

October 20, 2014

Dear Pastor or Christian Leader,

*So teach us to number our days,
That we may present to You a heart of wisdom.
Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us;
And confirm for us the work of our hands;
Yes, confirm the work of our hands.*

Psalm 90:12, 17

Time and life can pass away by very quickly. Forty years ago, in October 1974, I was a young college graduate wondering what God was doing in my life. I was supposed to start working with the US Treasury Department in September 1974 in Washington D.C. However, in July of 1974, President Nixon resigned due to his involvement with the Watergate Hotel break-in. Two treasury agents were implicated in the break-in and the hiring in the Treasury Dept. was frozen for the next two years. So I began working for a commercial roofing company operating a hot tar bucket. While very grateful for the job, it was never on my career list! For several months the crew I worked with was installing a new roof on a Caterpillar Tractor building. The building was situated in such a way that it gave me an open vista to a substantial section of the City of Aurora. During those months, God began to stir my heart to stay in my hometown, Aurora (it was not my desire) and to be part of a revival (a spiritual awakening) that would begin in Aurora, but would spread to affect the entire Chicagoland area.

After struggling with these thoughts for several weeks, I willingly yielded my future into God's hands. In the forty years since that decision, it has been my privilege to see God do many unique and powerful things in this community. However, I do not believe the type of spiritual awakening God was envisioning to me forty years ago has yet occurred. By revival, I do not mean a one or two week campaign in a single church. It will not be initiated or controlled by a church or a lone dynamic personality. It will be a sustained, sovereign work of the presence of God that will:

1. Shake a slumbering church out of its indifference to sin and complacency toward the lost
2. Convict the lost of their sin, move them to repentance and salvation in Christ
3. The spiritual transformation of the lives in our community will occur in such numbers that a visible witness of the glory of God will spread to the surrounding regions.

A revival of this type did occur in America from 1859-1861. It began through a prayer meeting in New York City, started by Jeremiah Lanphier. Other prayer meetings rapidly sprang up in New York City and quickly spread to every major metropolitan area in the United States. By 1861 it was estimated that one out of every ten persons living in the United States had made a personal commitment to Christ during this spiritual awakening. I believe the next awakening will also be a result of focused prayer for the salvation of the lost. For this purpose I am going to do a prayer walk around the City of Aurora. The boundaries around

Aurora total approximately 50 miles and the walk will be spread out over 4 days. I realize that it is not practical for most people to make this walk, and that is understandable. What I am asking is for you to spend some time in prayer on these days specifically asking God to send a spiritual awakening upon the City of Aurora for the salvation of men, women, and children who do not know Christ.

If you do want to walk and pray with me on any part of the route, please give me a call at 630-816-9314. My walk times and schedule are listed below. Call me to determine my location.

Tuesday, October 21	Noon to 4pm beginning at 2880 Vision Court in Aurora
Wednesday, October 22	9:30am to 3:30pm
Thursday, October 23	9:30am-3:30pm
Friday, October 24	9:30am to finish at 2880 Vision Court in Aurora

Thank you and God bless you!

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