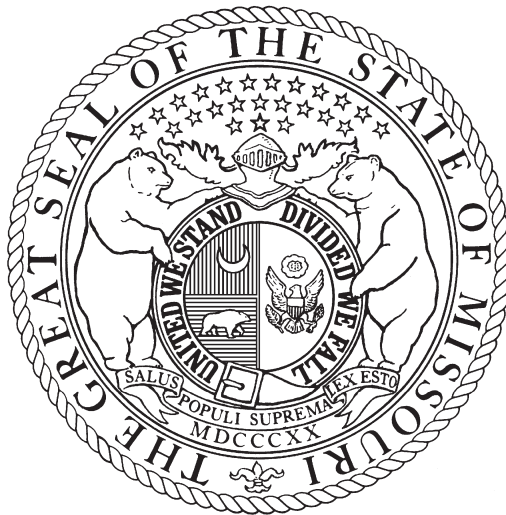


2016 GOVERNOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

*Strive first for
the kingdom of God*



HOSTED BY

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

Capitol Plaza Hotel
Jefferson City, Missouri
Thursday, January 7, 2016

2016 GOVERNOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST ORDER OF SERVICE

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

Maj. 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 KRCC-TV in Jefferson City for more than 15 years. Maj. 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. Maj. 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 27 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..... **Brig. Gen. Gregory Mason**
Assistant *Adjutant General*
Missouri National Guard

National Anthem..... **Sgt. Christiana Ball**
Missouri National Guard

Invocation..... **Trista Soendker Nicholson, Pastor**
Missouri United Methodist Church, Columbia

Breakfast served

Special Music *Homeland (arr. by Z. Randall Stroope);
Goin' to the Holy City (Joseph Martin);
For the Sake of Our Children (Jeffery Ames);
Jefferson City High School Chorale under the direction of Beth Dampf*

First Scripture Reading..... **Psalm 121**

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

Second Scripture Reading **Philippians 4:4-7**

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

FEATURED SPEAKER – AENEAS WILLIAMS



In 1989, New Orleans-raised **Aeneas Williams** was a junior walk-on defensive back at Southern University. The next year, before earning a bachelor's degree in accounting, he tied the NCAA Division I-AA single-season interception record. Williams was drafted in the third round of the 1991 draft by the Phoenix (later Arizona) Cardinals and became a St. Louis Ram in 2001.

During a remarkable 14-year NFL career that included a Super Bowl, eight Pro Bowls and four All-Pro selections, Williams had chances to help some of his teammates through some of life's rougher patches. These opportunities led him to the realization that unhappiness doesn't come from the things in our lives, rather it comes from things missing from our lives.

Aeneas Williams made his personal commitment to Jesus Christ during his junior year at Southern University and has devoted his off-field life to sharing the wisdom and understanding of the Word of God. He is a beloved St. Louis community leader and role model whose tireless service,

outreach and personal counsel have changed lives. Pastor Williams has a love for people and a passion for helping each of us fulfill our full potential. In 2007, he and his wife of 23 years, Tracy, founded The Spirit Church in St. Louis, where he serves as senior pastor.

On Aug. 2, 2014, Aeneas Williams was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio. Before entering the ministry, he wrote *It Takes Respect*, an inspirational insight into his passions, faith and leadership principles.

Aeneas, Tracy, their three daughters Saenea, Tirzah and Cheyenne, and son Lazarus live in Creve Coeur.

Closing.....Maj. Mike Roberts

Benediction..... Pastor Trista Soendker Nicholson

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

MISSOURI GOVERNOR JEREMIAH W. (JAY) NIXON

Jay Nixon is serving his second term as the 55th Governor of Missouri. He was first elected in November of 2008 and re-elected in November of 2012.

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.

In addition to our featured speaker, special thanks from the Governor's Prayer Breakfast Committee to:

Maj. Mike Roberts

Jefferson City High School Chorale

Chorale Director Beth Dampf

Pastor Trista Soendker Nicholson

Missouri National Guard

The leaders and participants in the Governor's Student Leadership Forum