



# First Southern Bank

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Mr. Byrd Baggett  
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Dear Byrd:

I have had the privilege of hearing you speak numerous times during the past 10-plus years. Your work with my leadership team as well as the powerful message that you delivered to the Southern Illinois Basketball team were always inspirational and thought provoking. Coach Bruce Weber still gives you credit for inspiring his SIU team to one of the biggest upsets of the 1999 season.

I didn't think you could top your previous work but you proved me wrong on the morning of January 22<sup>nd</sup>. You were invited back for the third time to speak to 300 leaders at the Community Leaders Breakfast sponsored by The Southern Illinoisan and the Southern Business Journal. Most of the leaders in the audience, with me included, had heard you speak before and were wondering if you could top the previous two engagements. Well, let me tell you that your message, **Legacy Leading**, had me and the other audience members on the edge of our seats. As before, you had us laughing, crying, and learning and left us with a question to ponder: I want to be remembered as the person who.....

In closing, I want to thank you for reminding us that to live a good story is the deepest cry of every human heart and that it's never too late to start living the legacy we want to leave behind. Most importantly, I'm honored to call you my friend.

Sincerely,  
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