

December 28, 2004

Dear Believer:

It is time for another prayer focus for the City of Corpus Christi. Our focus for January 2005 will be to ask the Lord to deal with the work of a Lying Spirit (1Kings 22:22) in our area and to send forth the Spirit of Truth (John 15:26) to be manifested among us.

As we continue to pray concerning these negative spiritual influences, or as some might call them strongholds, please do not think that we believe this is the only prayer concern for the city. Nor do we think that we are people who have some special authority to call the city to prayer. Rather, we at SPMI believe that these negative spiritual influences and what we refer to as the opposite spirits, which are godly spiritual influences, are things that the Lord desires to deal with at this time. We send the information out generally because we believe it is the Lord's will.

It is interesting to me that by the design of the Lord this process began in October, which is the time that most churches are setting agendas for the next year. I am convinced that we are going to see an outpouring of the Spirit of God upon this city in the near future. This monthly focus is, I believe, simply a manner in which we are moving in obedience to the Word, which says, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord." As believers we have a mandate from the Father to do what is necessary to prepare the way for the Spirit of God to minister powerfully to the lost. This is a part of that work. Also very interesting to me is that when the Lord was leading us to begin this, we had no idea that a Franklin Graham crusade was scheduled for August of 2005.

I have a tremendous expectation in my spirit concerning the things God will be doing in Corpus Christi and the surrounding area this next year. Let us join together and indeed prepare the way of the Lord by asking Jesus to deal with these negative spiritual influences in our lives, in our families, our churches, indeed throughout this city named for the Body of Christ. Let us also cry out to God to send forth His ministering spirits, which will strengthen and prepare us for what He desires to do in this place.

Some people have trouble with the thought of ministering spirits, but that is largely because of our Western mindsets that tend to deny any supernatural things at all. (See Hebrews 1:14) Remember that angels strengthened Jesus. (See Luke 22:43) Let us not be fearful of the things of God, of the working of the Holy Spirit. Let us look to Jesus expecting great things this next year.

Your prayers and other expressions of support are always greatly appreciated. Thank you for your obedience to the Lord in praying and giving.

Sincerely,
William W. Lumry, II