

PRAISING GOD ALL THE WAY! 

2015-2016 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

 FAITH WORKS



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HIGHLAND PARK



FROM OUR PASTOR

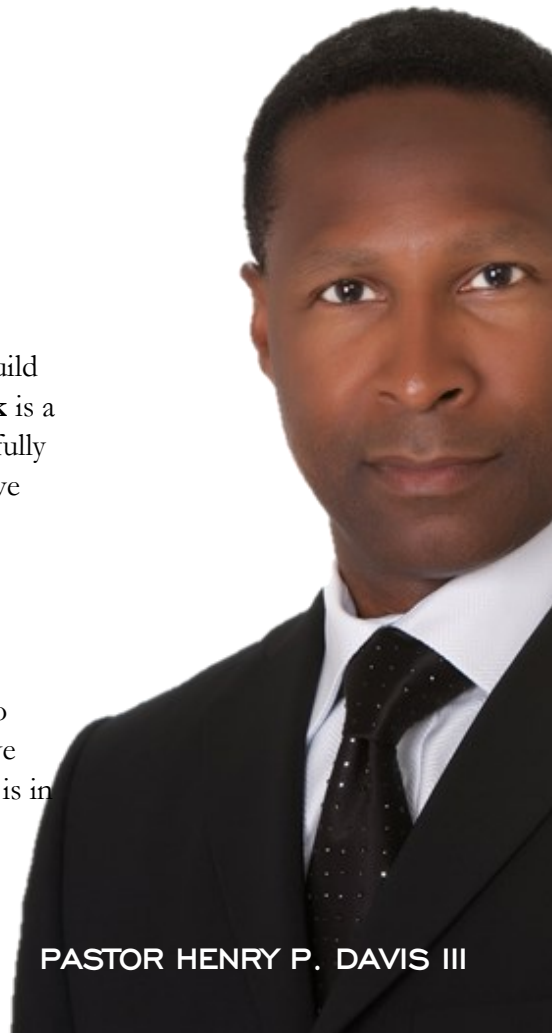
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Dear Faith Partner,

This is a wonderful period in the life of **“The City On The Hill”** as we build our new church to the glory of God. **First Baptist Church of Highland Park** is a church that is **“Bible Believing, Christ Centered, and Spirit Led,”** and we fully know that we wouldn’t be where we are today if it were not for the fact that “we walk by faith, not by sight.” (2 Corinthians 5:7)

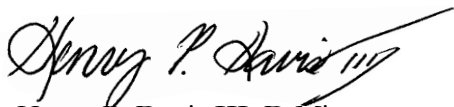
FAITH WORKS is what we have tagged our latest Capital Stewardship Campaign as we urge Disciples of Jesus Christ, who call Highland Park their spiritual home, to go beyond the tithe. We believe that the first faith step is the decision to put God first in every aspect of your life. That first tenth belongs to God, and we give it to Him through the church. The next step is for one to give sacrificially. There is a blessing as we “launch out into the deep.” (Luke 5:4) It is in these active demonstrations of faith that we will see the hand of God.

As Pastor, I want to thank you, in advance for your willingness to partner



with us in this vision to build a new church, which will better serve our congregation, the surrounding community, and our global partners. We only ask that you pray and seek direction from the Lord in terms of what your commitment will be toward this Kingdom Expansion.

May the Lord bless you exceedingly and abundantly as we can all witness together that...**FAITH WORKS!**



Henry P. Davis III, D.Min.
Pastor

BUILDING FUN FACT

The new church facility will comprise
66,631 square feet.



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

We are so excited about how God is moving in and through our church. We know you are excited, too. So, here are some things you can do to help with the **FAITH WORKS** Stewardship Campaign.



- ◆ **PRAY!** Your individual prayers for this project will help to break chains and move the building project forward. In addition, several prayer opportunities are planned during the campaign in 2015 and 2016. Lastly, the Prayer Team is available every Sunday after each service to pray with you in our Prayer Room. *The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.* (James 5:16, NLT)

- ◆ **GET EXCITED ABOUT THE CAMPAIGN AND THE BUILDING PROJECT!** Your enthusiasm can be contagious! Don't hold it in, let others know that you are excited and infect them with your excitement. When you think about what God will do and the ministry that will go forth through our new edifice, you can't help but GET EXCITED! *Come, everyone! Clap your hands! Shout to God with joyful praise!* (Psalm 47:1, NLT)

BUILDING FUN FACTS

The new church building will have 1,171 seats in the Sanctuary and 196 in the Chapel, and there will be 19 restrooms.

- ◆ **VOLUNTEER YOUR SERVICES WHEREVER YOU CAN FOR THE CHURCH!** Tithe not just your treasure, but your talent and your

time! There is work to be done. Volunteer to help out! *Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.* (1 Peter 4:10, NLT)

- ◆ **PLEDGE AND GIVE!** Give a sacrificial contribution toward the **FAITH WORKS** Campaign. You can give a particular amount over a 2 year period or give a one-time gift. Consider the donation of a car or jewelry. But whatever you decide, your gift is between you and God. On February 8, 2015, we will pledge

our individual gifts and begin working to fulfill that pledge. *All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had.* (Acts 4:32, NIV)

- ◆ **CONSERVE AND SPEND LESS IN YOUR MINISTRY!** Now is the time to think outside of the box! What can your ministry effectively do that will cost less to execute? What can your ministry delay until the campaign is completed? *Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.* (Matthew 25:21, KJV)

- ◆ **START YOUR OWN FUNDRAISER FOR THE CAMPAIGN!**

Do you have an idea for a possible fundraiser? Schedule a conversation with the Trustee Ministry. They will be able to advise so that the funds go directly where they are most needed. *Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking,*



BUILDING FUN FACT

There will be 570 parking spaces available on the church campus.

and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. (Matthew 7:7, NLT)

During this weekend's worship services, we will present our completed pledge cards and our very first and very best offering to get the pledge started. This will be a joyous time for members to sew into the ministry and mission of the church beyond their regular tithes and offerings.

Also as a part of the campaign, we will have a **24-hour Day of Prayer** during which the church building will be open for a 24-hour period to enable persons to enter and join in solemn prayer.

Throughout this entire time of

WHAT'S NEXT?

So, what's next for us? The **FAITH WORKS** Stewardship Campaign will officially launch on the weekend of January 17-18, 2015. This brochure will be distributed to each member of the church to help further clarify this next faith step. Each member will also be given a 20-day Prayer Journal, as prayer is the linchpin of this campaign. On January 18, 2015, together, each of us will begin the **20 Days of Prayer and Fasting**. Everyday for those 20 days, each member will read the designated biblical study and pray for our church and this stewardship campaign. Then, in February, at the end of our 20 Days of Prayer and Fasting, we will celebrate and praise God all the way with our weekend of **Celebration and First Fruits Offering!** Lastly, each church member will receive a pledge card to be used during Celebration and First Fruits Offering weekend, February 7-8, 2015.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HIGHLAND PARK

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Envelope Number _____

MY GIVING COMMITMENT TO

1. My First Fruits Offering, _____
2. My pledge offering to _____ campaign every...
(check only one)
☐ week
3. Total amount pledged by _____ December 31, _____
4. Total of lines _____

FAITH WORKS

*All donations your total pledge

celebration, from launch and first fruits to the end of the campaign, we will be watching our new edifice take form before us—further confirming that **FAITH WORKS!**

HOW DOES THE PLEDGE CARD WORK?

The pledge card is a simple instrument that will help the church to know how you intend to contribute to the **FAITH WORKS** stewardship campaign over the life of the campaign. You can give a one-time gift, a gift once a year, or spread your gift out over the period of the campaign. Clear categories and explanations are included on the pledge card and you will be regularly notified by mail as to your progress in completing your pledge goal. It's just that simple to sew financially into this faith journey.



BUILDING FUN FACTS

The height of the new church building will be 2.5 floors, and it will contain 66,000+ square feet of carpeting and floor tiles.



FAQs

Q: What is the total amount of the construction loan?

A: \$15,000,000

Q: When is the construction project scheduled to be completed?

A: Spring 2016

Q: If I met my commitment from the last financial campaign do I have participate in this campaign?

A: *Yes. Each campaign that the church undertakes is different and for a specific purpose. The first campaign, "Faith Forward," was to help get us to the point of starting to build the new church. The second campaign, "FAITH WORKS," is to get us to the loan construction amount and the down payment. The third campaign will help us pay-off our \$15, 000,000 mortgage.*

Q: What type of payment options are available for me to contribute to the campaign?

A: *Cash, checks, credit cards, direct deposits, and online giving are accepted in whatever amount and frequency you deem appropriate.*



Q: How do I participate as a volunteer in the FAITH WORKS Campaign?

A: *Call the office and let them know of your desire to participate and you will be contacted by one of the campaign directors.*

Q: What type of amenities will be included in the new church and its facilities?

A: *A café, bookstore, banquet facility, ATMs, numerous and spacious ADA compliant restrooms, large comfortable theatre style seats, state-of-the-art surround sound audio system, and Baptismal pool, including water, in full view of the congregation.*

Q: Will church services be interrupted during construction?

A: *No. Construction work will cease at 4:00pm on Saturdays and all day on Sundays.*

Q: Will classes at the Highland Park Christian Academy be interrupted during construction?

A: *No. The Academy will operate without interruption by the construction project.*

Q: If you complete your financial obligation before the campaign deadline can you continue to make additional payments?

A: *FBCHP will always accept contributions to the church. Our new worship center is for the members and the community. All donations will be accepted at any time.*



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