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Celebrating Christ Among Us Through Our Sarasota Prayer Breakfast Since 1973



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Sarasota Prayer Breakfast Newsletter

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Your Prayers and Support are Making a Difference

You and your prayers, support and attendance at our annual Sarasota Prayer Breakfast are greatly appreciated by your community leadership. It is really a pleasure to stand with you as we celebrate "OUR NATION UNDER GOD" with you at our local community Prayer Breakfast together. It is inspiring to remind you that you and your support and attendance is connected with other prayer breakfasts around our state, especially in Tallahassee and Washington, D.C., in addition, in every state in our nation and in countries around our world.

It is with this appreciation and excitement that we warmly invite your focus on joining us by attending and praying for our breakfast on March 9, 2020 at the Hyatt Hotel at our 48th annual Sarasota Prayer Breakfast.

We are especially enthused to welcome our speaker, Attorney Rick Larson, who will be with us this year. We are confident that you and your guests will learn and enjoy his special message. Please pray about bringing that special "unchurched friend" as your guest.

Thank You so very much for your continued prayers, attendance, and support for our community prayer breakfast. You are one of the reasons our community is so Blessed by all of our prayers. We look forward to seeing you there and praying together.

Thanks and Blessings !!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joel C. Swallow".

For the committee, Joel C. Swallow



Sarasota Prayer Breakfast to Feature Rick Larson, Law Professor and Filmmaker

The 48th annual Sarasota Prayer Breakfast is fast approaching
8:00 a.m. Monday, March 9, 2020 at the Sarasota Hyatt Regency

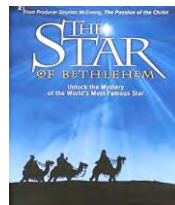


We are delighted to welcome Frederick A. "Rick" Larson as this year's keynote speaker. Rick is the founder of the STAR Project.

The STAR project is dedicated to spreading word of the Messiah worldwide. A primary goal of the organization is to promote unity within the Christian community.

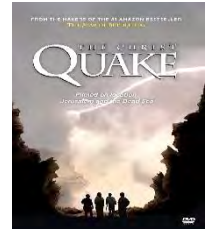
Rick got involved with the Jesus movement back in the 60's where he worked closely with Hal Lindsey. He had plans on being a barefoot preacher traveling around in his Volkswagen bus, but felt called to know more and ended up studying under Francis Schaeffer at L'Abri in Switzerland. He returned to the states and continued with the Jesus movement. He then pursued his education at USC and graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a degree in Law.

After working as a lawyer in California for many years Rick moved to his wife's hometown in Texas where he teaches Law at Texas A & M. He became the city director for distribution of the Jesus video where God gave him the project of distributing the Jesus movie to each and every resident in Brazos County, Texas.



Rick has a keen interest in astronomy. His study of the heavens lead to his DVD "The Star of Bethlehem" which became a #1 best seller on Amazon.com.

Rick recently felt called to search for historical evidence of the earthquake mentioned in the Bible at the time of Jesus' death. His archaeological research resulted in his new DVD "The Christ Quake".



Tickets for the prayer breakfast may be purchased online at: SarasotaPrayerBreakfast.com

Ditchfield Family Singers Return

The Ditchfield family singers have been a favorite at the Sarasota Prayer Breakfast. Although we have had a variety of different music over the years we get requests to have the Ditchfields return.

The Ditchfields are a family music ministry dedicated to providing uplifting entertainment and using music as a vehicle to positively impacts lives, bringing inspiration, encouragement and healing to their listeners. They are well-known in the Sarasota area for their many years of performing as Victorian carolers at the Tabernacle Living Nativity, and their twenty annual Ditchfield Family Christmas Shows at the Sarasota Opera House.



Performing year-round in theaters, churches, retirement communities and concert halls, The Ditchfields are renowned for their close harmony and unique blend. Their individual talents and wide variety of musical styles combine to make them one of the most versatile vocal groups in America today.

Pray for our Leaders

This year the 68th annual National Prayer Breakfast will be held in Washington, D.C. on Thursday, February 6th.

February 6th is a time when we can all pray for our nation and our leaders to do God's will. This great nation was founded on Judeo Christian principles with a reliance upon God. We need to continue to seek God's guidance, especially for our leaders.

President Dwight Eisenhower began the tradition in 1953.



In his speech at that first Prayer Breakfast Eisenhower focused on the role of religion in the founding of the U.S. and the continued importance of "deeply felt religious belief." He said, "Today I think that prayer is just simply necessity, because by prayer I believe we mean an effort to get in touch with the Infinite."

President Ronald Reagan and his wife Nancy at the National Prayer Breakfast, 1981.



President George W. Bush bows his head in prayer during the National Prayer Breakfast, 2005.

President Trump in prayer at the National Prayer Breakfast, 2017.



The National Prayer Breakfast is hosted by members of Congress. Over the years the attendance has grown from 500 to 3,500 including political leaders from over 120 countries.

We urge you to pray for our leaders at the national, state and local levels. May God bless America.

Historical Quotes

George Washington

It is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favors.

Abraham Lincoln

And whereas it is the duty of nations as well as of men, to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God, to confess their sins and transgressions, in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon; and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord.

US Supreme Court, 1892:

Our laws and institutions must necessarily be based upon and embody the teaching of the Redeemer of mankind. It is impossible that it should be otherwise; and in this sense and to this extent our civilization and our institutions are emphatically Christian ... this is a Christian nation.

Woodrow Wilson

The sum of the whole matter is this, that our civilization cannot survive materially unless it be redeemed spiritually. It can be saved only by becoming permeated with the spirit of Christ and being made free and happy by the practices which spring out of that spirit.

Ronald Reagan

If we ever forget that we are one nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under.

Jimmy Carter

We should live our lives as though Christ was coming this afternoon.

George W. Bush

I believe that the Almighty's grace and unconditional love will sustain you. I believe it will bring you joy amidst the trials of life. It will enable you to better see the beauty around you. It will provide a solid foundation amidst a rapidly changing, somewhat impersonal, technologically driven world. It will show you how to love your neighbor, forgive more easily, and approach success with humility—and failure without fear. It will inspire you to honor your parents and eventually be a better spouse and parent yourself. It will help you fully grasp the value of life—all life. It will remind you that money, power, and fame are false idols. And I hope and believe that God's love will inspire you to serve others.

Sarasota Prayer Breakfast Provides Schools with "American's Godly Heritage"

We encourage local students to join us at our annual Sarasota Prayer Breakfast. This is a way for them to participate in our community. They will be encouraged to pray for our leaders and inspired by our keynote speaker.

Last year our speaker David Barton showed us how God's providence formed our nation. His presentation was filled with interesting facts about how we are a Christian nation. As our gift to local Christian schools, we are providing them with a copy of David Barton's DVD, "America's Godly Heritage".

"America's Godly Heritage" clearly sets forth the beliefs of many famous Founding Fathers concerning the proper role of Christian principles in education, government, and the public affairs of the nation. It is our hope that the schools will use this as an inspiration and a guide for classroom study.

If you would like to see more students attend our annual Sarasota Prayer Breakfast, please consider sponsoring a table that seats 10 for a school.

For more information about sponsoring a school contact: Scott Biehler 941-350-6075.

The Sarasota Prayer Breakfast is MORE than just a Breakfast



We have been an intricate part of the Sarasota community for almost one-half 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.

The Sarasota Prayer Breakfast:

- Creates and helps sponsor small groups that meet usually weekly to bring unity to the area.
- Encourages students and youth to learn about our Christian heritage and pray for our leaders.
- Sponsors deserving young patriots to attend the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, DC with the President and Congressional leaders.

The Sarasota Prayer Breakfast is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization created to:

- Promote the awareness and understanding of the challenge of Christ to love the Lord with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and to treat your neighbor like yourself.
- To work together to promote a spiritual awakening throughout our community and the world through fervent prayer, a godly lifestyle, and love of people that builds friendships.



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.

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