



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)

August 2004

Connect

Every Sunday, 9:30am & 5:30pm –
Pre-service prayer (Wedge Room)

Every Tuesday, 7:00am – Father’s
Heart men’s prayer (Café)

Every Wednesday, 9:00pm – Pray
with Frank & Sandra (Duluth)

Sun, September 19th, 9:15–
10:15am – Pray for Central Asia
(upstairs classroom)

1st Monday of each month,
10:00am–12:00pm – Pray at
Norcross Co-op

1st Monday of each month, 12:00–
2:00pm – Pray at Norcross Co-op

1st Wednesday of each month,
6:00–8:00pm – Pray at Norcross
Co-op

Fri, August 20th, 7:30pm –
Unveiled (Auditorium)

Fri, September 3rd, 7:30pm –
Unveiled (Auditorium)

Jesus can!

“ ‘No chance at all,’ Jesus said, ‘if
you think you can pull it off by
yourself. Every chance in the world
if you trust God to do it.’ ” (Luke
18:27, The Message)

Website

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

Give Him Praise!

Praise God for each ministry of the AVC. Here are some recent praise reports:

- Michael Bischoff (Crossover)—The Crossover Beach Retreat was simply amazing. God worked through a lot of issues in our kids.
- Praise God for our newest staff members, Sherry Charters (administration & finances), and Tornubari Meabara (Facilities)!
- Karen Peterson (GIT)—the Central Asia refugee family our church is adopting will be arriving next week (Thursday, August 26th)

Mothering Matters

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MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) is the Atlanta Vineyard’s ministry for mothers of young children (infant through kindergarten). It exists to nurture and support women as they live through the challenging years of mothering small children. MOPS welcomes moms from different lifestyles and faiths but our prayer is that women will grow in their relationship with Christ and become missionaries to other moms through MOPS. Some moms experience Jesus for the first time through MOPS.

MOPS assures women that “mothering matters” and that God is with them through the struggles of the early years of mothering. MOPS International (the “parent” organization for all MOPS groups) states that it “... exists to nurture every mother of preschoolers by meeting her distinct needs to the glory of Jesus Christ.”

A typical MOPS meeting includes helpful teachings common to moms followed by small group discussion time. Although topics are presented from a Biblical perspective, this is not Bible study time. The intention is to provide a “practical Christianity” that allows non-Christian women to feel comfortable at every meeting.

The Lord has been so awesome in connecting us with speakers who are generous with their gifts. We’re excited about the presenters we have lined up for this next year, however, our calendar is not yet complete. Please pray the Lord guides us in seeking and selecting the speakers He wants the moms to hear.

The AVC MOPS group is led by a volunteer group of MOPS moms (Steering Team) who’ve been given a huge heart for women/mothers. Our Team is prayerfully planning for the next year. We believe God desires for us to reach out to more moms, in fact, we’re praying that God brings at least thirty new moms to MOPS for our 2004-2005 season. Obviously, this growth (double our current size!) will increase our operating costs. We’re committed to planning several fundraising events to help meet our financial needs. Our finances go towards speaker fees, MOPPETS (children of MOPS moms) teacher fees and curriculum, devotional Bibles for new moms, craft supplies, Communications & Publicity, and an annual chartering fee. Please pray that the Lord leads us in selecting, planning and organizing these fundraising events. MOPS will greatly appreciate your support in making our events financially successful. (Look for details re: upcoming events to be posted in the Communicator.) Also, please pray for those moms in the neighboring community that God has already designated to come join our MOPS group. Pray that they’ll respond to His prompting and will feel safe, secure and cared for when they arrive. (AVC MOPS meets during the school year from 10am-12pm the 1st & 3rd Fridays of the month. Our new season begins on Sept. 17, 2004.)

Administration

- Continued prayer on the roof
- need more volunteers
- There is much to be aligned & put in order; need God's wisdom

Beth Moore

- Pray for women to sign up who haven't tried these Bible studies
- Pray for leaders & volunteers for am/pm
- Pray for hunger & desire to learn more about bearing fruits of the Spirit

Bookstore

- Pray for more business

Bus

- Bus issues. The bus broke down in FL during the youth retreat
- As we begin to do more trips we need our transportation to be reliable. Basically, our bus needs healing :-)

Counseling

- Wisdom for leaders in deciding which programs to add / drop; direction for building on Elijah House

Crossover

- pray over the kids as we jump into this school year; that we will not lose the momentum we gained on our retreat and over the summer
- for our kids to reflect God's love even more

Elijah House

- Please pray for our current students
- finances for all who are taking it
- courage for those who are taking it

ESL

- Pray for teachers to step up (training 8/21), people to write Bible lessons, worship leaders, & those with a heart for kids
- Classes will be held at Foxfire apartments
- Pray for students

Facilities

- Pray for wisdom in taking care of all our facilities

Finances

- Provision for a new roof for the building
- Favor on the current financial audit
- Continuing favor with our tenants, and that we would continue to be a good witness to them

Graphics

- Please pray for good health
- Please pray, each week, that equipment would run smoothly
- that others would be interested in serving on the graphics team

New prayer opportunity!

We need you! . . . at the Norcross Co-op . . .

- 1st Monday of the month (daytime)
- 1st Wednesday of the month (evening)

This is an awesome opportunity to pray with people as they wait for their food order to be filled. Pray-ers will pray together in teams of two. Contact Charlynn Hayes for more info—charlynhayes@yahoo.com

Just Say Hey!

- That we would go deeper with the relationships we do have
- Pray for direction on what God wants us to do
- Pray that God would raise up more workers

Kid Co.

- wisdom & direction as we plan & prepare
- for the Holy Spirit to move mightily in changing lives
- for AVC to be excited about what God's doing in kids ministry

Little Kid Co.

- for our church to see & sense the need to step up & support the preschool & kid co.
- that the workers for every area of the preschool area will step up and help (need workers)

Local Outreach

- prayer/ evangelism ministry at Norcross Co-op
- anointed ministry at Foxfire apartments
- leadership for a tutoring ministry at Foxfire apartments

Men

- Pray for continued vision & focus
- Pray for direction concerning "Wild at Heart"
- Pray for the men of the church to find their place for ministry and service

Missions

- The Central Asia refugee family we are adopting will arrive here 8/26
- Pray that God would use us to bring them to Christ
- Pray that many would step up to help them

MOPS

- for God to lead us in reaching unreached mothers, growing leaders
- Financial provision for 2 members to attend the national conference in September

Nexus

- For ministry changes to be communicated well, administrated, and accepted
- Hunger for God's Spirit in Atlanta-area youth, esp. those in Norcross
- God's provision to complete youth room

Ushering

- Pray that God will raise up an assistant head usher to help Jim Young

VSN

- hunger & expectation
- VSN worship team changes; needs unity
- VSN leadership being restructured

Worship Arts

- That we would form true community; people would be envisioned for learning & growing in community
- That barriers of fear & insecurity would not separate us from each other / God's purposes