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First Baptist Church of Highland Park, Inc.

THE GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY



THE HIGHLANDS

SENIOR HOUSING COMMUNITY

A dynamic 55+ community, now under construction on the First Baptist Church of Highland Park Campus, in partnership with Community Housing Initiatives, Inc.



Saturday, December 6, 2025

11:00 AM

6801 Sheriff Rd, Landover, MD 20785
REV. DR. HENRY P. DAVIS III, PASTOR

Pastoral Greetings

Welcome to this banner day as we break ground on The Highlands – Senior Housing Solution. This is a very exciting time in the life of our church over the course of our 104-year history. Here at First Baptist Church of Highland Park (***The City on The Hill***) we continue to be “***Bible Believing, Christ Centered, and Spirit Led.***” Today we can experience a vision that has come to fruition. How grateful we are for the many prayers that have been prayed. Week after week, we would hear about the future “***Senior Housing Facility***” on the Friday Fire Morning (6:30 am EST) Prayer Call and now we have reached this signal moment, and we give God all the glory!

Many thanks also go to our Groundbreaking Committee, led by our Church Clerk, Sister Eunice Dawkins. Our Chairman of Trustees, Brother Randy Williams Jr., has been a part of more meetings than you could ever imagine. No words of thanks are enough to offer toward Chairman Williams. We’re also grateful for the partnership and guidance provided by Community Housing Initiative (Pat and Joe Byrne) along with the elected officials of Prince George’s County Government. Conversations surrounding this possibility started some ten years ago and God led us every step of the way.

The entire church family has rallied behind this vision along with many in our community. Prayers are still solicited as this construction proceeds, as it is our prayer that there would be no accidents or incidents. Thank you to one and all who have joined us today.

Faith Strong!



Henry P. Davis III
Pastor

Groundbreaking Committee Greetings

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Highland Park,

To God Be the Glory for the Great things that He has done and is doing in the life and legacy for the people of God at the First Baptist Church of Highland Park, Inc. in Landover, Maryland. We thank God for His blessings that He is bestowing upon this body of believers. We are looking with great anticipation to see how God will bless the men and women that will live in The Highlands, a residence that will sit tall on the hill of Highland Park, facing and looking over towards the church, the community, Sheriff Road, Martin Luther King Highway, Landover and Hyattsville in the zip code area of 20785 and looking toward the Washington DC Metropolitan area towards Seat Pleasant and N.E. Washington.

First Baptist, thank you for allowing God to use each of you in a mighty way to be a blessing, as we make a great impact in this neighborhood, the County of Prince George's, the State of Maryland and in the City of Landover. To Dr. Henry P. Davis III, our Pastor, thank you for being an innovator and pushing us forward and saying “yes” we can do this project and allow God to be a blessing to others. Now is the time to press forward and give others an opportunity to live on the grounds of Highland Park and to be able to serve God with a short walk or ride to service as they grow older.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as Chairperson of this Groundbreaking Committee and serve with the members to plan this wonderful program to the Glory of God! To the Committee, thank you for serving and using your spiritual gifts and talents to make this a program that God would be pleased.

*Sister Eunice Dawkins
Chair*

Trustee Leadership Greetings

Dear Christian Friends,

First giving honor to the Lord Jesus Christ, My Pastor and the Families at the First Baptist Church of Highland Park (the City on the Hill). It gives me great pleasure to extend congratulations, on behalf of the Trustee Ministry.

Today, we break ground on "The Highlands", a premier Senior Residential community. This project is a testament of our shared commitment to our treasured senior citizens. But this project is more than just a building; it is a promise of safe, affordable, and accessible homes where our seniors can thrive and remain in the neighborhoods they have loved and built.

This development will feature 137 senior apartment homes, 89 - one bedroom and 48 two bedroom homes. Inside, the apartments are thoughtfully designed with open layouts, granite counter tops, stainless steel appliances, luxury vinyl tile flooring, and Energy Star plumbing fixtures. The building will also have Library/Coffee Lounge, Large Multipurpose Room, Warming Kitchen, Mail Room with a Separate Package Room, TV Viewing Area, Fitness Center, Yoga/Stretching Studio and more.

But what's really exciting is that residents will be able to go to work, church, teach kids, and continue to live in the community that they love. Today, I thank our Lord and Savior for this building as we enlarge our territory. I pray for our church, the professionals that will be building this structure and all of us who are involved in the construction of this building.

Do you want to live in Landover, Maryland? Well, welcome home! We will be ready for you in about two years. Let's get excited about what's to come.

This project represents an investment not only in our seniors but also in the future of our community. It is part of a larger effort to improve our community right here in Landover, Maryland. We are thrilled to see this project move from a vision to a reality, and we thank everyone involved who helped us reach this milestone.

Thank you and as always "Pray, Pray, Pray".

Randolph Williams, Jr.

Chairman, Trustee Ministry

Diaconate Leadership Greetings

Greetings, Brothers and Sisters,

Today marks a great time in the life of First Baptist Church of Highland Park and the community in the groundbreaking of the HIGHLANDS Senior Housing Community. I would like to take this opportunity to thank past and present persons who made this event possible.

I know that the growth and success of this project is largely dependent on having strong prayers, finance, and capable people who made this to fruition.

Scripture provides both direct commands and examples, emphasizing respect for the elderly, the family's responsibility for financial and physical support, and the importance of treating older individuals with dignity and care.

Caring for the elderly is a religious duty, rooted in the command to "honor your father and mother"

Yours In Faith,

*Deacon Larry M. McCormick,
Chairman of FBHP, Diaconate Ministry*

Order of Worship

11:00 a.m.

Groundbreaking Worship Service
Dr. Renee Alston, Worship Leader

Opening Praise

*True Praise Choir and
Praise Power Dance Ministry*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Deacon Doris Felton

The Welcome and Occasion

*Honorable Cereta A. Lee
Register of Wills, P.G. County*

*The Name—The Highlands
Senior Housing Residence*

Sister Aravia Holloman

Pastoral Statement of Faith

Dr. Henry P. Davis III

Congratulatory Remarks

*Honorable Angela Alsobrooks, U.S. Senator
Honorable Glenn Ivey, U.S. Congressman*

Honorable Aisha N. Braveboy, County Executive, Prince George's

Mr. Calvin S. Hawkins II – Member County Council, At-Large

*Mr. Jonathan Butler, Director of Housing and
Community Development*

Mr. Joe Byrne, Community Housing Initiative, Inc.

Deacon Larry McCormick, Chairman, Diaconate Ministry

Trustee Randolph Williams Jr., Chairman, Trustee Ministry

*The Blessing and the Anointing of the Grounds
Dr. & Mrs. Henry P. Davis III, Pastor*

The Prayer of Dedication

Reverend Emanuel Williams

*The Presentation of the
Groundbreaking Materials*

*Trustee Yolanda Joyner,
Deacon Brenda Baskerville and
Sister Eunice Dawkins*

The Act of “Breaking Ground”

*Dr. Henry P. Davis III, Pastor, First Lady Dr. Weptanomah C. Davis,
Deacon Larry McCormick, Trustee Randolph Williams Jr., Sister Miriam
Brewer, Deacon Kenneth Borders, Sister Makayla Thompson (Honorary),
Honorable Angela Alsobrooks, U.S. Senator, Honorable Glenn Ivey, U.S.
Congressman, Honorable Aisha N. Braveboy, P.G. County Executive,
Mr. Jonathan Butler, Director, Department of Housing and Community
Development, MD; Mr. Joe Byrne, Community Housing Initiative, Inc.,*

The Call to Follow Christ

Guided

Benediction

Dr. Henry P. Davis III, Pastor