



Ready!

Praying for AVC ministries

“Prepare yourself and be ready, you and all your companies that are gathered about you; and be a guard for them.” (Ezekiel 38:7)

April 2006

Connect

1st & 3rd **Sundays**, 6:00–7:30pm—
Unveiled (Auditorium)

2nd **Sundays**, 8:30–10:00am—
Prophetic Roundtable (youth room)

Every **Sunday**, 9:30–10:15am—Pre-
service prayer (Prayer Room)

Every **Monday**, 1:00–2:00pm—Prayer
for the Atlanta Vineyard (Prayer
Room) 770-925-8823

Every **Tuesday**, 7:00–8:00am—
Father’s Heart prayer (Café) [men
only]

1st **Tuesdays**, 6:00–8:00pm— Pray
with clients at Norcross Co-op (2275
Mitchell Rd, Norcross), 770-274-1010
ext. 23

Every **Wednesday**, 7:00–8:30pm—
Prayer classes (see website for class
titles & teachers)

Every **Wednesday**, 9:00pm—Pray
with Frank & Sandra (Duluth), 770-
935-8098

Every **Thursday**, 11:15am—Prayer for
Families (Higher Ground Coffee
House, Duluth) 770-886-5644 [women
only]

Every **Thursday**, 7:00–7:30pm—
Prayer for re:vision (Prayer Room)
404-275-0927

Most days (call for times)—Pray w/
patients at Good Samaritan Health
Center (Duluth) 404-512-4340

Website

Visit us on the web at
www.atlantavineyard.com/prayer

Give Him Praise!

- Lu Allison (Women)—Several women from the Tuesday morning Undiscovered Freedom class are experiencing breakthrough’s in areas of their lives that they had lost all hope of ever seeing change in. Praise God for the power of the resurrection!
- Luane Thomson (Missions)—for the super group of volunteers who are serving faithfully in missions.
- Sheri Carr (Worship Arts)—PRAISE for what God is doing in our church in times of worship together!
- Darlene Penner & Donna Blanton (MOPS)—Growth in numbers over course of year - regularly have 25-30 moms (many not even from Vineyard!). Connectedness and responsiveness among our moms - especially during last two meetings in March (Spa Day and Time Mgmt speaker). MOPS fundraisers made \$60 (Discovery Toys) and about \$100 (Parents’ Night Out)
- Karen Sculley (Prayer & Prophetic Ministries)—I praise God for the dozens and dozens of faithful, unseen prayer warriors we have in this church who serve Jesus and His body by daily crying out to God on behalf of our AVC family, leaders, ministries, missionaries, and those yet to be in our family!

*by Johnny Crist (senior pastor,
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Small Groups

I like Jethro (not the Beverly Hillbillies guy), but the Bible Jethro – you know, Moses’ father-in-law.

Here’s the story.

Moses was the leader of the people. Everyone wanted a piece of him. They wanted Moses to counsel them, to help them make personal decisions and to settle their arguments! (This is what seems to occupy the time of pastors!) So one day, daddy-in-law stopped by to visit. He was shocked to see how Moses spent his days! From morning to evening all Moses did was counsel people!

So with one classic line Jethro’s wisdom was etched in history. “What you are doing is not good!”, Jethro told Moses. Then advice was given, “Select capable leaders and appoint them to be leaders over hundreds, fifties and tens.”

This is the first time any man has ever listened to the advice of his father-in-law! And it worked !

It seems that Jethro “invented” small groups! I can think of no better way for churches to structure ministry than to build around small groups. Small groups are personal, life-giving sources of care, support and relationships.

So we’re determined to become a Jethro church. In the next few weeks we’ll be launching about 17 new groups at the Vineyard. I ask that you’ll be praying for our new leaders and groups.

Adoption & Orphan Care

- That more will hear God's call (i.e., commands) to care for the orphaned children of the world
- for God's direction in this ministry

Café Vineyard

- Pray for more people to get involved in the cafe and for Jerry to have inspired ideas for using the cafe for building community.

Church Planting

- Pray that Johnny Crist makes the best choice of an administrator to assist with this project.

Facilities

- We're in the process of hiring a person one day a week to do the major cleaning (mopping, bathrooms, etc.). Let's pray that the right person will come forward (needs the work, would do thorough job).

Foreign Missions

- law being discussed in Central Asia that would greatly hinder our ability to plant churches will not pass
- Pray for Alyona (Perm Vineyard); leads Mission Bridge teams to Central Asia & Siberia

Kingdom Prayer

- Pray for God's anointing on each of the teachers for Wed night prayer classes
- Pray for each person who comes to classes, that they would grow in intimacy with the Lord & trust Him more

Local Missions

- Turkish refugee family continues to grow; 4/15 Easter party at Luane's home; that they would open their hearts to Christ's love
- Abba House work day 4/22; that people would respond & come

Men

- We need God's direction

Ministry Team

- For the many new ministry team members who have been released in the last few months; that each person would grow in confidence that the Lord will use them as they make themselves available to Him

Mission Bridge

- Central Asia team retreat April 7th-9th; members from Illinois coming down; we desire unity and to powerfully hear from God

MOPS

- MOPS program on 4/7—Easter Tea & Testimony; pray for lives to be changed with Gospel presented
- 2006-07 Steering Team; summer training; planning retreat; financial needs

Prayer Ministry

- Pray for God's heart & plans for: National Day of Prayer (May); Global Day of Prayer (June); Large Group Prayer Retreat (July)
- Encouragement for all our prayer leaders

Prophetic Roundtable

- For clear prophetic voice to rise up and be welcomed at the AVC
- For the love of Christ to dominate relationships between prophets and leaders

Small Groups

- Pray for Ken Duffie & family as he takes on the role of Small Groups Pastor; he also has a full-time job that takes 45-50 hours a week and will be leading a small group as well

Unveiled

- For greater freedom in worship for all who come
- For unity of the body both at the AVC and beyond as we come together to seek His face at Unveiled

Women

- Wisdom in planning more Women and Worship events!
- for new team members & volunteers passionate to minister to women.
- for new small groups (study / discussion)

Worship Arts

- AVC & worship team to learn how to worship in Spirit & Truth
- health, provision, & strength in worship team marriages / families
- youth & young adults as worship leaders