKE SURE YOU GET OUR FREE FIRST BAPTIST HIGHLAND PARK APP ON YOUR PHONE! YOU CAN FIND IT IN YOUR APPLE/GOOGLE STORE.**

***CALLING ALL MEN TO JOIN THE THURSDAY 12:00 NOON PRAYER CALL! (605)475-4082, access code: 105587 SPREAD THE WORD AND INVITE OTHERS!***

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**2024 Theme: "Stretch"**

*"Then God spoke to Joshua: **"Stretch** out the javelin in your hand toward Ai –I'm giving it to you." Joshua **stretched** out the javelin in his hand toward Ai. At the signal the men in ambush sprang to their feet, ran to the city, took it and quickly had it up in flames."*

*Joshua 8:18, 19 (The Message)*



The banner features a vertical strip on the left showing a stained glass window and a white cross. The main text is on a black background. It reads "100 Years ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION 1921 - 2021" in gold and white. To the right, it says "where comes FAITH ALIVE" in white and gold. At the bottom, it lists "FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HIGHLAND PARK" and "WWW.FBHP.ORG" with social media icons for Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube.