



Eagle Council 54

Friday, 9/25/26

7 pm

Speaker: Hank Erwin, Jr., is an American evangelical Christian, former Alabama State Senator, and broadcaster. Born in Birmingham, Alabama. He graduated from Ensley High School (1967), earned a B.S. from Troy State University (1972), a B.A. from Southeastern Bible College (1974), and a master's from Dallas Seminary (1981).

His talent for telling stories that both entertain and result in commitment and action on the part of his listeners is legendary. Hank learned the art of storytelling from his late father, Medal of Honor Recipient Henry “Red” Erwin, who held small crowds spellbound with stories of bravery in World War II. As a loving father, he told his two sons bedtime stories when they were very young. For example, he used Woodlawn football stories that were so colorful that it ultimately ignited their imaginations to the point that they wanted to become movie makers! Forty years later, the world now knows the famous Erwin Brothers, Andy and Jon, who have gone on to produce and direct ten faith-based motion pictures, all of which have garnered Dove Awards for outstanding achievements in Christian film! You will undoubtedly recall many of them, including “October Baby,” “Woodlawn,” “I Can Only Imagine,” “Jesus Revolution,” “House of David,” and “I Can Only Imagine 2.”

For their work and influence for good, Eagle Forum awarded Jon and Andy Erwin with its “Eagle Award” for positive impact in our Culture through their movies.

In 2002, Hank was elected to the Alabama State Senate, serving two terms as a firebrand for conservative family values across the state. He fought to bring gambling to a standstill and helped usher in a whole new Republican government for the people of Alabama.

His debut novel, *The First Day* — historical fiction narrated by the Apostle John on the morning of the Resurrection — is the story he spent a lifetime preparing to write.

He leads GAP26, the Great American Prayer Campaign, from Franklin, Tennessee, where he and his wife Shelia have built a life that proves the stories we tell our children become the world they create.

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