

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

May 5th 2005 marks 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 2005 is "God Shed His Grace on Thee" based on the scripture verse "Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." Hebrews 4:16 (NIV)

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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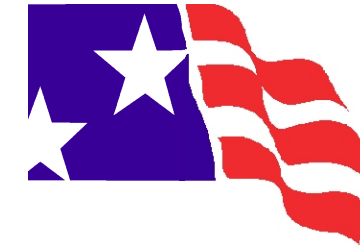
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The National Day Of Prayer
The First Thursday of May
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If you are interested in serving on the Central Florida Mayors' - Prayer Breakfast Committee, we ask that you send a brief note to the following address:
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CENTRAL FLORIDA MAYORS' PRAYER BREAKFAST



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THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2005
Rosen Centre Hotel

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Sandy Shugart

Dr. Sanford C. "Sandy" Shugart serves as the fourth president of Valencia Community College, one of the nation's largest and most celebrated two-year colleges. Valencia, the second largest producer of graduates in the country, is especially well regarded for its learning centered approach to higher education, its economic development programs, and its outstanding academic programs. Dr. Shugart came to Valencia after serving as president of North Harris College in Texas and Vice President of the North Carolina Community College System. He received his doctorate from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is a published poet and songwriter and enjoys life with Jane, his wife of 23 years, and their four children in Orlando, Florida.



PROGRAM AND PARTICIPANTS

Welcome, Introduction & Prayer:

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.



Presentation of Colors:

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

Pledge of Allegiance:

Lieutenant Commander Stephanie Lowe

Stephanie is in her fourth year of participation in the Naval Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps at William Boone High School and has achieved the rank of Lieutenant Commander while acting as the Battalion Executive Officer.



National Anthem:

Delisa Dean

Delia is a graduate of the Juilliard School in New York City where she earned a degree in Voice Performance.

She has sung with the American Opera Company and throughout the United States and Japan.

Locally, Delisa has performed with the Bach Festival Choir and solos frequently in the Central Florida area. She is currently a member of the "Voices of Liberty" at Disney's Epcot Center.

In 1998, Delisa founded Central Florida Performing Arts, a musical theater group for children and has taught hundreds of students in her community and school programs.



Old Testament Scripture Reading:

Rev. Angel Rios

Reverend Rios is the director of The Orlando Mentors Initiative, has a relationship with the Governor's Mentoring Initiative, and is the Region Coordinator of Esperanza USA. He is a member of the Florida Department of Education's Faith Based Advisory Council, Orange County Commission on Aging, Asbury Theological Seminary, and is executive director of Refuge of Love, Inc.



New Testament Scripture Reading:

Rev. Betty Williams

Reverend Williams is an Ordained Minister from the International Bible Institute & Seminary and a licensed evangelist through the Universal's Evangelistic and Missionary Workers, Inc. She is a member and ordained Overseer of EBON Temple and a faithful worker for Christ. Currently she is employed at Campus Crusade for Christ.



Introduction of Committee:

Don Hastings

Breakfast Prayer:

Jocalyn Forshee

Breakfast and Fellowship

Military Recognition

Richard Black

Introduction of Community Leaders & Special Music:

Don Hastings

Special Music & Testimonial:

Delisa Dean

Prayer for Leadership:

Robert Varkony

Introduction of Keynote Speaker:

Don Hastings

Keynote Speaker:

Sandy Shugart

Closing Prayer & God Bless America:

Don Hastings

The Bibles provided at the tables are by the Bible League through Regional Representative Ron Brown.

In Memoriam for his many years of service and dedication to the Central Florida Mayors' - Prayer Breakfast
Walter O. Meloon, Correct Craft