

Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce Celebrates *30th Annual Mayors' Prayer Breakfast*

FAIRHOPE, AL, March 25, 2014 - - The Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce is proud to present the 30th Annual Mayors' Prayer Breakfast, which will be held on the National Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 1 at 7:30 am at Daphne Civic Center, 2603 Highway 98, Daphne, Ala.. The Mayors' Prayer Breakfast brings communities together for an inspirational and uplifting breakfast with special guests of Mayor Dane Haygood of Daphne, Mayor Tim Kant of Fairhope and Mayor Mike McMillan of Spanish Fort.

The keynote speaker for this year's event is Wallace T. Davis, president/CEO of Volunteers of America Southeast, Inc., a position he has held for 33 years. Davis is a graduate of Samford University and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, with a Bachelor of Science in Education, a Master of Theology and a Doctorate of Philosophy in Psychology and Counseling.

Davis has served as pastor, teacher, counselor, and administrator for over 40 years. He has been with Volunteers of America Southeast since its beginning in 1980 in Mobile. Through his leadership, the organization has expanded to serve Alabama, Georgia, and Mississippi, with an annual budget in excess of \$70 million. Volunteers of America Southeast has grown from serving 18 people in 1980 to serving over 2,000 people every day in predominately residential settings with a staff of over 1,000.

This organization works toward resolving the needs of veterans, the homeless, people with disabilities, the elderly, children, those with substance abuse, and families purchasing homes as well as providing assistance during times of disasters.

Davis' "Up Lifting Moment" can be heard on three local radio stations during morning drive time, with the tag, "There are no limits to caring."

Davis and his wife, Barbara have four adult children and seven grandchildren.

Sponsors for the 2014 Mayors' Prayer Breakfast are: Platinum - BancorpSouth; Gold – Safe Harbor Financial Services, Urgent Care by the Bay, Hargrove Engineers & Constructors, Baldwin EMC, Mobile Gas, A Sempra Company, and Bryant Bank; Silver – St. Francis at the Point Anglican Church, Volkert, Inc.; Head Table Centerpiece – American Autism Center; Table Top – Citizens Bank, Stone, Grande & Crosby, Aging in Alabama, BBVA Compass Bank, Bryant Bank, Adam & Reese Law Firm, Hampton Inn, Fairhope-Mobile Bay and Centennial Bank.

"The Mayors' Prayer Breakfast is a time for our business community to pause, be thankful for what we have and recognize the strength of working together," said Darrelyn Bender, president/CEO of the Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce.

The cost for attending the event is \$40 per person or a table of 10 for \$350. The general public is invited to attend. Reservations must be made and paid. Call 621-8222 to get tickets information.

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