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50TH ANNUAL IDAHO STATE PRAYER BREAKFAST

In the late 1950's a group of local business and professional men, laymen from all denominational groups and clergy got together and decided to conduct a state prayer breakfast.

Idaho's First Annual Governor's Prayer Breakfast, in 1962, was inaugurated in order that state officials may meet with the business, civic, military and professional leaders of Idaho to enhance mutual understanding and cooperation for spiritual advancement.

Today is the 50th ISPB and the intent
remains the same...

*praying for our leaders and to stimulate
faith as illustrated in the Bible,
authenticated in the life of our country
and embodied in the experience.*

The ISPB has heard from many people from different arenas including:

- Warne Nunn
- General Silverthorne
- Dr. William Bright (twice)
- Abraham Vereide
- Stanley Burriss
- Dr. Walter Judd
- Dr. Clyde Narramore
- Graham Purcell
- Roger Hull
- Paul Anderson
- Ralph Byron
- Col. Rob Risner
- John B. Conlan
- Greg Brezine
- Merrill Womach
- Larry Parrish
- Rob Vernon
- Arthur Thomas
- Lt. Col. Stephen Harris
- Chuck Colson

The ISPB has heard from many people from different arenas including:

- Astronaut Jim Irwin
- Col. Nimrod McNair
- David C. Leestma
- William L. Armstrong
- Norm Evens
- John Ashcroft
- Tony Hall
- Cal Thomas
- Thomas Donnelly Jr.
- Gen. John W. Vessey
- Alonzo McDonald
- Darrall Imhoff
- Dr. Thomas Haggai
- Gale C. Wright
- Dr. Lloyd J. Ogilvie
- Billy Mills
- Dr. Vincent Muli WaKituka
- Kevin Parker
- Frank Peretti
- David Barton

The ISPB has heard from many people from different arenas including:

- Robert Polito
- Roland Warren
- Gov Judy Martz
- Pastor Hormoz Shariat
- Rev. Billy Zeoli
- Clebe McClary
- Doug Coe
- Rev. Larry Snyder

Over its 50 years the ISPB has served under
seven governors:

Robert Smylie

Don Samuelson

Cecil Andrus (twice)

John Evans

Phil Batt

Dirk Kempthorne

Butch Otter

Former Governor Robert Smylie attended the first breakfast and sent a letter to Pres. John F. Kennedy with his remarks...

“It is my desire to communicate to you some of the reaction to the event inasmuch there was concerted prayer for the affairs of the Nation, as well as the State of Idaho...”

Views from early prayer breakfasts



Former Governor Don Samuelson wrote
in a 1967 letter

“The Governor’s Prayer Breakfast last week will long stand out in my mind as one of the finest meetings of men of such diverse interests that I have ever attended. I appreciate all your efforts and commend you for a job well done.”

Former Governor Cecil Andrus
said recently

"The Prayer Breakfast is the Cornerstone for elected officials to be in Christian fellowship to contemplate their need for direction."

Former Governor Phil Batt shared recently

"... 'a feeling of elation' that came from being at the breakfasts. Also Orvil Stiles was an inspiration to me."

Former Governor Dirk Kempthorne wrote after attending a prayer breakfast

"All of the times that I attended and was asked to speak I recall that I never needed any preparatory remarks because my role was to respond to the quest speakers' message. Therefore I had to wait to hear the message. At that point I always believed that the words from me would be inspired from God."

Former First Lady Patricia Kempthorne shared recently

"I learned from my Prayer Breakfast experiences that if you focus on Matthew 22, 36-40 you will find great joy and peace.

Jesus replied: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.'"



Governor John Evans sends his greetings and is represented today by his wife and family

"I am so pleased to learn the Idaho State Prayer Breakfast is celebrating its golden anniversary.

Fifty years of prayer breakfasts whose goal is 'to deepen the spiritual life and moral fiber of the people of Idaho through God's leadership' is a stunning accomplishment. Congratulations for your continuation of such a worthwhile and inspirational tradition."

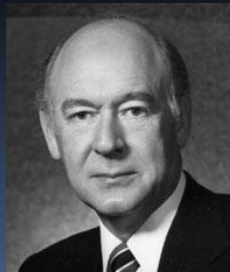


Senator Jim Risch also sends his greetings

"It is wonderful to know that after 50 years the Idaho State Prayer Breakfast continues to be an ongoing and significant event in our state.

It is vitally important our citizens, business leaders and elected officials seek God's direction in our daily lives and in the affairs of our state and nation."

Governor Otter joins us this morning
along with former Governors Andrus,
Batt, and Kempthorne

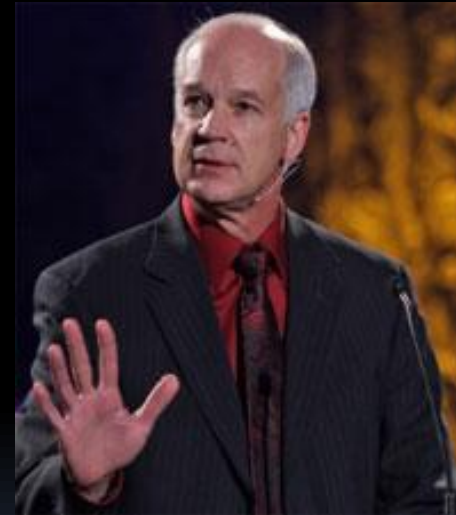


This morning's speaker

Dr. Del Tackett **Focus on the Family** **The Truth Project**

Dr. Del Tackett is the former president of the Focus on the Family Institute and former Senior Vice President of Focus on the Family.

He is also the chief spokesperson for Focus on the Family's The Truth Project—a nationwide initiative designed to bring the Christian worldview to the body of Christ.



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