



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)

May 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, May 21st, 7:30pm – Unveiled
(Auditorium)

Fri, June 4th, 7:30pm – Unveiled
(Auditorium)

Wed, June 9th, 7:00pm– Patrick &
Angel’s prayer evangelism (Wedge
Room)

Fri, June 18th, 7:30pm – Unveiled
(Auditorium)

All of us

“Love the Lord your God with all
your heart and with all your soul
and with all your mind and with all
your strength.” (Mark 12:30)

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:

- Michelle Jolly (Administrative)—the finance & administration coordinator position has been filled—Sherry Charters started this week!
- Rachel Brown (Just Say Hey)—Really good turnout 4/17 at our cookout & game night. They had a blast and we connected with them. Students are starting to return and bring friends with them!
- Mary Hoyt (Local Outreach)—God gave us consensus as a team on which apt. complex to adopt (Foxfire) 5 minutes from the church; God has brought people to us who are interested in doing apartment ministry; Team unity! We’re seeing more people getting plugged in at the Norcross Co-op

The Spirit, Soul and Body of Worship

by Joel Balin (Pastor / Worship,
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A recent visit with my dad was spent largely in the Occupational Therapy wing of Toledo Hospital in Ohio. As the extensive staff of doctors, nurses, physical therapists and social workers administered care and provided training for my dad, I realized that their work involved not just healing his body but caring for him in his entirety . . . body, mind and spirit. They constantly checked to see how he felt, what he needed and if he was in good spirits, realizing that the outlook of our soul strongly determines the outcome of the body’s ability to fully function in a healthy way.

In worship arts at the Vineyard, we are preparing (in body, soul and spirit) our worship leaders, team members, actors, sound and light techs, graphic and video folks and those who help direct and produce our services and events. We are putting this into action in five significant activities in our worship arts:

- Our **Leadership Community** meets twice a month for relationship building and training in leadership (body), interpersonal dynamics (soul), and character building (spiritual).
- At our **Worship Rehearsals**, we spend time in prayer (spiritual), rehearsing songs (body) and studying the biblical characteristics of mature team members (soul).
- The theme for our **Regional Worship Gathering** July 13-14 in Chattanooga is “The Spirit, Soul and Body of Worship”. Our prayer is that worship leaders from throughout the region gather to see God provide:
 - For Our Spirit - Re-center, Refresh and Refocus us on God
 - For Our Soul - Reconnect us to our calling and connect us to each other
 - For Our Body - Resource & Train us for more significant ministry
- At **Unveiled**, we vertically connect to God (spirit) as we horizontally reflect His glory to each other (soul). As we freely express our worship (body), we long to receive the touch of God’s presence and see him move mightily among us.
- We are partnering with Barry Piacente, who runs our **Recording Studio** to see the songs God is giving us captured and made available to a wider audience. Our prayer is that we would produce recordings that would inspire the church to worship God. Like all of our endeavors, this will take the hand of God to bring us and make us spirit-filled and God-directed technicians, musicians, leaders, artists and “musicianaries” who will impact our world for Christ. *[Please pray for the worship arts ministry!]*

Administration

- Please pray for the training process for Sherry (new staff member)
- Please pray for organizing & structuring; much to be done in the areas of finance & administration

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

- For open & receptive hearts; remove rebellion & confusion
- for our leaders; few; often tired, frustrated

Elijah House

- students for the summer school (starts July 7th)
- 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 after this session ends

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

Just Say Hey!

- For more connections with students at Georgia Perimeter College
- That more Americans, esp. families, would join us at events
- Continued good relationships with int'l student advisors

Kid Co.

- VBA—need 2 people for sound & power-point; 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 sixty-six workers)

Local Outreach

- a few more team members to fill key roles
- the apartment ministry vision to become a church-wide vision that everyone can be connected to in some way (small or large)

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

Missions

- Mission Bridge Central Asia: that a 2nd flight into Central Asia will open up on Thursdays; that our Central Asia air tickets will be no more than \$350

MOPS

- Vision for new leadership
- That God would provide more childcare workers
- That MOPS would continue to grow & reach & minister to more moms

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

Special report from a ministry team leader

Mike Shepherd—Last Sunday was one of those special Sundays! I want to encourage you to participate in the pre-service intercessory time whenever you can. That is where the move of God begins on Sunday mornings. I showed up a few minutes late for intercession this past Sunday. They were already praying so I eased in and immediately the Lord reminded me of a vision that a young child maybe 5 yrs old told her Dad. "Papa, I saw Jesus running on the fence! He was running on the fence" was what she "saw". It struck me as very profound at that time (several years ago) and now this Sunday during intercession it flooded back. I sat there wondering "Why now?" when one of the others began to pray about those who were "on the fence." All I could do was agree with the prayer. After intercession, I headed out to go to the service and ran into the Mother and little one who had received the vision. I knew that God was up to something at this point (I'm a little slow). I opened my Spirit eyes at that point and began to see that the Spirit was going to "Do Some Stuff". I was excited for what was about to happen. God certainly showed up and touched many lives. We were humbled and blessed to be able to participate with Him. I believe that God is taking us back to the basics of ministry. The message Johnny gave was straight from the Lord. I pray that He will allow us to continue speaking the message as long as we allow Him to demonstrate the Message.