

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

May 6th 2004 marked the 53rd anniversary of the National Day of Prayer, which is observed annually on the first Thursday of May. In 1952, President Truman signed a Joint Resolution of Congress creating the National Day of Prayer. In 1988, it became a law under the signature of President Ronald Reagan. The theme for 2004 is "Let Freedom Ring" based on the scripture verse "...proclaim liberty throughout the land and to all its inhabitants." Leviticus 25:10

THE ANNUAL CENTRAL FLORIDA MAYORS' PRAYER BREAKFAST HISTORY

The first local Mayors' Prayer Breakfast was sponsored by the Greater Orlando Chamber of Commerce in 1967, and is now organized by a volunteer committee of businessmen and women, not funded by tax dollars nor government endorsed. The Mayors of all Central Florida cities, with other civic leaders, have been invited to attend and be prayed for. However, its true beginning was in April, 1935 in Seattle, Washington when a group of successful business leaders met in early morning sessions to discuss the crime and corruption overwhelming their city. They realized God's direction was necessary and established a weekly prayer group that continues to thrive today.

In 1942, following a breakfast meeting in New York City, the President of the National Association of Manufacturers suggested that members of Congress meet in a similar fashion to set a pace for our national life as well as a God-directed, God-controlled nation. Prayer and discussion groups were soon organized by U.S. Senators and Congressmen, and today the tradition continues. Weekly prayer groups still meet on Capitol Hill, including groups of Congressional aides, several groups at the Pentagon, and still others scattered throughout Washington. They shun publicity, but meet together to hear the voice of God.

These prayer breakfasts are held in the belief that only God's guidance and inspiration can provide optimum leadership for the people, our cities, states, nation and world. Today we honor our Creator and His servants, our elected officials, and hold them in prayerful embrace. May they be mindful of the numerous prayers that are offered each day on their behalf by an army of faithful believers here in Central Florida.

Mayors' Prayer Breakfast Committee

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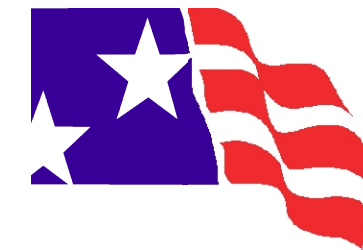
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Central Florida's
37th Annual

MAYORS' PRAYER BREAKFAST

Let Freedom Ring

The freedom to gather, the freedom to worship, the freedom to pray

"...proclaim liberty throughout the land and to all its inhabitants."
Leviticus 25:10

TUESDAY, MAY 11TH, 2004
Rosen Centre Hotel

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Norm Miller



Interstate Batteries Chairman of the Board. After graduating from North Texas State University in 1962, he moved through the ranks of Interstate, from his father's Tennessee distributorship, to the National Field Sales team at Dallas corporate headquarters, and on to the helm of Interstate's Executive Management Team.

He assumed the President and Chairman roles in 1978 after working under his mentor, company founder John Searcy, for 16 years. Since then, Interstate has grown to become the number one replacement battery in North America. In 1991, Miller relinquished the title of President to spend more time focusing on other strategies and issues facing the company. Today the Interstate team remains the leader in the battery industry with 320 wholesale distributors, more than 200,000 dealers and more than 12 million batteries sold annually!

He pioneered Interstate's entry into NASCAR Racing in 1989, teamed up with Joe Gibbs Racing in 1992, and has since become well known as a team sponsor figure. He and former Washington Redskins coach and race team owner, Joe Gibbs, share the philosophy of working hard to honor God. The team, featuring driver, Bobby Labonte, captured the Winston Cup Championship in 2000, bringing Interstate Batteries unprecedented brand awareness to new levels.

PROGRAM AND PARTICIPANTS

Welcome & Introduction:

Don Hastings

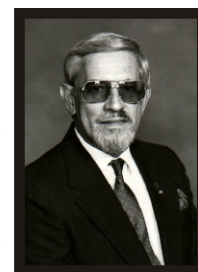
Don is the Chairman of the Annual Central Florida Mayors' Prayer Breakfast. He is President of The Hastings Group, Inc. - Insurance & Investments, Past President of The Central Florida Association of Insurance & Financial Advisors, and serves as Trustee for the Orlando Area Trust for the Homeless, Finance Chair of STAND Orlando and owner of Alpha Omega Insurance Academy.



Prayer:

Norman Gonsalves

Our 2004 Master of Ceremonies is a West Indian native of the Island of Antigua. He is retired from the United States Air Force with twenty-four years of service. He has also served as a Security Manager and in Diplomatic Service. Norman is a successful businessman who has been active with the ministry of Full Gospel Business Men for many years.



Presentation of Colors:

Boone High School Junior Naval R.O.T.C.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Col. James Cranford, USMC

National Anthem:

Joelle Carmen Del Orbe

Joelle is a 22 year old Hispanic American who was born and raised in Orlando. Blessed with a beautiful voice and an energetic spirit, she coordinates and choreographs Quinceaneros and Sweet 16 Birthday Galas in Central Florida. Despite a devastating event, which resulted in the death of her brother Alex and left another brother, Erik, with severe injuries and complications, she proudly professes her faith in God. Joelle looks forward to walking side by side with Erik and receiving her Bachelor's in Social Work as they both graduate this Spring from UCF. God has revealed Himself in so many ways throughout her life and she feels privileged to be who she is today.



Old Testament Scripture Reading:

Terry Kemple

Terry serves as Executive Director of STAND, an abstinence based ministry whose primary purpose is to educate young people about the "How and Why" of making healthy life choices. STAND is reaching thousands of young people with the message of God's love and forgiveness and His plan for moral living.

New Testament Scripture Reading:

Paul Benjamin

Paul is the Founder and President of the Central Florida Dream Center and Men, Women, and Youth in Action. He is dedicated to equipping and empowering residents of the Sanford community to self-sufficiency, and impacting families by reaching, teaching, and placing Godly men in the lives of fatherless children.

Breakfast Prayer:

Norman Gonsalves

Breakfast and Fellowship

Special Music:

Joelle Carmen Del Orbe

Military Recognition & Introduction of Community Leaders:

Norman Gonsalves

Bill Bright Recognition:

Bill Freeman

Testimonial &

Prayer for Leadership:

Vonette Bright

Vonette Bright is a gifted lady who often states that her deepest honor under the Lordship of Jesus Christ is to have been the sweetheart and wife of Bill Bright for 55 years. Together they founded Campus Crusade for Christ International at UCLA in 1951, which blossomed into the largest interdenominational missions-sending movement in the world.



Concerned for the moral and spiritual values of our nation and the world, Vonette founded the Great Commission Prayer Crusade in 1972 which eventually became a ministry of Campus Crusade. Her deep commitment to prayer also led to the formation of the National Prayer Committee. Under Vonette's direction, a National Day of Prayer group was instrumental in introducing legislation which was unanimously approved by both houses of Congress to make the first Thursday of each May a permanent date for the National Day of Prayer. Today, Vonette tirelessly continues her work for the King and His Kingdom, and like the Proverbs 31 women she is, looks forward with joy to the days ahead.

Introduction of Keynote Speaker:

Norman Gonsalves

Keynote Speaker:

Norm Miller

Closing Prayer:

Don Hastings

God Bless America:

Joelle Carmen Del Orbe