

A dark blue graduation cap with a tassel and a rolled-up diploma tied with a blue ribbon are positioned diagonally across the frame. The background is a deep blue with a subtle texture.

2025 BACCALAUREATE *Sunday Worship*

Sunday, June 1, 2025

10:45 AM

First Baptist Church of
Highland Park

6801 Sheriff Road
Landover, MD 20785

Dr. Henry P. Davis III, Pastor

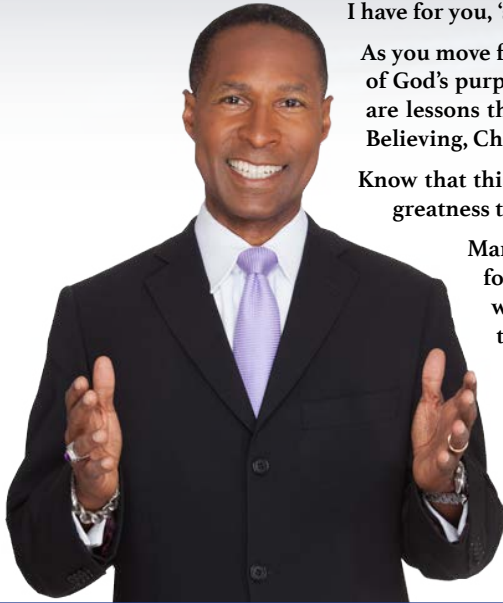
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PASTORAL Statement

To the Distinguished Graduates of the Class of 2025,

On behalf of our church family, it is with great joy and godly pride that we extend heartfelt congratulations to each of you on this significant milestone in your life's journey. Whether you are graduating from high school, college, or embarking on a new academic or professions chapter, today we pause to honor your perseverance, celebrate your accomplishments, and uplift the possibilities ahead of you.

Your dedication in the classroom, your resilience in the face of adversity, and your unwavering commitment to excellence reflect not only your personal strength but also the prayers, sacrifices, and love of the families and communities that surround you. You are living proof of God's promise to prosper and not to harm, to give hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11 says, "For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."



As you move forward, carry with you the wisdom of your past, the power of your present, and the promise of God's purpose for your life. Walk boldly, think deeply, serve humbly, and dream without limits. Those are lessons that we try to teach at The City on the Hill where we continue to be a church that is "Bible Believing, Christ Centered, and Spirit Led."

Know that this church stands with you, cheering you on, praying over your journey, and believing in the greatness that lies within you.

Many thanks to our very own Dr. Sandra Crewe of Howard University's School of Social Work for consenting to share her wisdom and further inspire every listener to be more of what God wants you to be. A big thank you also goes out to the June Birthday Ministry for how seriously they take this time of the year when we salute our graduates, and we can't get to this occasion without remembering the excitement that the late Trustee Marie Catlin would bring to this day. This year is also special for my wife and myself with our son Henry earning his undergraduate degree in Business Administration from Towson University and with him along with all the members of the class of 2025.

With joy and blessing,

Reverend Dr. Henry P. Davis III

GUEST Speaker



Sandra Edmonds Crewe, MSW, Ph.D., ACSW

Dean emerita and professor at the School of Social Work at Howard University. Dr. Crewe has dedicated her career and life to enhancing the well-being of African Americans through research, scholarship, and public advocacy. She holds a BSW and MSW from the Catholic University's National Catholic School of Social Service, and a Ph.D. in Social Work from Howard University. She currently serves as the (24-25) Rutgers School of Social Work Sojourner Truth Social and Racial Justice Visiting Professor. Dr. Crewe is honored to be a NASW pioneer who has worked in public and assisted housing as a social worker and senior leader in Maryland for over 20 years.

During her 10-year tenure as dean of the Howard University School of Social Work, with the support of faculty and staff she launched three dual degree programs (MSW/MBA, MSW/MPH and MSW/MDIV), an MSW online program, and elevated the school to the top 5% of USNWR graduate social work programs. In 2024 she received Howard University presidential award for service and in 2025 she received the Dean Inabel Burns Lindsay Educator award from the Howard University School of Social Work.

She is a native of Halifax County Virginia and a lifetime member of First Baptist Church of Meadville, VA. She and her husband Dwight are longtime members of First Baptist Church of Highland Park (FBCHP), MD. They have two sons Dwight and Paul and daughter in law, \Toy.

Dr. Crewe was a longtime member of the Volunteer Nursery ministry at FBCHP under the leadership of Sisters Helen Lee and Loretta Queen.

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WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

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WORSHIP THROUGH THE INVITATION TO FOLLOW CHRIST

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

WORSHIP THROUGH RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

WORSHIP THROUGH BENEDICTION

High School *Graduates*

ASYA ALEJO
Old Mill High School

JULAN BYRD
Potomac High School

LA'MYIA JALLOH
Potomac High School

JAHAI BANKS
Archbishop Carroll Senior High School

MARLI CLARK
Thomas Stone High School

MALACHI WARTHEN
Oakleaf High School

JAMIEL BEST
Charles Herbert High School

AMIYAH GARY
Potomac High School

NIKOLAS WILLIAMS
Crofton High School

Graduate & Undergraduate *Degrees*

DOCTORAL DEGREES

Sydney Johnson
Tuskegee University
Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine

Rasool Crawford II
Bowie State University
Bachelor of Science

Henry P. C. Davis
Towson University
Bachelor of Science

MASTER DEGREES

Chenelle Clark (AKIL)
University of MD Global Campus
Master of Science

Leondre Ingram
United States Air Force Academy
Bachelor of Science

Renarda Harris-Gorham
Relay Graduate School of Education
Master of Arts

Immanuel Jones
Norwich University
Bachelor of Science

Dawn Johnson
Lancaster Bible College (Magna Cum Laude)
Master of Arts

Jasmine Wilson
Florida Atlantic University
Bachelor of Arts

Jahmar Seltzer
American Military University
Master of Arts

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Marilyn Kay Manners
Grand Canyon University
Continuing Education

BACHELOR DEGREES

Sandra Brennan
Regent University
Bachelor of Arts