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24th Annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

Washington, IL – On Thursday, November 15th, the community is invited to attend the twenty-fourth Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, a tradition begun in 1995 by Mayor Don Gronewold and Bob Summers - a tradition that is continued to this day by the Washington Chamber of Commerce along with Mayor Gary Manier. The early morning gathering of Washington area residents and friends will be held at Countryside Banquet Facility, 659 School Street. The annual breakfast continues to be an event where our community can come together to celebrate God's grace for each of us and, in turn, to support the leadership of our community.

This year's featured speaker will be Mayor Mickey Straub, mayor of Burr Ridge, Illinois. Mickey has been called a renaissance man. "Big goals...short deadlines" was his rallying cry when he launched the campaign to build an elementary school playground in just 49 days in 2002. Little did he know that he would use the same strategies to build his company, overcome his struggle to tour 50 Capitols in 50 Days, and beat the odds to be elected mayor of a Chicago suburb?

Come and hear Mayor Straub talk about the patriotic trip that earned him a Congressional Record. He'll take us on a quick tour around the country, and we'll learn about the struggles, victories, and amazing people he met along the way...plus things about our history – and Lincoln – that few Americans know.

We are grateful to this year's platinum sponsors: Busey, Heartland Bank and Trust Company, Uftring Chevy of Washington, Washington Community Bank, and the Washington Ministerial Association.

The general public is invited to attend this yearly inspirational morning of prayer and encouragement. Individual reservations are \$25 each, and tables of eight are \$200. Reservations are required. Doors will open at 6:15am, and the buffet breakfast, catered by Countryside Banquet Facility, will begin at 6:30am. For more information about attending or to make your reservations, please call the Washington Chamber of Commerce at 444-9921, or email info@washingtoncoc.com.