



# On Your Mark!

Connecting in prayer at the AVC

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

January 2005

## Connect

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

3rd Sunday of each month, 9:15–  
10:15am—Pray for Central Asia  
(upstairs classroom)

Every Monday, 1:00pm – Prayer  
for the Atlanta Vineyard (Wedge  
Room)

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

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

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

1st & 3rd Friday of each month,  
7:30pm – Unveiled (Auditorium)

\*\*\* NOTE: On Jan 21st, instead of  
Unveiled, we will be joining with  
other Unite churches to pray &  
worship at Lilburn Alliance Church  
at 7:30pm \*\*\*

## Rest secure

“Let the beloved of the LORD rest  
secure in him, for he shields him all  
day long, and the one the LORD  
loves rests between his  
shoulders.” (Deuteronomy 33:12)

## Website

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

## You Raise Me Up

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“You raise me up,  
so I can stand on mountains;  
You raise me up,  
to walk on stormy seas;  
I am strong,  
when I am on your shoulders;  
You raise me up:  
To more than I can be”

Every time I hear that song, I cry. Isn’t it incredible that the One who made us, who knows our weaknesses, who has every reason in the world not to trust us, chooses to entrust us, to raise us up to more than we can possibly hope or imagine or be? How can we live out this raising up? I want to share five things the Lord showed us prophetically recently.

- **Perspective:** Paul writes in Ephesians 2 that “*God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus.*” He raised us up from being dead in our sins, and not only that, he raised us to sit with Christ in heavenly realms! It’s good to have His perspective when “life” overwhelms us, and remember that He has raised us up not just to “get by,” but to be fully alive in Him.
- **Posture:** When my young children do something they know they weren’t supposed to do, I usually have to remind them to look at my eyes. Our awareness that we are not worthy of God’s favor often keeps us from looking Him square in the eye. But He wants us to raise our eyes from the floor, our navels, or even the hills, and turn our eyes to Him, and know that our help, forgiveness, acceptance . . . comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. (Psalm 121:1 - 2)
- **Position:** God raises each of us up to be a unique and indispensable part of the body of Christ. I believe He puts each of us right where He wants us to be. “*Who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?*” (Esther 4:14) He is faithful to show us what to do at just the right time—our job is to wait on Him and listen. Jesus instructed us, “*Do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. . . seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.*” (Luke 12:22, 31) It’s tempting to seek a position; after all, that’s how the world trains us to act. But He just wants us to seek Him, and positions will be given to us as well all in His good time. As Jesus pointed out to Martha, “*only one thing is needed.*” Let’s dare to leave our Martha baggage behind and be a people who choose what is better, lingering more at the feet of our beloved Master.
- **Place:** Once we have God’s perspective, are postured to look Him in the eye, and are in the position He has for us, we simply need to place one foot after the other with faithfulness and diligence. There are no “stepping stones” in the Kingdom of God. What we do is not the main thing; it’s how we do it that counts. “*Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not men . . . it is the Lord Christ you are serving.*” (Colossians 3:23 - 24)
- **Privilege:** The Message points out that “*It’s a wonder God didn’t lose his temper and do away with the whole lot of us. Instead, immense in mercy and with an incredible love, he embraced us.*” (Ephesians 2:3 - 4) There’s no way any of us deserve His mercy, love, or embrace. What a privilege it is to be loved by Him, known by Him, and used by Him for His purposes!

May we each daily embrace the One who raises us up, remembering His perspective, looking at His face, serving Him with all our hearts, waiting and listening, with gratitude for His love and mercy, and let Him have His way in and through us to be all He created us to be!

## 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!

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## 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. All men are welcome!

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## Prayer for the Atlanta Vineyard

Every Monday, 1:00–2:00pm, Wedge Room

The focus of this prayer gathering is to pray for AVC leaders, ministries, and outreaches. Everyone is welcome!

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**“For God does speak—  
now one way, now another—  
though man may not perceive it.”  
(Job 33:14)**

***When God speaks to you in a word, dream, vision, etc., and you feel it is for the church, please let us know—go to the prayer section of the website and click on “prophetic word”!***

## A Little Inspiration . . .

**“If your prayers are not being answered,  
search your heart,  
and see if there is someone  
you have yet to forgive.”**

**Lehman Strauss**  
*Sense and Nonsense about Prayer*

