



# 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)

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## Connect

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

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

Every Thursday, 9:00pm – Frank &  
Sandra’s weekly prayer (Duluth)

Fri, Feb 20th, 7:30pm – Unveiled  
(Great Room)

Wed, Mar 3rd, 7:00pm – Phil &  
Lu’s missions prayer (Lithia  
Springs)

Fri, Mar 5th, 7:30pm – Unveiled  
(Great Room)

Wed, Mar 10th, 7:00pm– Patrick &  
Angel’s prayer evangelism (Wedge  
Room)

Sun, Mar 14th, 7:00pm – Mary  
Hower’s prayer for Central Asia  
with Adam & Mary Hoyt (Norcross)

Fri, Mar 12th, 8:00-11:00pm –  
Night of Prayer (Auditorium)

## Be on your toes!

“Be on your toes—both for yourselves and your congregation of sheep. The Holy Spirit has put you in charge of these people—God’s people they are—to guard and protect them. God himself thought they were worth dying for.” Acts 20:28 (The Message)

## Website

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

## Give Him Praise!

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

- Anne Crist (Women)—a leadership team came together last Sunday for the women’s retreat!
- Joel Balin (Worship Arts)—The response to our worship arts leadership community orientation was overwhelming. Every single person we had hoped would commit has done so. We are grateful for the remarkable results of your prayers.
- Jane Joiner (Arbor Bookstore)—Praise God that two new volunteers have come on board
- Janelle Nobles (Graphics)—We found another power point operator; made progress with signage
- Karen Peterson (Just Say Hey!)—Praise God that VSN is partnering with Just Say Hey in reaching international students at Georgia Perimeter College

## Missions: do I have to??? *by Luane Thomson (AVC Missions Director, [luane.thomson@atlantavineyard.com](mailto:luane.thomson@atlantavineyard.com))*

“Missions”—this can bring shivers to the spine! For some it is shivers of delight & adventure, connecting with people from another culture, experiencing new food & sights. For others, it’s sheer terror—thatch roof huts, no running water & unknown substances served up as dinner. My passion is to take the fear out of missions so that the local church can be mobilized to do what God has asked (actually commanded) that we do—seek & save the lost—the thing Jesus was sent to do & has commissioned us to do.

When the local church is properly mobilized outreach will take place locally and around the world simultaneously, each enhancing the other and fulfilling Jesus’ words in Acts 1:8 “...and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

A statement I heard years ago has stayed with me and profoundly affected how I do life. “The world is God’s prodigal son and He is heartbroken over it.” Let that sink in for a moment. For those of us who were prodigals or have had prodigals, we can definitely relate. The heartbreak caused to the parent of a prodigal is enormous. The tears pour out & the prayers go up as they cry out for the return of their child. This is God’s heart for the world and He has entrusted us with the task of telling the world of His love.

In a great book titled, “*If You want to Walk on Water, You Gotta get out of the Boat!*”, the author challenges us to trust God enough to step out of our comfort zones and trust Him to empower us to do what He calls us to. Each time I step out and go, here at home or around the world, God proves Himself faithful. The joy of being God’s hands and mouth to bring home prodigals is the thing that keeps me stepping out of the boat time and time again. Just last week, a group of us were privileged to sing Happy Birthday to a 20-year-old International Student. She had joined us, (a group of strangers) for bowling, so that she had something to do on her birthday. She has been in the Atlanta area for two years, but didn’t have anyone to spend her birthday with. I will never forget her smile-filled face as we surprised her with a cake and an off-key birthday song. She was brave enough to join us for bowling and we were brave enough to go to an event for International Students. She was touched by the love of her Father and I believe she will one day embrace Him.

The AVC Missions Department seeks to mobilize and educate everyone at the AVC in order to bring home God’s prodigals. We welcome and need your involvement. Contact me to start bringing home the prodigals (email address above)! Areas of service needed: prayer, communications with missionaries, hospitality, graphics, writing, event planning, local and foreign outreaches. Come on and join the party!

## **Assimilation**

- We're gathering prayer requests!

## **Bookstore**

- Bookstore—business to increase so we can make a profit & bless the church, not drain; 2 new Sunday managers who will take responsibility for opening & closing store

## **Café Vineyard**

- for new volunteers that really have a heart & vision for the café ministry
- for Jerry's back to be healed
- for Jerry to have wisdom & management skills

## **Counseling**

- Wisdom for leaders in deciding which programs to add / drop; direction for building on Elijah House
- Mar 6th—Pat teaching about inner healing process; for people to grasp it & apply it

## **Crossover**

- to reach more girls for God creatively & powerfully
- for God to sweep thru our youth with unity, purpose, and purity.
- Sunday a.m.—need 6 passionate adult leaders & 1 worship leader

## **Elijah House**

- Strength for students who are behind in homework & videos to catch up
- Strength & rest for Jane

## **ESL**

- students & teachers to be dear to 1 another
- students from a diverse group of countries and unreached countries

## **Facilities**

- That we as a church and those visiting this building, would have a renewed and overwhelming realization that this building is God's House and everything in it is God's and we just have temporary use of it.

## **Finances**

- We're gathering prayer requests!

## **Graphics**

- Stationery & communicator budget
- More communicator help with a passion for excellence
- Better process in getting sermons and what's expected

## **Just Say Hey!**

- Events—that students would come & connect
- Team—more workers (esp. families); students to get saved & join JSH leadership
- 2 targets—GA Perimeter Dunwoody campus; Georgia Tech; favor

## **Kid Co.**

- Pray for 8 new people for the elementary area to serve as small group shepherds
- to finish out area beside children's church room so Clarence's office is available for small group time

## **LCS**

- to hear God's heart for future of LCS
- Teachers—John Moreland, Susan Simon
- Pray for participation from AVC-ers; desire to grow & mature in the Christian life & in intimacy with God

## **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 sixty-six workers)

## **Local Outreach**

- Wisdom for expanding prayer / evangelism aspects of Co-op ministry
- Commitment; protection from distraction for volunteers & leaders
- Apt ministry leaders

## **Men**

- Wild at Heart Bible study

## **Ministry Team**

- Ministry teams covered in prayer
- Set training dates for basic and advanced
- 30 people trained for Sunday a.m. ministry
- Deliverance ministry—plan & develop

## **Missions**

- Mission Bridge Brazil team (in Brazil till Mar 2nd)
- Global Impact Team—protection, wisdom, discernment, anointing
- Luane Thomson—lift her in prayer; needs volunteer admin help

## **MOPS**

- We're gathering prayer requests!

## **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

## **Small Groups**

- for more leaders to step up to the plate
- for deeper community to develop in our existing small groups

## **Ushering**

- I am looking for a dependable, committed person to train as a co-leader for the Ushering
- Also, pray for more people to participate in the ministry of Ushering every Sunday

## **VSN**

- Jon M. speaking at young adults conference in IL this week
- hunger & expectation
- VSN worship team changes; needs unity
- VSN leadership being restructured

## **Women**

- Women's retreat (Apr 23-24)—need to hear the Lord on who is to speak; focus of the retreat
- Beth Moore "Believing God" Bible studies

## **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