

MAYOR'S CORNER

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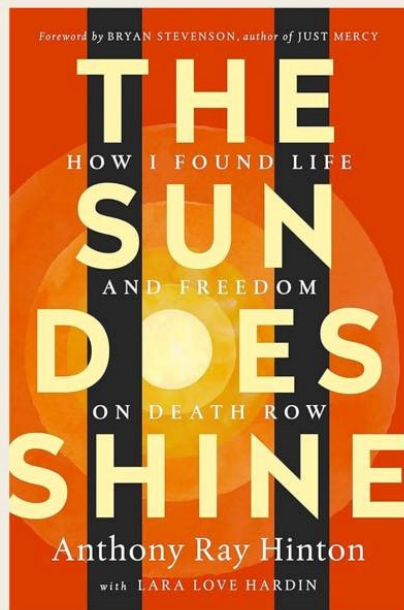


Faith Unbroken

Join Us for Irondale's Fifth Annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

In a world that often feels fractured and uncertain, one constant has sustained countless souls through their darkest hours—the unwavering power of faith and prayer. With profound joy, I invite you to experience this power firsthand at our Fifth Annual Irondale Mayor's Prayer Breakfast: "Faith Unbroken: The Power of Prayer."

We welcome Anthony Ray Hinton this year, whose extraordinary journey will move your spirit and renew your faith. For thirty years, Mr. Hinton was on death row for crimes he did not commit. Yet through unimaginable darkness, his faith remained unbroken. His story, captured in his powerful memoir *The Sun Does Shine*, reveals how prayer transformed prison walls into pathways of hope.



When prayer seems almost impossible, that is precisely when it proves most powerful. When our hearts feel most shattered, faith becomes the invisible thread that stitches us back together, making us whole again. Our gathering will unite Irondale across all walks of life—from our homes to our businesses and schools to our houses of worship. We will pray for the Seven Spheres of Community Impact that touch every aspect of our lives.

The Irondale Community Foundation proudly sponsors this event. It will award \$15,000.00 in scholarships to promising young minds from Shades Valley High School, Jefferson County International Baccalaureate, Jefferson Christian Academy, and Highlands College, an investment not just in their education but in the future of our beloved community.

The morning will begin with the ancient call of the shofar, reminding us that prayer transcends time, connecting us to something eternal. The Shades Valley High School Choir and jazz artist Cashmere Williams will lift our spirits through music that speaks to the soul when words fall short.

Please join me at Church of the Highlands on Wednesday, May 7th. Doors open at 6:30 a.m., breakfast begins at 7:00 a.m., and our program starts at 7:45 a.m.

In a community united through prayer, there is no heavy burden to bear, no darkness too deep to penetrate. Be part of something greater than yourself and witness faith's unbreakable power.



Tickets are available for purchase at www.IrondaleCommunityFoundation.com.

