



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)

March 2005

Connect

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

Every Tuesday, 7:00am – Father’s
Heart Men’s Prayer (Café)

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

1st Monday of each month, 12:00–
2:00pm – Pray at Norcross Co-op

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

**Unveiled 1st and 3rd
Fridays of the month
in the Auditorium,
7:30 PM**

April 1st & April 15th.

Our God can!

We countered with prayer to our
God and set a round-the-clock guard
against them.

Nehemiah 4:9 The Message

Give Him Praise!

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

- Plans are coming together and the excitement is building for Mission Bridge 2005! Many “first timers” are showing an interest in Siberia –*hooray!!*
- Praise God for His faithfulness in growing and providing for this ministry- He has grown *MOPS* to 32 women so far this year!
- Praise the Lord for the students in our *ALPHA Class* who have accepted the gift of salvation .
- Praise—Missions- Our Central Asia church plant team are all on the ground. It’s amazing—a team of Americans, nationals and Russians!

A Word from our Pastor

**Johnny Crist,
Senior Pastor**

To the Atlanta Vineyard,

In the 20 plus years that I have been a pastor at the Vineyard we've planted 14 daughter churches! That statistic amazes me!

As a result, lots of passionate people come seeking my advice on how they can plant a church. I think they want to know the “tricks”, the “secrets” or the “formula for success”!

Here's what I tell any potential church planter who will listen: “First, find 50 people who will pray/intercede for you on a regular basis and keep them informed on everything.”

I have learned over the years that we really can't plant churches, grow a church, or “do something great for God”. All we can do is listen, follow and participate with what He's already doing.

Right now at the Atlanta Vineyard, God is speaking the words “alignment”, “vision” and “leadership” to us. As a result we've been gathering together to clarify and re-cast our vision and clearly communicating among all our leaders. The task has been beneficial to all of us.

I encourage each of you who prays for our church to pray that we will present the vision God has given us in a clear and compelling way that results in “alignment” AND to allow us to plant more churches!

Website

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

Alpha

- Pray for a recent convert, who received Christ as her Savior during the last Alpha. The enemy has sought to discourage her but she has persevered. Pray for continued growth and discipleship.

Arbor Bookstore

- Pray for more business
- Pray that God will send volunteers to work in our Bookstore

Community

- Success, protection, and joy for each of the leaders and their teams that Todd over-see: Clarence M., Michael B., Randy J., Lu A, Scott B. and Ken D.

Crossover

- Pray for our Outreach Ministries through the Youth to be effective, as well as, for all of the planning going on for the summer events.

Elijah House

- Continue to pray our Elijah House Basic II School that began on January 26th, and will finish up June 11, 2005.

ESL

- Classes at Foxfire Apartments were successful Praise the Lord!

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

Kid Co.

- Pray for the Kids Team as we begin to take on some new programming for our new year in both the preschool and kids church area.
- Pray for our new morning thrust for Kid's Music Club.

Little Kid Co.

- We began new curriculum in January. Our workers came together in unity. Pray that additional people will step up help..
- Pray for funds to start on our Playground.

Missions

- Pray for wisdom and discernment as Luann and her teams discern how and what the Father desires we do in outreach as a local body..
- Visiting Missionaries, Ralph, Vicki and Austin arrived on March 15th for three months in the states. Pray for a good time of rest and renewal as they travel around the states. Due to the devaluation of the dollar in Russia, their current support levels are not sufficient. Pray for God to raise up more partners for the ministry.
- Returning Missionaries, Scott, Dawn and Kara Pedersen, who have been planting a Vineyard in Greenwich, England for the past five years, have finished their assignment and are returning. They need our prayers as they make the transition back to the states.

Local Outreach

- Pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance for Keturah Ogletree as she leads a Bible Study at the All Around Suites.
- Please pray that God will raise up someone with passion to do some Children's Groups there.
- Pray as we begin a ministry at the Amberly Suites with the Children/Teens attending the Decker School of Construction Crafts. These kids come from troubled backgrounds and most have nowhere to go if this doesn't work.

Member Care

- One of newest ministries raised up to care for our missionaries when they pass through the Atlanta Area. Pray for wisdom and strength for Beverly Richardson as she ministers. Pray for Deborah Inabinet, a lay counselor, who is also giving of her time to speak into the lives of our missionaries.
- In April, AVC is hosting a member care retreat for Vineyard USA. Our teams will be working together to develop a pathway for those called into missions, as well as help assist churches with care for their missionaries. We need to hear from God and get His plan.

Nexus

- For our youth ministries, pray for:
 - Better friendship development among the youth,
 - Excellent vision catching for families of the Youth ministries

VLI

- Pray for Chrissey Bahnsen as she continues to seek the Lord for clarity of her personal vision and calling.

Women's Ministry

- Continued prayer for Embracing Grace study participants and group leaders.
- For our "Saturday in the Son" events.
- Pray for our Lead Team development, that we would find time for a team retreat and that we would "be one".
- Pray for our intercession team development.
- Pray for our newsletter production to come together.