

To God be the glory for an anointed, power filled and very holy...

Capital Region Night of Prayer

“Opening the Gates in 2008” | “Preparing a highway of holiness...”

Friday, January 18, 2008 | 6:00 pm – 6:00 am | Faith Outreach Center | 4318 Rhode Island Ave | Brentwood, MD

THIS BRIEF REPORT is intended to encourage and edify the saints of God in the Washington, DC Capital Region, knowing that many could not participate on-site, but were joined in Spirit with those keeping vigil through the night.

Dr. Corinthia Boone of Together in Ministry International (TIM) and Gary Bergel of Intercessors for America helped guide the watches. There was harmonious teamwork with other local pastors and leaders. All who attended participated and made strategic contributions in prayer, praise and worship. A corporate focus was maintained.

Four watches were observed (6-9 / 9-12 / 12-3 / 3-6); the first three by 25 (2+5=7 a biblical number for completion); and the final dawn watch by 17 (1+7=8, the number of new beginnings). Corporate communion was taken three times and many present testified that these times of remembering and proclaiming the death of Christ around “the covenant table” released a supernatural provision which enabled all present to remain awake, strong and vigilant.

Each three-hour watch was conducted in a corporate manner around outlines that were distributed. The material, read in unison helped focus our spirits, and included historical and biblical teaching on the character of night watches, the changing spiritual atmosphere from dusk to dawn, and the Lord’s transforming work done in and through those who keep night watches with Him. Many scripture passages were noted in the outlines and were read out loud by individuals. These often became the source and springboard for times of powerful corporate intercession. Many present expressed gratitude for these night watch outlines*, and said that they would be utilizing them in their personal prayer life, and in their local churches and prayer groups.

Each watch included corporate praise and worship; the singing of traditional hymns was interspersed with praise and worship which utilized the anointed recorded live worship of Terry MacAlmon. A great liberty in the Spirit was present and taken advantage of with the spontaneous release of “songs, hymns, spiritual songs,” and “new songs.” It was not uncommon for the group to enter into times of singing in the Spirit and into high praise and worship.

The first watch opened with readings from Psalms which proclaim the creative power, greatness, majesty and sovereignty of God, and readings from Revelation and New Testament passages declaring the atonement, victory and finished work of Jesus Christ. Great joy and strength was imparted as we entered His courts with praise.

The night was centered on Christ and carried a strong emphasis on discipleship and following Jesus with pure and unadulterated hearts and minds. Exhortations were received on maintaining personal disciplines (including proper nutrition, diet and fitness), and living out consecrated lifestyles so that we can be sensitive servants with “the mind of Christ,” who can demonstrate the power, healing virtue and wisdom of God, individually and corporately.

In the second and third watches, various systems of sin and darkness in the city and Capital Region – especially directed toward youth and the destruction of family and church life – and the false religions and occult systems which are in residence or send delegates on occasion to conjure demonic powers in “high places” were dethroned through repentance and intercession. They were bound during times of high praise, intercession and decree.

The Holy Spirit enabled the maintaining of a high Kingdom perspective and corporate unity; personal burdens and ministry agendas, doctrinal differences and partisan politics did not become disruptive or divisive in any way.

During the latter part of the third and a portion of the fourth watch, the Holy Spirit released a strong anointing and directed powerful times of prayer into the lives of a number of individuals who were present. The gifts of the Spirit operated, and discernment, words of knowledge and prophetic prayer flowed abundantly. Deliverance, freedom, healing and direction were experienced. Near the close of the final watch, each one present testified and shared what they had heard or received from the Lord during the course of the night. The fourth watch was completed with a corporate public declaration in unison of 34 powerful and transformational ****Points for Victory**. Let us offer great thanksgiving to God for this night of holy vigil with Him, and let us continue to build a highway of holiness through:

Repentance / Reconciliation / Demonstrating Unity

Hearing what the Spirit is saying to the Church / Confronting powers of darkness

Preparing the way for Jesus and the National Day of Prayer

*Night Watch outlines and ****Points for Victory** will be made available / Strengthening prayer works in our region