

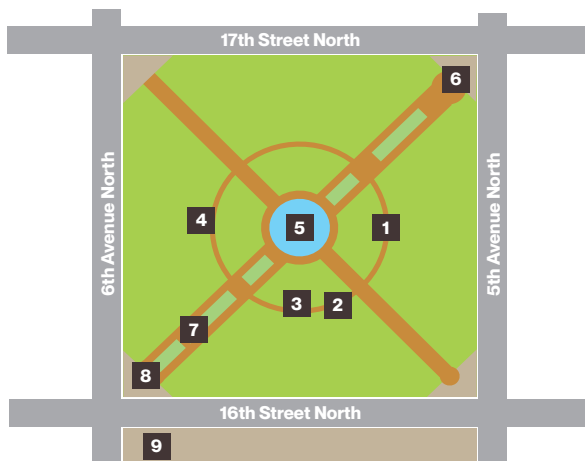
WELCOME TO KELLY INGRAM PARK

To experience the story behind the statues you see, follow these simple instructions.

Note: For the optimal experience, begin at Exhibit 1 “Ground Zero” and proceed in numerical order.



1. Dial (205) 307-5455 or scan the QR code to begin.
2. Find the number of the exhibit you wish to hear about. Numbers are located on the sign next to the statue, or on the map in this brochure.
3. Press the number of the exhibit to hear the story.



About the Bricks: Notice the colors and formations of the sidewalk bricks. The colors represent red and yellow, black and white from the song “Jesus Loves the Little Children.” The bricks are angled to reflect the protesters’ linked arms as they sang “We Shall Overcome.”

Across the Street



SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

On Sunday morning, September 15, 1963, the Ku Klux Klan bombed the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, killing four little girls. This murderous act shocked the nation and galvanized the Civil Rights Movement.



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Richly detailed exhibits in the Institute reveal slices of black and white life in Alabama from the late 1800s to the present. The institute is also an educational and archival resource.

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1. GROUND ZERO

You are standing at Ground Zero of the 1963 civil rights struggle in Birmingham. When African-American leaders and citizens resolved to fight the oppression of a strictly segregated society, they were met with vitriol and violence despite their own determinedly peaceful approach.

For audio, dial 205-307-5455 #1



2. THE FOOT SOLDIERS

When notoriously racist police commissioner Eugene “Bull” Connor sicced dogs on the “Foot Soldiers” of the movement, civil rights leaders hoped it would shine a national spotlight on their plight, but the country at large remained woefully ignorant. However, Southern Christian Leadership Conference leaders had an ace up their sleeve...

For audio, dial 205-307-5455 #2



3. CHILDREN'S CRUSADE

On May 2, 1963, more than 1000 African-American students skipped school and marched downtown, gathering at the 16th Street Baptist Church. Bull Connor responded by jailing more than 600 children that day. So the next day, another 1000 students filled the park in which you stand now. With cells full and his back against the wall, Connor responded savagely.

For audio, dial 205-307-5455 #3



4. WATER CANNON

Bull Connor ordered the fearless “Child Crusaders” to be blasted with high-pressure fire hoses, and he once again loosed the dogs on young demonstrators. When the media finally exposed the nation to the cruel scene, President John F. Kennedy attempted to intervene, but a defiant Connor continued to brutalize and imprison indiscriminately.

For audio, dial 205-307-5455 #4



5. REFLECTING POOL

Throughout May 1963, the pressure continued to build. The downtown business district was closed, a prominent black-owned motel was bombed, and 3,000 federal troops were dispatched to restore order before Birmingham was officially desegregated. This placid fountain mirrors the peace that the brave “Freedom Fighters” helped forge.

For audio, dial 205-307-5455 #5



6. KNEELING MINISTERS

Responsible for much planning and leadership, the clergy played a central role in the Birmingham Campaign - like the famous Palm Sunday incident in 1963 (see nearby plaque). Local clergy like Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth worked with out-of-town ministers, Martin Luther King Jr., and even a group of rabbis from New York, who likened segregation to the Holocaust.

For audio, dial 205-307-5455 #6



7. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth invited Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., to Birmingham in 1962. Shuttlesworth saw potential in the young minister, and their combined efforts were instrumental in Birmingham's desegregation. The campaign catapulted King into the spotlight as the foremost leader in America's Civil Rights Movement.

For audio, dial 205-307-5455 #7



8. FOUR SPIRITS

On September 15, 1963, a dynamic blast ripped through 16th Street Baptist Church, killing four African-American little girls; 11-year-old Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, Cynthia Wesley, and Addie Mae Collins, all 14 years old. Over the next three decades, three Ku Klux Klansmen were convicted of the murders and sentenced to life in prison. The sculpture pays tribute to those little girls as well as two young boys who were killed in racially charged crimes that same day.

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9. REV. FRED SHUTTLESWORTH

No one did more to bring positive change in Birmingham than Reverend Fred Shuttlesworth. In his struggle for equal rights, he survived a series of assaults, including the bombing of his home and a brutal armed beating by the Ku Klux Klan. In spite of it all, he was instrumental in victory after victory for civil rights in Birmingham and America.

For audio, dial 205-307-5455 #9