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Celebrating Jesus of Nazareth Among Us Through Our Sarasota Prayer Breakfast Since 1973



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### Celebrating 50 Years 1973 - 2022

Over 50 years ago, a few local residents went to the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C. and decided to hold a similar prayer breakfast in Sarasota, patterned after what they had witnessed in our nation's capital.

The first Sarasota Prayer Breakfast was held at the Holiday Inn (which has since been removed) that was located by the Sarasota Airport. The guest speaker was Edgar H. Price, Jr. who was an executive board member at Tropicana. Ed was a World War II Bomber pilot, Florida legislator, community leader and agricultural manager who fought for civil rights and public education. One of his many awards, the Manatee County Branch of the NAACP Statesmanship in Human Affairs Award, honored his fight against segregation.



This started a tradition of inviting prominent leaders to give an inspiring presentation and unite our community in prayer. Throughout the years leaders from government, business, emergency services, education, entertainment, military, clergy, and diplomats have participated.

Guest speakers have included:

Richard Halverson, Chaplain, U.S. Senate

Roy Leep, WTVT Weatherman

Bill Nelson, Florida State Treasurer and U.S. Senator

Charles Babcock, Babcock Furniture

Richard McCormick, Organization of American States

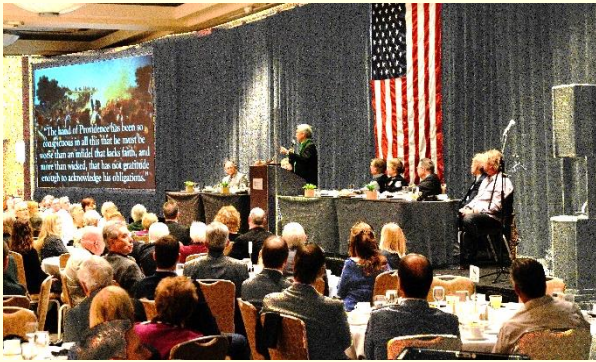
Tom Skinner, Sports Motivator

Gen. John Vessey, Ret., Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

William J. Murray, Religious Freedom Coalition

... just to name a few.

Tickets for the prayer breakfast may be purchased online at: [SarasotaPrayerBreakfast.com](http://SarasotaPrayerBreakfast.com)



To celebrate this glorious event both the City and County of Sarasota have issued public statements declaring that the 50th Annual Sarasota Prayer Breakfast is a day of special importance and worthy of recognition.



To join us at the 50th Sarasota Prayer Breakfast you may purchase tickets online at:

[www.SarasotaPrayerBreakfast.com](http://www.SarasotaPrayerBreakfast.com)

To purchase tickets by check or for more information:

Call: (941)-350-6075



Dear Friend,

It is with great excitement and enthusiasm that we are able to bring to you the 50th Anniversary of the Sarasota Prayer Breakfast. We hope you will join us for breakfast Thursday morning, March 17<sup>th</sup> as we gather together in fellowship at the Hyatt Regency in Sarasota to pray for our leaders, our community and to give thanks to God for our blessings.

We have been an intricate part of the Sarasota community for half a century. God has used the Sarasota Prayer Breakfast to be a catalyst to bring us together in unity. We are patterned after the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C.

### Participating on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Program

Presiding - Dan Bailey

Local attorney at Williams Parker, actively involved in many community organizations

Opening Prayer - Joy Irwin Shtakleff

President, High Flight Foundation. Daughter of Apollo Astronaut James Irwin

Posting of the Colors - Sarasota Military Academy

Music - Ditchfield Family Singers

Welcome - Hon. Alan Maio

Sarasota County Commission Chair

Fellowship Message - Rev. Tim & Jan (Hamel) Solomon

Key Sailing Charters, Global Educators & Missionaries

Torah Reading - Shep Englander

CEO, Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee

New Testament Reading – Fr. Jerzy “George” Suszko

Pastor, St. Martha Catholic Church

Prayer for Leadership – Dr. Rickey Bolden

Minister, Motivational Speaker, Mentor

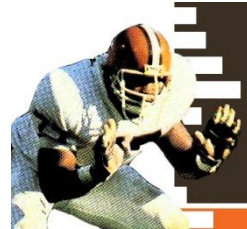
Guest Speaker - William Federer

Benediction - Humberto Alvia

Deacon at St. Jude Catholic Church serving a community of diverse cultural heritages

### Rickey Bolden Returns

In 2014, Rickey Bolden was our keynote speaker. He returns to us this year to give the prayer for our leaders.



"Football did not make me who I am today. It simply gave me a way to do what God called me to do. And that is serve people."

~ Rickey Bolden

You may remember Rickey Bolden from playing for the Cleveland Browns 1984 -1989. During the height of his career, Rickey responded to God's call to ministry and has served as a pastor ever since.

Rickey currently works with **Discipleship Works** where he mentors and disciples young people throughout Washington DC. His objective is to empower them to deepen their spiritual relationship with God and serve the poor and oppressed. His dedication to the community of Washington and surrounding regions has allowed him to work closely with leaders in our nation's capital where he hosts weekly Bible studies with a number of members of Congress.



The 50th annual Sarasota Prayer Breakfast is fast Approaching  
Thursday, March 17, 2022 at the Sarasota Hyatt Regency, 7:45 a.m.



## Keynote Speaker William J. Federer



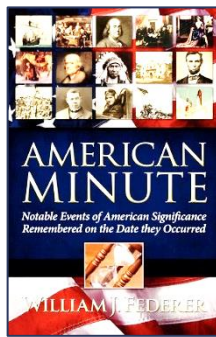
We are delighted to welcome nationally known speaker and best-selling author, William “Bill” Federer, to our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary prayer breakfast.

Bill is the president of Amerisearch, which is a publishing company devoted to researching America's noble heritage.

Bill hosts the daily television program Faith in History on the TCT Network and his daily radio show, The American Minute, is broadcast across America and on the Internet :

[AmericanMinute.com](http://AmericanMinute.com)

He is one of the six co-founders of the Truth and Liberty Coalition, an organization that believes God has given Christians "a mandate to bring Godly change to our world, through the seven spheres of societal Influence," i.e., religion and faith; family; government and law; education; media; news, and commentary; arts and entertainment; and business and economics.



Bill has been interviewed on thousands of radio programs including Focus on the Family, Janet Parshall's America, Point of View, Michael Medved, Common Sense Radio w/Ollie North, and D. James Kennedy's Truths that Transform.

He is frequently asked to appear on television has appeared on CSPAN, FOX, Hannity & Colmes, NPR, MSNBC, ABC-Time Warner Affiliates, CBN, TBN, INSP, TCT, FamilyNet, FamilyLand TV, The Eric

Metaxas Show, Prager U, Starnes Country-FOX Nation, Coral Ridge Hour, 700 Club, and many others.

Bill has written 20 books, including George Washington Carver - His Life and Faith in His Own Words, America's God and Country: Encyclopedia of Quotations (his best-selling work), The Faith of FDR, The Ten Commandments and Their Influence on American Law, Three Secular Reasons

Why America Should Be Under God, and What Every American Needs to Know About the Quran: A History of Islam and the United States.

## Joy Irwin Schtakleff to Join Us at our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Prayer Breakfast

By Janet Hamel Solomon

We all have a story, and in my mind, we will spend a great deal of time sharing these stories in heaven. Our unique journeys can also be used on earth to glorify God, if we have the courage to let God use us.

I first met the daughter of Astronaut James Irwin as we were using our unique heritages to share God's love in our community. I later asked Joy and her family (with a smile) if her father had left his Bible on the moon to share his faith. Joy's mother instantly replied that it was ON the moon that her husband truly came to know God. As I enjoyed a private family tour of Bishop Planetarium complete with a, "Moon Rock," they explained that while looking out at the vast and stunning expanse of the universe, it was clear to this, "Man on the Moon," in that quiet moment of reflection, that a Creator most definitely



did all this for a purpose. Connecting with creation was clearly also part of this Master Plan.

In a small way, I can relate. Through Key Sailing charters in Sarasota, my husband and I also use our heritage and faith to help guests "turn off the motor of life" long enough to look up quietly and connect with the One who created this paradise we call home.

Please join us all for a momentous day of prayer and fellowship as we commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Sarasota Prayer Breakfast. And if you are able, bring your family. There is no more important legacy than a heritage of prayer. I am a personal testament to that. As a teen, I attended the first Sarasota Prayer Breakfast with my own family.

Jan is the daughter of the late J.D. Hamel who served as chaplain to the city, police and fire departments for over 40 years.



## National Prayer Breakfast



Historically the leadership of our nation has turned to Almighty God for strength and guidance. In this spirit, the United States Senate and the House of Representatives breakfast groups, which meet to deepen friendships, to pray together, inaugurated the National Prayer Breakfast to specifically seek the Lord's guidance and strength as well as to reaffirm our faith and to renew the dedication of our Nation and ourselves to God and His purposes.

The 70<sup>th</sup> National Prayer Breakfast was held on Capitol Hill, on February 3, 2022. Because of COVID, a widely attended event was not possible again this year and as such, the Breakfast has been made available for people around the world to view online at:

[www.2022nationalprayerbreakfast.org](http://www.2022nationalprayerbreakfast.org)

It is available for viewing until March 15, 2022.



Bryan Stevenson, founder of the Equal Justice Initiative presented this year's keynote address. A widely acclaimed public interest lawyer, he has dedicated his career to helping the poor, the incarcerated, and the condemned. He is the author of the bestselling book "Just Mercy" which was recently adapted into a feature film.

Special guests included President Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris.

Musical performances were given by Gospel singer/songwriters Kari Jobe and Cody Carnes.



Do you have any information on the early Sarasota Prayer Breakfasts? We are compiling a historical record of our early prayer breakfasts. If you, or someone you know, have any recollection or can provide any information about any of the early prayer breakfasts please contact me. Scott Biehler 941-350-6075.

I would like to support the events and activities of the Sarasota Prayer Breakfast with my donation of:

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