

Highland Park Baptist Church

Mission and Vision

Mission Statement (What You Do): Engaging our community and the nations with the Gospel. Enlightening hearts and minds with the Word of God. Encouraging believers in their walk with Christ. Equipping the saints for the work of the ministry.

Vision Statement (Desired End): To be a church that advances the gospel in our city, our region and throughout the nations by making disciples for the glory of Jesus Christ.

1. Engaging our community and the nations with the Gospel.
 - The Bible commands Christians to engage unbelievers with the good news of Jesus Christ. We are called to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them to observe all that the Lord has commanded. (Matt. 24:14; 28:19-20; Mark 16:15; Psalm 96:3; Rom. 10:14)
 - The Bible commands Christians to engage one another and those in their community by serving them. (Heb. 6:10; Luke 6:35, 38; Mark 10:45; 1 Pet. 4:10; Rom. 12:9-13; Gal. 5:13-14; 6:10; Acts 20:35; Eph. 2:10; Col. 3:23-24; Matt. 25:40; Isa. 58:10; 2 Cor. 9:1-9).

How will we accomplish this? Spring and fall “Engage” events, serving meals at the Lighthouse, church-sponsored mission trips, prison ministry, Fall Festival, SunFest, and various other outreach opportunities.

2. Enlightening hearts and minds with the Word of God.
 - The Bible says that Jesus is the true light that enlightens men. (John 1:9).
 - The Bible says that the Holy Spirit enlightens our hearts and minds by giving us the mind of Christ and guiding us in the truth. (John 16:12-15; 1 Cor. 2:16)
 - The Bible says that the Holy Spirit’s means of transforming our hearts and minds is the Word of God. God’s Word is the instrument He uses to renew our minds, which, in turn, brings transformation to our lives. (Col. 1:28; 3:2,10,16; Eph. 1:17-18; Ps. 119:11; Matt. 22:37)

How will we accomplish this? The Bible will be our source for instructing and governing our congregation. We will preach the Word, teach the Word and sing the Word. We will provide biblical instruction for all ages and seek to cultivate spiritual growth in the life of every believer.

3. Encouraging believers in their walk with Christ.
 - The Bible commands Christians to live in unity as a community of believers who encourage one another. (Phil. 2:1-4)
 - The Bible commands Christians to use encouraging words to build one another up. (Eph. 4:29)
 - The Bible commands Christians to encourage others by comforting them and bearing the burdens of those who are suffering. (2 Cor. 1:3-4; Gal. 6:2)

- The Bible commands Christians to encourage others by being loving and hospitable. (1 Pet. 4:8-10)

How will we accomplish this? We will strive for unity within our congregation. We will live humbly toward one another. We will comfort those who are mourning and suffering. We will encourage each other to participate in the fellowship of the church. We will urge each other on to become more like Christ by using encouraging words.

4. Equipping the saints for the work of the ministry.

- The Bible says that the work of the leadership within the church is to equip the saints for the ministry, for building up of the body of Christ. (Eph. 4:11-14)
- The Bible says that it is the source by which the saints are to be equipped. (2 Tim. 3:16; Acts 20:32)

How will we accomplish this? Teaching ministries – Sunday school, Sunday morning worship, Sunday evening studies, Monday and Wednesday night Bible studies, AWANA, youth group, and small group ministries, all providing opportunities for church members to put their spiritual gifts to work.

