

## Sarasota Prayer Breakfast, Inc.

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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**



More than just being a community unity factor, the annual Sarasota Prayer Breakfast attempts to help to “curb” the moral decline in our nation on a local basis. Through prayer, the Sarasota Prayer Breakfast challenges local leaders to rejuvenate their faith in God.

For nearly one-half century, the Sarasota Prayer Breakfast, **THROUGH YOUR PARTICIPATION**, has made a distinctive difference in our area. We cannot **THANK YOU** enough!

Thank you for your prayers and support to be a force of positive change and positive good in our community by helping us to accomplish our mission: to promote a spiritual awakening throughout our community through fervent prayer, a Godly lifestyle, and a love of people that helps to build friendships.

**YOUR** efforts have helped to accomplish a lot of goodwill in our community by: sponsoring the annual Sarasota prayer breakfast, the formation of small fellowship groups geared to bring unity and supporting the National Prayer Breakfast.

We sincerely appreciate you for actually being “an agent of positive change” in our community.

## SARASOTA PRAYER BREAKFAST TO FEATURE NATIONAL SPEAKER AND MUSICIAN

Sarasota's 47th annual Community Prayer Breakfast is fast approaching. The date is Thursday, March 28, 2019 at a new time: 8:00 a.m. This year it is being held at the Sarasota Hyatt Hotel.



This year's keynote speaker is David Barton, Founder and President of WallBuilders.



WallBuilders is a national pro-family organization that presents America's forgotten history and heroes, with an emphasis on our moral, religious and constitutional heritage.

David is the author of numerous best-selling books, with the subject being drawn largely from his massive library of tens of thousands of original writings from the Founding Era. He also addresses over 400 groups each year.

His exhaustive research has rendered him an expert in historical and constitutional issues and he serves as a consultant to state and federal legislators, has participated in several cases at the Supreme Court, was involved in the development of the History/Social Studies standards for states such as Texas and California, and has helped produce history textbooks now used in schools across the nation.

Also known as "America's Historian," TIME magazine called David "a hero to millions – including some powerful politicians."

NEWSMAX named David as one of America's top 100 influential evangelicals, and TIME magazine named him as one of America's 25 influential evangelicals.

David has received numerous awards and honors. He has been seen on Fox News and other news outlets. Glenn Beck says of him: "David Barton is the most important person you will ever know."

Providing extra-special music for the prayer breakfast is Eirinn Abu. He gives the saxophone a new voice and sound. His peers call him the instrumental version of Josh Groban or Andrea Bocelli. Eirinn has a new recording of the number one love song of all time, "I Will Always Love You" with guest artist Dolly Parton.

Eirinn Abu is a talented saxophonist whose repertoire includes spiritual classics like "Amazing Grace". He will be performing from his newest CD, entitled HYMNS. You can expect a very blessed and satisfying experience that will warm your heart.



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Ticket prices for the annual Sarasota Prayer Breakfast are \$40. Table sponsors are \$400 for a table of ten.

To help with the expense of putting on this event we would like to encourage you to become a sponsor. We have different types of sponsorships – corporate and personal. For more information on sponsorships please call: 941-350-6075 or e-mail:

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We invite you to participate in this annual community event of unity. For complete details and to order tickets online, go to our website:

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

## National Prayer Breakfast News



The National Prayer Breakfast was recently held in Washington, D.C. on February 7<sup>th</sup>. More than 3,500 guests attended from 150 countries and all 50 states.

The breakfast was chaired by Sen. James Lankford, R-Okla., and Sen. Chris Coons, D-Del.

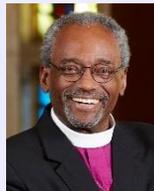


Following remarks by Donald Trump, the two men surrounded the President and prayed over him.



Keynote speaker Gary Haugen, CEO and founder of the Int'l. Justice Mission, gave a powerful message highlighting the horrors of modern-day slavery.

Michael Curry, presiding bishop and primate of The Episcopal Church, read from 1st Corinthians 13 and pointed out that the Bible offers two commandments: Love God and love one another.



Grammy Award-winning CCM artist Chris Tomlin led worship at the annual breakfast and sang several of his chart-topping hits, including "Whom Shall I Fear" and "God of Angel Armies."

If you are interested in attending the National Prayer Breakfast next year, please let us know.

## Luncheon Highlights

Our recent luncheon with guest speaker Dr. Larry Arnn of Hillsdale College was well received. Dr. Arnn spoke on our natural desire to learn and how important it is to know the truth. Hillsdale College maintains "by precept and example" the immemorial teachings and practices of the Christian faith.



## Special Moments from Prayer Breakfasts Past



2006

The Honorable James Slattery US Congressman of Kansas explores the question: "Jesus – Liar, Lunatic or Lord?"

2018

Tino Wallenda, high wire artist: "Place your trust in the Lord, and He will protect you".



2012

Bill Murry, Chairman of the Religious Freedom Coalition and Christian son of the late Madalyn Murray O'Hair - the atheist whose complaints lead to the removal of mandatory prayer and Bible reading in public schools.



## The Importance of Small Groups

There is a long standing tradition of believers meeting in small groups. Close relationships are formed where members support each other - rejoicing in good times and lending encouragement in tough times. Small groups can accomplish great things. Centuries ago a small group of 12 men spread the good news which changed the world.

The roots of the National Prayer Breakfast can be traced back to a small group of local business leaders in Portland, Oregon that got together for fellowship and to seek God's guidance in solving problems that were facing the city. Out of this group came the beginnings of Goodwill Industries. This grew into the formation of small groups all across the nation reaching even into the US Congress.

Each week in Washington, D.C. members of the Senate and members of the House of Representatives meet informally in small groups in the spirit of Jesus of Nazareth. That is to say they put aside their political differences and come together to build personal relationships with God and with each other through fellowship and prayer. The same thing happens each week in Tallahassee with members of our Florida state congress.



Here in Sarasota a small group was started 47 years ago, out of which came the annual Sarasota Prayer Breakfast.

If you are not a member of a small group – we encourage you to join or start one. A group can be as simple as two or three getting together on a weekly basis at a restaurant or common meeting place. A group can be just for men, just for women, or co-ed. A group can meet for a variety of purposes: for fellowship; prayer; spiritual study, or even take on a project.

The Sarasota Prayer Breakfast will help you start a group. Our members will attend a few initial meetings to get you started. You can pick the time and location. We have some guidelines on how to conduct a group that we will be happy to share with you.

## What is the Sarasota Prayer Breakfast, Inc.?



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.
- Sponsors deserving young patriots to attend the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, DC with the President and Congressional leaders.
- Sponsors special events throughout the year, like the recent "Power Lunch" with Dr. Richard Arnn, the President of Hillsdale College held at the beautiful Carlisle Inn.
- Of course the 47th Annual Sarasota Prayer Breakfast on March 28, 2019.

The Sarasota Prayer Breakfast is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization which was 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.
- To accomplish this the Sarasota Prayer Breakfast has several events and activities.

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