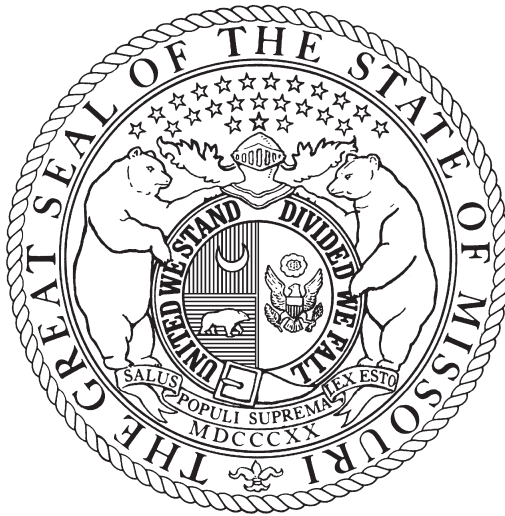


2012 GOVERNOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

*The Lord Your God is With You,
Wherever You Go*



HOSTED BY

Governor Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon
and
the Governor's Prayer Breakfast Committee

Capitol Plaza Hotel
Jefferson City, Missouri
Thursday, Jan. 5, 2012

2012 GOVERNOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST ORDER OF SERVICE

Presiding **Capt. Mike Roberts**
Missouri National Guard

Capt. Mike Roberts is a native of St. Louis and a graduate of Fontbonne University. He is well-known to residents of central Missouri, having been the chief meteorologist at KRCG-TV in Jefferson City for more than 15 years. Capt. Roberts enlisted in the Missouri National Guard two weeks before Sept. 11, 2001, and was deployed to Iraq from November 2005 to November 2006.

During his deployment, he conducted IED-clearing missions, and was awarded the Combat Action Badge and the Bronze Star medal. Capt. Roberts also served as the Aide de Camp to Missouri National Guard Adjutant General Stephen L. Danner. He is active as a community volunteer and in several veteran and civic organizations. Mike and his wife of 23 years, Kim, have three children and are members of St. Peter Catholic Church in Jefferson City.

Presentation of Colors..... **Missouri National Guard**

Pledge of Allegiance.....**Maj. Gen. Stephen L. Danner**
Adjutant General
Missouri National Guard

National Anthem..... **Amy Gatschenberger**

Invocation.....**Rev. Anthony Witherspoon**
Washington Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church, St. Louis

Breakfast served

**Special Music – *Benedictus* by Brian Lewis; and *Come to the Water* by John B. Foley, S.J.,
choral setting by Jack Schrader** **Helias Catholic High School Concert Choir**
Directed by Eric Veile

First Scripture Reading – Psalm 121**Rep. Jill Schupp**
District 82, Creve Coeur

Intercessory Prayer – Response: *Lord, hear our prayer*

Sen. Rob Mayer	Senate President Pro Tem, District 25, Dexter
Sen. S. Kiki Curls	District 9, Kansas City
Sen. Jack Goodman	District 29, Mount Vernon
Rep. Tim Jones	Majority Floor Leader, District 89, Eureka

Second Scripture Reading – Romans 5:1-5.....**Rep. Tommie Pierson**
District 69, St. Louis

Governor's Remarks **Honorable Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon**
Governor

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER –
PASTOR RANDY GARISS**



Randy Gariss is a native of Lamar, Missouri and has been the preaching minister of College Heights Christian Church in Joplin for 30 years.

College Heights Christian Church (CHCC) is a very healthy congregation deeply committed to following Christ and therefore has an extensive ministry with the poor and in helping to plant the church in restricted or closed areas around the world. Due to the tragedy of the Joplin tornado, CHCC, along with many other great congregations, continues to play a vital role in the recovery effort.

One week after the tornado hit, the Joplin community came together for a memorial service that was televised live around the world. Pastor Gariss presided at the memorial service, which featured remarks by President Obama and Gov. Nixon.

Randy often speaks nationally and globally on issues of leadership and justice,

and is a frequent speaker on college campuses, especially addressing relationship issues. He is a contributing editor for *The Christian Standard* magazine, and is the current vice president of the North American Christian Convention. His greatest passion, in his own words, is simply to be a Christ-follower.

Randy and his wife, Julie, have been married for 36 years and have three children and five grandchildren. His bio notes with humor that as a hobby, he makes custom furniture and forces it upon his family.

Solo – *God Bless America* Amy Gatschenberger

Benediction.....Rev. Anthony Witherspoon

A freewill offering will be taken at the doors following the breakfast.

MISSOURI GOVERNOR JEREMIAH W. (JAY) NIXON

Jay Nixon is serving his first term as Governor of Missouri. Garnering the highest margin of victory for a non-incumbent governor in 44 years, he was overwhelmingly elected by Missourians as their 55th Governor on Nov. 4, 2008, to lead the state in a new direction.

Governor Nixon has put forward an agenda to make government more efficient, effective and responsive to the needs of Missouri families. He is committed to attracting the jobs of the future to Missouri, making healthcare more affordable and placing a college education within reach for middle-class students.

Prior to becoming Governor, Jay Nixon was elected to a record four terms as Missouri's Attorney General, beginning in 1992. Under his leadership, the Attorney General's Office became one of the most efficient and effective in state government.

A native of DeSoto, Missouri, Jay Nixon was raised in a family of public servants. His mother, the late Betty Nixon, was a teacher and served as president of the local school board. His father, Jerry Nixon, was elected mayor of DeSoto and was a judge for the community.

Growing up in a home with these strong examples, Gov. Nixon learned at a young age that faith and family come first – and giving back to the community comes next. It is a philosophy that has guided him throughout his career in public service.

After earning both his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Missouri-Columbia, Gov. Nixon returned to DeSoto to practice as an attorney. In 1986, he was elected to his first term in the Missouri State Senate, where he would represent the people of Jefferson County for six years.

Governor Nixon and his wife, Georganne Nixon, have two sons, Jeremiah and Willson. They belong to the First United Methodist Church in Jefferson City.

Special thanks

Jefferson City Area Chamber of Commerce

Capt. Mike Roberts

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