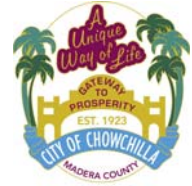


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Press Release

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Mayor's Prayer Luncheon

Reserve your seat today.

Chowchilla, CA, April 7, 2009:

The City of Chowchilla will be celebrating the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 7 with their annual Mayor's Prayer Luncheon, hosted by Mayor Justin White. The guest speaker will be Philip Kell, Senior Vice President/Chief Operating Officer and Legal Counsel of California Baptist Foundation. *(see attachment for his information)*

"Prayer...America's Hope!" is the theme of the 2009 National Day of Prayer. The National Day of Prayer (NDP) is an annual event for Americans of all faiths to take time to pray for our nation and its leaders. The NDP was established by an act of Congress as a day to call the entire nation to pray.

Groups all over the world will come together on this day to pray for our nation, leaders, communities, families and youth.

The event will be held at Life Change Church Faith Hall located at the corner of Robertson Boulevard and Seventh Street. The doors will open at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and the program will begin at 12:00 noon. The buffet lunch, catered by Farnesi's Steakhouse, is \$11.00 per person. Lunches are limited,

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so RSVP's are required by calling City Public Information Officer Peggy Haupt at 665-8615, extension 110 no later than Friday, May 1. For those not interested in the lunch, attendance is free to the public for the program beginning at 12:00 noon.

This program is co-sponsored by the City of Chowchilla and the Chowchilla Ministerial Association.

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Philip W. Kell

Senior Vice President/Chief Operating Officer

Philip W. Kell is the Senior Vice President/Chief Operating Officer and Legal Counsel of California Baptist Foundation. His duties include overseeing all of the Foundation's operations as well as providing legal counsel on all facets of the Foundation's work.

He came to the Foundation in August of 1992 from Sacramento, California where he had been an attorney in private practice for 15 years. During that time he worked with three law firms and specialized in business and civil litigation while also handling a variety of other types of matters including cases involving Probate and Estate Planning. From 1974 until 1992 he served as the bi-vocational Minister of Music at El Camino Baptist Church. He was also active in the Sacramento Southern Baptist Association serving as Parliamentarian, Associational Music Director, Youth Camp Director, Student Work Committee Chairman, and on the Constitution and By Laws Committee. After moving to Fresno in 1992, he served as the worship leader at Woodward Park Baptist Church for four years. He was ordained as a minister of the gospel in January 1997.

He has served on the California Southern Baptist Convention Credentials Committee, and as a member of the Board of Directors of California Baptist Foundation. In 1996, he was appointed to serve as a California representative on the Committee on Board Nominations for the Southern Baptist Convention.

For over 20 years he was a member of the Board of Directors for the Committee on Moral Concerns, a non-profit Christian lobbying organization based in Sacramento and was Chairman of that Board from 1991 to 1999. He now serves on the Board of the California Family Council, the California affiliate of Focus on the Family.

Phil attended California State University Humboldt after graduating from Eureka High School in 1969. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting from California State University Sacramento in 1974. After college he attended the University of Pacific, McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento and received his Juris Doctorate Degree in 1977. He has been a member of the State Bar of California since that same year.

Phil has been married to Debra Sue since 1975. They have four daughters: Melissa (30), Ashley (27), Amanda (25), and Hillary (22). He is also proud of his two grandchildren: Isaac (2) and Selah (4 mos.). The family is active at Woodward Park Baptist Church, Fresno, California where Phil serves on the worship team, he leads Adult Sunday School Classes and serves on many of the church's committees. For six years he taught U.S. History, World History, and Government classes for home schoolers. His other interests include running, golf, reading, and mentoring.