



On Your Mark!

Connecting in prayer at the AVC

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

July 2005

Connect

Every *Sunday*, 9:30–10:15am—Pre-service prayer (Prayer Room)

2nd *Sundays*, 8:30–10:00am—Prophetic Roundtable (youth room)

3rd *Sundays*, 9:30–10:15am—Prayer for Central Asia (upstairs classroom)

Every *Monday*, 1:00–2:00pm—Prayer for the Atlanta Vineyard (Prayer Room)

Every *Tuesday*, 7:00–8:00am—Father's Heart men's prayer (Café)

1st *Tuesdays*, 6:00–8:00pm—Prayer Ministry Team at Norcross Co-op, 2275 Mitchell Rd, Norcross

Every *Wednesday*, 9:00pm—Pray with Frank & Sandra, 678-957-1519 (Duluth)

Every *Friday*, 6:00–7:00pm—Friday fast (Prayer Room)

1st & 3rd *Fridays*, 7:30–9:00pm—Unveiled (Auditorium)

2nd & 4th *Fridays*, 8:00-10:00pm—Pray for citywide revival at IHOP-Atlanta, Indian Trail Rd, Lilburn

He will be exalted

"Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." (Psalm 46:10)

Website

Visit us on the web at www.atlantavineyard.com/prayer

Hurry up and be still

By Patti Benjamin (AVC writer & prayer warrior, caffemocha61@hotmail.com)

Are you in a hurry? Do you feel like your life is non-stop? Do you spend too much time in the minivan going to and from one activity to the next? Is it go, go, go all the time? Do you ever just want to stop?

Well, let me tell you something – Slow Down! Yield! Stop!

When we come to a stoplight and it is red we stop. When we come to a stoplight and it is green we keep on going. Most of us when we come to a stoplight and it is yellow we hang on and go right through! Most of us tend not to heed the caution signal to slow down and stop. We push on through because we have places to go and people to see and things to do.

Does your life consist of the things that you do? Are you a sports mom? Are you a working parent? Are you a mother of preschoolers? Are you a single parent? Are you single? Are you a grandparent taking care of grandchildren? Are you a caregiver for an aging parent? What is it that you do? It could be any of the above things or none of the above things or something I haven't even mentioned. My point is that it isn't what you do that is important.

Who you are is what is important! You are a child of God. God loves you even if you don't do anything. I'm not saying that doing any of these things is bad I'm just saying that all too often we get caught up in the things we are doing and lose sight of just being. Being loved. Being quiet. Being still. Being joyful. Being peaceful. Being one's self. Being alone without being lonely. Being Abba's child.

"Be still and know that I am God."

It's not easy to be still. Most of us when we get still go to sleep! When we slow down and actually stop we are so tucked out that we zonk out or zone out. We zonk out because we have been running on empty and don't have anything else to give. We zone out because we want to escape into a fictional world where we don't have to interact.

Being still in the presence of God is intimidating for most people. The whole implication of the verse is one of letting go of the reins. Who is in control? Who is leading?

It may surprise us but God actually wants to interact with His creation. He wants for us to slow down and stop long enough to listen to His voice and His leading. He wants our full attention. He is, after all, a jealous God. He wants our best and the first. All too often we are zonked out or zoned out by the time we get to our time with God. We give Him a nod as we nod off or a wave as we drive off.

Now I'm not writing all of this stuff to produce guilt. Don't hear that! Hear this, God is waiting for you in His usual place. He is there and will never leave you nor forsake you. He longs to spend time with you. He's not grading your paper or critiquing your performance. He's just waiting to pull you up onto His lap and hold you because He created you and He wants to love on you. He loves you just for being you. You are His special creation and you don't have to do anything! Just be! Be loved!

"On Bended Knee" – 1st Annual AVC Large Prayer Retreat

Come seek God together . . . There are still a couple of places left at our 1st annual large prayer retreat, July 29th-31st, 2005. The cost is \$100 for 2 nights' accommodation, 3 meals, awesome times of worship, teaching, and prayer (both individual and corporate), all at a beautiful location less than an hour from the church. Email Leigh Craven (leighbear22@hotmail.com) to sign up!

Friday fast

Every Friday, 6:00–7:00pm, Prayer Room

This is a time of fasting and repentance, focusing on prayers of salvation and deliverance. Our theme Scripture is from Revelation 3:1 - 3: "I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your deeds complete in the sight of my God. Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; obey it, and repent."

This prayer time is strategically placed before [Unveiled](#) on 1st & 3rd Fridays; and on 2nd & 4th Fridays, we are encouraging Atlanta Vineyard people to join together at [IHOP-Atlanta](#) to pray for citywide revival.

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

The POWER Orb needs you!

We're looking for volunteers to help in the following areas:

- Administrator (1 hr / week) — one of our ministries needs someone to organize & maintain supply kits on a regular basis
- Editor (1 hr / week) — assist in putting together one of our regular prayer newsletters; training provided!

Let me know if you're interested!

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

Norcross Co-op

1st Tuesday of each month, 6:00 - 8:00pm

Come to the Norcross Co-op on the first Tuesday of each month, and you'll have the opportunity to both pray for others and put your faith into action!

The Norcross Co-op is an organization of 20+ participating churches serving families and individuals in Norcross and the surrounding area, providing assistance with food, personal items, clothing, infant supplies, and financial assistance towards rent, utilities, prescription drugs, and gasoline vouchers.

From the church, turn right out of the church parking lot onto Jimmy Carter Blvd. Turn left onto Buford Hwy. Turn right at the third light onto Mitchell Rd. The Norcross Cooperative Ministry is less than a mile down on the right.

Contact: Mary Hoyt, 770-265-1597, marychoyt@yahoo.com

*If you "eagerly desire to prophesy," come join us at the Prophetic Community Roundtable on the 2nd Sunday of each month from 8:30 to 10:00am in the youth room!
[July 10th, August 14th, . . .]*

Please go to the prayer section of the AVC website (www.atlantavineyard.com) to submit prophetic words, dreams, visions, pictures, or Scriptures that you believe are for the Atlanta Vineyard.

A Little Inspiration . . .

"Worry about nothing;
pray about everything."

Charles Swindoll
Laugh Again

