



January 23 was a real highpoint in my tenure as Executive Director of the Christian Action Commission (CAC). On that Wednesday morning we hosted your senators and representatives from across the state at our annual prayer breakfast. What a blessing to see the crowd enjoying the food and fellowship in the Sky Room of your Baptist Building.

There is no political agenda for this event. This breakfast is our way of saying “thank you” to those men and women who sacrifice much to represent you. Their service to their constituents is year-round, but during their regular sessions, they are gone from family and home. These sessions involve 13 months out of 48, plus special sessions and other trips to Jackson. As a former fulltime evangelist of 12 years, I know personally what it is like to live out of a suitcase in a motel room and eat out every meal. We say thanks.

We will discuss public policy at the appropriate time, but this breakfast is to let them know we are praying for them on a regular basis. We are also praying for their families — spouses, children, and parents who miss them when they are away. We pray for their wisdom, their health, their safety — whether traveling or working. What if we did more praying and less criticizing of our public servants? They need and deserve our prayers — all of them.

Nick Bain (who serves as a rep-

Great Day on That Morning



State Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson (at podium) speaks to a group of Mississippi senators and representatives during the Christian Action Commission’s annual Legislative Prayer Breakfast on January 23 at the Baptist Building in Jackson, Mississippi. (BR photo by Rita McCollum)

representative from Alcorn County and serves as one the 15 board members of the CAC) blessed the food. Steve Holland (representative from Lee County) played “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” as everyone served their plates and began to eat. Dr. Futral welcomed everyone, spoke a word of encouragement, and prayed. Andy Gipson (former representative and former board member of the CAC) was our main speaker. As the State Commissioner of Agriculture, he spoke from Matthew 13 on the Parable of the Soils (which symbolize our hearts). The seed is the Word. He challenged all of us to do “Soil Analysis.” How do our hearts respond to the Word? Do we have a Closed Heart, a Calloused Heart, a Corrupted Heart, or a Convinced Heart? What a challenge to all of us — whether legislators, CAC Board members, or Baptist Building workers. Rev. Jerry East, (Chairman of our CAC board) led our closing prayer.

The energy and joy in the room was palpable. Thank you, Mississippi Baptists, for the privilege and opportunity to serve you and our elected officials. God bless Mississippi and God bless the U.S.A.

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by Dennis Daniel



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