



# On Your Mark

“Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us” (Hebrews 12:1)

December 2003

## Connect

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

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

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

Fri, Dec 19th, 7:30pm – Unveiled (Great Room)

Fri, Jan 2nd, 7:30pm – Unveiled (Great Room)

Fri, Jan 16th, 7:30pm – Unveiled (Great Room)

***If you feel called by God to pray for the AVC for at least one hour per week, please join the PLOW team (Pray, Listen, Overcome, Watch). You can email us or let us know via the website. See page 2 for more details.***

If you know of other places to connect in prayer at the AVC, please let us know and we’ll spread the word!

Please let others know about the prayer ministry newsletters, and the website, and have them sign up for themselves!

## Website

Visit us on the web at [www.atlantavineyard.com/prayer](http://www.atlantavineyard.com/prayer)

## Give Him Praise!

Around Thanksgiving time each year, God always seems to remind me that I have so much to thank Him for every day of the year! There are always a myriad of things to praise God for—we’ll highlight several here each month.

- The prayer ministry has been birthed! Not that we haven’t been praying, but God is helping us to get better organized, so we can pray more strategically, effectively, and in community with one another.
- I (Karen Sculley) have been blessed with God’s provision of six incredibly gifted individuals who have committed to serve on the newly formed prayer ministry lead team—Annette Brackin, Leigh Craven, Nilton Dias, John Griffith, Joan Moore, and Lou Richey. Each one has a servant’s heart and a love for Jesus. They represent a diverse cross-section of the AVC, and have a variety of passions, but our common ground is a heart for prayer. I am expecting great things as we serve together in this new endeavor. We are here to serve you, the AVC body—please let us know how we can help you connect in prayer.

What has God been doing in your life? What answers to prayer would you like to share with others at the AVC? We’d love to publish your praise reports here! It will bring greater glory to Jesus, and encourage others to persevere in prayer. You can email them to us or enter them on the website.

## Run the race

Welcome to the first issue of *On Your Mark!* It’s our desire that this would help you get connected in prayer in the area of your God-given passions. We have several ways to get connected currently—they are listed on page 2 of this monthly newsletter. Later this month, look for the launch of the monthly newsletters *Ready!* and *Go!* (see the website for descriptions of these). Wondering where *Set!* is? Look on page 2 to find out!

If you are passionate about something, please consider starting a small prayer group for others like you! You might have a heart for children, and want to pray once a month in your home. You might have a heart for Muslims, and want to join with others to pray monthly at the AVC. You might have a heart for business people, and want to meet to pray every other week at a Starbucks near your work. The possibilities are endless. Prayer groups can be as short as 3 months in length—just let us know when you want to start, where and when you want to meet, how often, etc, and we’ll get the word out. The main thing is to connect in prayer with others. God is doing a great work among us, so stretch your legs and join in! Over the coming months, you’ll find suggestions here on how to connect in prayer, but please feel free to come up with your own ideas. Ask God and I’m certain He’ll give you some!

Please email me ([karen.sculley@atlantavineyard.com](mailto:karen.sculley@atlantavineyard.com)) or call me (770-279-9379) if you’d like to discuss anything prayer-related. You are valuable! Your prayers are effective! God wants us to connect with him, and with each other, so we can do all He’s called us to do as a body!

## Unveiled

1st & 3rd Fridays, 7:30pm, Great Room

Unveiled is the centerpiece of prayer ministry at the AVC. It's a time when we gather to worship and pray together. We desire to touch the heart of the Father, seek the face of Jesus, and hear the voice of the Spirit.

The name "Unveiled" comes from 2 Corinthians 3:18—"And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit." The "Message" translation puts it this way—"nothing between us and God"!

Everyone is welcome! Childcare is provided.

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## Pre-service prayer

Every Sunday, 9:30am & 5:30pm, Wedge Room

Pre-service prayer is a crucial part of each Sunday service at the AVC. We have two times of pre-service prayer: 9:30am for the morning service; 5:30pm for VSN. Both are held in the Wedge Room, which is across the hallway from the Great Room. We pray for all aspects of Sunday services and ministries, and lay hands on those who will be leading services. Everyone is welcome!

Contact: Karen Sculley, 770-279-9379, karen.sculley@atlantavineyard.com

## PLOW team

The PLOW team is comprised of those who feel that God has called them to pray for the AVC for at least one hour per week. (PLOW stands for Pray, Listen, Overcome, Watch). PLOW team members will receive a weekly email newsletter, *Set!*

If you would like to make a 6-month commitment to pray in this way, please let me know the day(s) of the week you would like to commit to (praying for one hour on that day for the AVC). There's no limit to how many days you can sign up for! Initially, the PLOW team will be forming a prayer shield for the pastoral lead team (Johnny, Joel, Todd, Jon), and for general prayer requests that come in to the church. See the website for more information.

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## It only takes two or three

"Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there I am with them." Matthew 18: 19–20

## Your prayer group

This is where your prayer group will be listed!

## Father's Heart

Every Tuesday, 7:00am, Café Vineyard

The Father's Heart men's prayer group meets every Tuesday morning to lift up prayer needs of the AVC. Johnny Crist leads the men in a group prayer time for others.

Contact: Johnny Crist, 770-274-1010, johnny.crist@atlantavineyard.com

## Ready!, Set!, Go!

These three publications complete our complement of prayer ministry newsletters. If you are receiving *On Your Mark!* via email, you will also receive the monthly newsletters *Ready!* and *Go!* If you're reading a printed copy, you can subscribe to these newsletters on the AVC website.

*Set!* is a weekly prayer newsletter specifically for the PLOW team. It contains two major sections—prayer for our pastoral lead team (Johnny, Joel, Todd, Jon) and prayer requests that come in to the church via services, phone calls, email, or the website. We hope to connect with those who ask for prayer, follow up with them, and help them find their place in the body of Christ. If you feel God has called you to pray for the AVC for at least an hour a week, please join the PLOW team.

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