



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)

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

Sunday nights (once a month),
7:00pm – Mary Hower’s prayer for
Central Asia with Adam & Mary
Hoyt (Norcross); call for next
date–770-265-1597

Fri, August 6th, 7:30pm – Unveiled
(Auditorium)

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

We are His body

“Now you are the body of Christ,
and each one of you is a part of it.”
Romans 12:27

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:

- Darlene Penner (MOPS)—two women called recently to answer our advertisement for childcare workers -- the Lord is providing!

We need your praise reports! You can enter them at the AVC website, or email karen.sculley@atlantavineyard.com. Let’s encourage one another by sharing what God is doing in, among, and through us!

Feeding & Leading

*by Pat Brannon (Counseling & Education
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The Atlanta Vineyard Counseling Ministry exists as a pastoral arm of the church. Our body of believers needs pastoral care, or simply said, feeding and leading. There are many who are weak in the faith or new in the faith. Some are in bondage and have no direction. We provide feeding: truth from the Word of God and leading: helping people appropriate the truth in their lives. We believe our mission is to help the body grow up and be transformed into the image of Christ and to love the Lord and others with all their heart. The Good News of the Word along with the application of it in each life will produce Disciples of Jesus Christ.

The need for pastoral care is too great for the small staff of the Atlanta Vineyard. We need focused attention and time given to caring for the flock and we need training for those who are called to pastor and counsel others. Those who are deeply wounded and in bondage often need many hours of feeding and leading that the pastoral staff simply cannot supply.

Isaiah 61 says “*The Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor... to comfort the brokenhearted and to announce that captives will be released and prisoners will be freed... that the time of the Lord’s favor has come.*” These brokenhearted and captive ones will then be “*planted like strong and graceful oaks for his own glory and they will rebuild the ancient ruins, repairing cities long ago destroyed.*”

We have seen this scripture fulfilled as person after person has been growing up in the faith and becoming an “*oak of righteousness*”. We know that when we become like Christ we will reach the hungry, lost world around us and realize our destiny in Christ and for his glory. When the world sees the church actually becoming like Christ, they will be drawn to it and we will see the kingdom come.

Our plans for the future include Elijah House training two times each year, Theophostic prayer training, adding members to our lay counseling staff, and introducing therapy groups for hurting marriages, co-dependent relationships and sexual abuse. We want to offer more opportunities for education regarding prayer ministry and inner healing models. We are now leasing space to several prayer counselors and may be adding a Psychologist to that group.

The Lord has blessed us with wonderful men and women who give generously of their time, finances and energy to see others grow and become like Christ. Please continue to pray for the ministry and for each one who counsels, teaches or leads.

Administration

- We need provision of a person to replace Billy
- Continued prayer on the roof
- need more volunteers
- There is much to be aligned & put in order; need God's wisdom

Alpha

- Alpha Course in session—pray for participants
- Pray for God to bless the course & leaders
- Pray for wisdom as we minister to those who are seeking to find Him

Bookstore

- Pray for more business

Counseling

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

Crossover

- Need young worship band for beach retreat
- Open & soft hearts for the guys; no rebellion
- Pray for the leaders

Elijah House

- students for the summer school
- finances for all who want to take it
- courage for those who want to take it

ESL

- That God would lead us and build ESL
- Pray that God would build the verse 1 Thess 2:8 in ESL
- Pray for direction in what God wants us to do in the future

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

- 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

“Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.”

Romans 12:4–5

Just Say Hey!

- core team recruiting (esp. guys); unity
- God's direction for Georgia Perimeter campus; long-term event planning
- continued favor with Veronique (GA Perimeter intl student advisor)

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

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