



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)

February 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)

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

Every **Wednesday**, 6:30–6:50pm—
Bless the Building (Café)

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

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!

- Luane Thomson (Missions)—God is simply amazing! We are thrilled that we were not forced to cut any of our individual missionaries due to the recent financial situation. God made a way where there seemed to be no way! I praise God for the strong Mission Bridge leadership team He has brought together. Locally, one of our refugee dads, Rustam, got a job with a Christian contractor. We think God has something good in mind!
- Darlene Penner (MOPS)—God is using our speakers to draw a number of guests to MOPS! Please pray they will feel connected when they arrive.
- Adam Hoar (Re:vision)—People are stepping up more as volunteers; we’ve had 4 more committed people join us in the last month.

Women’s Ministry

*by Lu Allison (Women’s Ministry Director,
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Close your eyes and imagine for just a moment with me. Picture yourself entering the woods on a footpath that ends in a lush verdant clearing. On the other side you see several other footpaths coming from other directions. In the very center of the clearing stands an old cast cement fountain. It’s about seven feet tall and has three spouts rushing forth with cascades of water that splash below into a basin. The basin is lined with mosaic tiles set into pictures of gathered women. The fountain is quite old but you know it is very strong with its wide base. The edge is sculpted and decorated by a carved vine design that has lasted the years.

From behind, you hear a noise and turn to see another woman coming along the same footpath you took. She enters the clearing carrying an old wooden bucket and approaches the fountain. At the same time, another woman steps into the area from the opposite path and approaches the fountain with a pottery pitcher. Each fills her container to the full, then, nodding a smile to you, heads back down her path. Suddenly you become aware of many women, of all ages, coming along the paths, each one bearing her own container. Each container is very different. Some are large. Some are small. Some are very delicate; one has a tea cup and another a wine glass. Each container seems to reflect the individual. Each woman leaves with her container full.

You stand there, just taking it all in. Then, you realize that you have no container. You have no way to take this water back with you when you return to the world outside the clearing. All at once, it seems like you know the solution. You turn and approach the fountain, feeling the mist touch your face and that, it itself invigorates you. Then suddenly, with unabashed abandon you thrust your mouth under the spout and drink your fill. You are quenched! Your need is met! You are satisfied! And, you know you will come back for more, and especially, with your own container.

This vision describes the heart of the Women’s Ministry here at AVC. It is our hearts’ cry that each woman would come to our fountain and leave with her soul satisfied. Our commitment is to honor each woman’s individuality, and the different stages and needs represented by the many women in our church.

Our vision statement is “The Atlanta Vineyard Women’s Ministry exists to provide a menu of activities that nurture the varied spiritual appetites represented in our body and to encourage women to reach out and strengthen the faith of our sisters all over Atlanta”. This year we will endeavor to offer opportunities each month for them to ‘come to the well’! Team members are: Lu Allison, Anne Crist, Melanie Patton, Kathy Carnahan, Patti Benjamin, Elsa Liebenberg, Kristen Sykes, Jill Collinge, Darlene Penner, and Marie Middleton.

Administration

- pray for communication
- pray for webmaster
- pray for possibility of Scott going to Tajikistan in May

Bookstore

- pray for volunteers

Café Vineyard

- pray for volunteers

Church Planting

- pray for our emerging administrative team to be appointed by God

Connecting

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CrossOver (6th–8th grade)

- Our youth need freedom from shame, fear, and rejection.
- Our need of 2-4 more youth workers to lead CrossOver

Dave Ramsey

- For God to do wonderful things in people's finances
- For those who committed to the Tithing Challenge, that they would see God be faithful

Facilities

- that volunteers will come forward
- that group leaders will designate someone to make sure all lights are out after meetings and the doors locked. This will help so much.

Foreign Missions

- We desire God to bring the teams together for both of the outreaches - Russia & Central Asia. Pray for us to be a unified team hearing God each step of the way as we plan, prepare the teams and GO.

Graphics

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GriefShare

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Kid Co. (1st–5th grade)

- Continue to pray for God's anointing on our children's ministry.
- Pray for Joan and I [Clarence] as we need supernatural strength at this time

Kingdom Prayer

- That the Lord would provide a videographer to do video editing for our introductory ministry team training
- For God's direction as we plan for our spring prayer classes

Little Kid Co. (infant, pre-K, K)

- That He will provide the workers if we really mean that children are important

Local Missions

- for Rustam and all of our refugee family members to know the one true God and salvation through Jesus Christ.
- 2nd Katrina relief team 2/16–20; unity, protection & anointing

Local Outreach

- Pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to bless and send the local outreach people to minister to

Men

- pray for the March Men's group speaker

MOPS

- For the Lord to raise up new leaders for our next MOPS year
- For Him to work out financial details of remaining year
- For more moms to be drawn to MOPS

Nexus (9th–12th grade)

- deeper trust level among youth; vulnerability about weaknesses & pain
- parents of youth struggling with understanding their kids not to feel guilt but hear God

Re:vision

- Pray for our leadership team, since I (Adam) can't spend as much time with them, but need them more than ever

Small Groups

- pray for 30 leaders to engage in the class beginning Feb. 20 and the spirit of "community" to be on our church

Sunday a.m. service

- Pray for counting teams

Wednesday p.m. service

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Women

- That we'd have the shepherding heart of our Father.
- That monthly events would draw many to His fountain.
- That our financial needs would be met

Worship Arts

- for smooth transition of worship teams working with Sheri
- team unity, open communication, strong relationships
- God's powerful, transforming presence to saturate AVC worship