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Dear Believer:

Today a very historic event took place in our city. More than 50 pastors met for breakfast and fellowship. Those attending were from a variety of churches Independent, Charismatic, Evangelical, Catholic, and others. There were at least three things which made it a historic event. It was neither the breakfast nor the assortment, rather it was the talk of the kingdom instead of just churches; it was the general consensus that the Spirit of God is moving in our city; and it was the commitment to gather in such a fashion at least quarterly from this date forward. I personally have longed for decades to see this day and wept to see it.

Pastor Don Leavell spoke of the desire of Corpus Christi Christian Fellowship to be a servant church to other congregations. Bishop Carmody spoke of Dr. Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech noting that if King had said, "I have a strategic plan," it is likely that no one would have listened. Bishop Carmody said that we need to have a dream for our city. Pastor Luis Cabrera of Maranatha Christian Church spoke to us saying that the gathering today was from the heart of God and was part of our Lord's dream for our city and area. The group asked Pastor Leavell to take the lead in facilitating the future meetings.

In reference to the concept of having a dream for Corpus Christi let me say that we do indeed have a dream. However, at this point we neither see nor understand it well. God has given each pastor and ministry leader a vision that is a part of the overall heart of Christ for Corpus Christi. AS WE CONTINUE WITH MEETINGS LIKE THIS ONE WHERE THE CHRISTIAN LEADERS ARE SHARING WITH EACH OTHER, THE DREAM OF GOD WILL UNFOLD AND BECOME NOT JUST EVIDENT, BUT REALITY. This is indeed a day to mark as a day of change for our city and area.

From various directions I have been hearing the testimony of those who have heard the Lord saying that there is a new wind of change blowing. Others have spoken to me of sensing that the Lord is saying it is time for action and for harvest. Just this last week we were asking the Lord what He wanted to say to Shammah and Pat and I heard the same thing, "ministry expansion".

In the midst of all this there seems to be a great struggle against intercessors and other strong people of prayer. Several that we know are facing or have recently faced challenges of illness, family deaths, job loss and near disaster by fire. I know that these things are at times part of life, but where I see a concentration of them within a rather small group of the church; it indicates to me an attack of the enemy. It also tells me that we are very near the major breakthroughs that so many have seen in the Spirit and for which we have waited as we prayed.

Avidly guard your time with the Lord. Stay focused on Him. One sister recently recounted that the Lord had spoken to her that if she knew what He was really doing in her life, she would be rejoicing. That is true for all of us. He loved us when we were His enemies. He loves us now and He will soon return to gather us to Himself. Maranatha, even so come Lord.

Join us at **7 PM February 22, 2008 at Church of the King** on Annapolis St. for the first quarterly **City Wide Prayer** of 2008.

Sincerely,
William W. Lumry, II

PS See the enclosed flyer to learn about the 1st Annual SPMI Intercessors Prayer Retreat on March 8, 2008.

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