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June 8 North Strand Community Prayer & Praise Event was a Success

North Myrtle Beach, SC – The North Strand Community Prayer & Praise Event was held June 8 at the Sandhills Bank Amphitheater in the North Myrtle Beach Park & Sports Complex.

North Myrtle Beach Mayor Marilyn Hatley welcomed the crowd of 400-plus people, and Reverend Michael Ritter of Trinity United Methodist Church served as emcee for the event.

Participating in the different offerings of prayer in order of their appearance were Rabbi D. Weissman of Temple Shalom, Reverend John Goudelock of Living Water Baptist Church, Reverend Clay Nesmith of Barefoot Community Church, Reverend John Kassouf of Risen Christ Lutheran Church, Deacon Peter Casamento of Our Lady Star of the Sea Roman Catholic Church, and Reverend Dr. Wilmot Merchant II of St. Stephens Episcopal Church.

Live musical performances were provided by Greg Rowles & the Waterbrook Community Church Praise Team, Sheryl Livingston Randall with the St. Paul AME Spiritual Voices of Praise choir, the Ocean Drive Presbyterian Church Praise Team, and Ron Nichols.

“The weather was great, and the outdoor setting really added to the event,” Mayor Hatley said. “When we held the event at the city’s gymnasium, we were limited as to the size of musical performances we could offer, but the new amphitheater really allowed us to bring in full performances, and that added a lot to the event. We are very appreciative of all who participated in the event.”
Given the sheer number of places of worship in the North Strand area, the intent is to try to rotate pastors and performers each year so that leaders of all North Strand places of worship and their musical performers who want to participate will have the opportunity to do so. When a denomination is not represented in the North Strand, church leaders reach will out to invite a representative from outside the North Strand.

The City of North Myrtle Beach provided free refreshments to those who attended the event.