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Praying beyond our walls

“When Your people go out to battle against their enemy, wherever You send them, and when they pray to the LORD . . . then hear in heaven their prayer . . . and maintain their cause” (1 Kings 8:44–45)

November 2004

Connect

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

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

1st Monday of each month, 10:00am–12:00pm – Pray at Norcross Co-op

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

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 Fridays of each month, 7:30pm – Unveiled (Auditorium), childcare provided

The Kingdom is near

“As you go, preach this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven is near.’” (Matthew 10:7)

Website

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

Give Him Praise!

- Holli Oakley –JavaJaw & University Ministries, Perm Russia- I have a ticket! I will be arriving on December 2 into Atlanta on Delta flight number 175. I have a job! I have a car
- The Chandler Family- Edinburgh, Scotland- Kent has returned from South Africa with amazing stories of God’s grace, love, mercy, kindness, and power as evidenced in seeing the “Kingdom Come” through physical healings and salvation decisions. God has moved on the hearts of friends in an extravagant way this month to support the work He is doing through us.

Please pray for our missionaries

- Holli Oakley –JavaJaw & University Ministries, Perm Russia-: I am coming home for an extended, undetermined amount of time. After much prayer and many tears (and more yet to come!) I have made the decision to come home for a while, look for a job, and pay down my educational loans before heading back out onto the mission field. While this may sound like a no-brainer, it has not been an easy decision for me. It has been a process. God is working on my attitude through this. God is showing me that I have to let go of Perm altogether and make no plans to come back. Only if I am willing to follow Him anywhere (including America), without any agenda of my own, will I be able to see what He has for me. Also please pray that details will work out on the American side, too (like a place to live, etc.) (Can I ask you to pray for Natasha, my roommate, too? She is currently looking for another roommate because she can’t afford to live alone and last night our landlady told us she’s raising the rent here.)
- The Chandler Family- Edinburgh, Scotland–Prep for a move to Spain/Morocco in early December or after the New Year. God’s provision in all this: more finances, relocation expenses, and logistics for moving stuff, and SANITY and PEACE. Hospitality in our home - For God to use our family to minister to all those who enter (and stay for a while). More Prayer ministry opportunities with the Almond Vineyard. Servant evangelism projects scheduled this weekend in Edinburgh with the Almond Vineyard. Protection from attacks of the enemy both here in Edinburgh, and for our plans of moving to Spain/ Morocco. Hearts of the people we come into contact with to be prepared to receive the love of Jesus and His saving grace.

Missions-focused prayer groups

Pray for Central Asia: Come pray with for our adopted un-reached people group in Central Asia on the 3rd Sunday of each month, 9:15–10:15am, in the upstairs classroom on the left. Contact Mary Hoyt for more info: marychoyt@yahoo.com, 770-265-1597

Pray with Frank & Sandra: Come pray with Frank & Sandra Teixeira in Duluth every Wednesday night (9:00pm)! We pray for many things, including Brazil and general prayer requests for the AVC, starting at 9:00pm in our home. 2006 Howell Walk, Duluth 30096. 678-957-1519, 678-887-8759 (cell), gret-tex2000@bellsouth.net

Kara's Korner

Hello! It's Autumn time and the leaves are falling from the trees and the weather is getting colder. I do love leaves! I like to collect them when I'm out walking with Mummy. Mummy and I glued them to paper and have them hanging on the wall in the kitchen. There are so many interesting colours of leaves and I like the crunchy sound they make when I walk on them and shuffle them under my feet. One person told me that I should look out for hedgehogs in the piles of leaves 'cause they like to hide there. Haven't seen one yet but I keep looking! I'm very proud to say that I am now out of nappies (except for bedtime) and I am wearing big girl underwear!! I've been doing very well with my potty training and have had very few accidents since I started this about 4 weeks ago! All my friends are doing the same right now and it's all quite exciting! Mummy and Daddy are doing well using the toilet too. I think they should get a star sticker on their chart as well and I tell them so. It's only fair isn't it?! Mummy said just the other day that it's almost time to put up our Christmas tree and I got very excited! I think we are planning another trip this year to see Santa at Bluewater Shopping Mall and get my picture taken with him. But Mummy says that Christmas is not just about Santa. But, that it is Jesus' birthday and that is why we celebrate! I think we are going to make a birthday cake for Jesus and sing to him. I would like to help him blow out the candles! My Aunt Carol like's making birthday cakes for Jesus every year. I think that is where Mummy got the idea. I wonder if Jesus would like a chocolate cake? I do like chocolate. It is so lovely when Mummy and Daddy let me eat it! Well, gotta run. Thanks for reading my bit of the newsletter.

Update on Scott and Dawn and Greenwich Vineyard Church

Dawn is currently co-leading a series of Mother's Coffee Mornings in our home on Wednesday mornings. It's been a great opportunity for these women to talk about issues that relate to them as women and parents while the children enjoy a play. Greenwich Vineyard is hosting the Alpha Course during the Autumn. We are believing that some will come to faith and follow Jesus! Scott is presently teaching Pastoral Theology and Homiletics at South London Christian College. We started an Advanced Training through Greenwich Vineyard for those who want to go deeper in biblical studies and theology. We are presently studying Hermeneutics (interpretation of Scripture). One couple is studying to prepare for full-time vocational ministry and others are involved to further their own personal knowledge and understanding of God's mission and their joining in that mission.

Streams of Living Water

We at Greenwich Vineyard are presently doing a teaching series that is based on Richard Foster's book *Streams of Living Water*. We have been looking at six major streams that have been found in the body of Christ throughout church history. Every denomination, every movement, and every church has been influenced by at least one of these streams/traditions, whether one is aware of it or not. The premise is that if we are going to be balanced and whole followers of Jesus, we need to have all six of these streams flowing through our lives and churches. We have found this to be both challenging and refreshing! The six streams/traditions are the following: The Contemplative Tradition: Prayer Filled Life; The Charismatic Tradition: Spirit Empowered Life; The Social Justice Tradition: Compassionate Life; The Holiness Tradition: Virtuous Life; The Incarnational Tradition: Sacramental Life; The Evangelical Tradition: Word Centred Life

God's Love Letter To The World

Stuart Murray Williams in his new book *Post-Christendom* gives two snapshots of the culture of Britain today. "In a London school a teenager with no church connections hears the Christmas story for the first time. His teacher tells it well and he is fascinated by this amazing story. Risking his friends' mockery, after the lesson he thanks her for the story. One thing had disturbed him, so he asks: 'Why did they give the baby a swear word for his name?'" One Sunday in Oxford a man visits a church building to collect something for his partner who works during the week in a creative-arts project the church runs. He arrives as the morning congregation is leaving and recognizes the minister, whom he knows. Surprised, he asks: 'What are all these people doing here? I didn't know churches were open on Sundays!'"

The central features of the Christian story are unknown and churches are unfamiliar institutions. Total ignorance of church and the story of God may not yet be widespread, but it is becoming more common, especially in our inner cities. The proportion of the British population with any church connection has declined steadily over the past half-century. Churches over the last few decades have found themselves increasingly marginalized and their influence in society considerably weakened. If the church continues to decline, according to current statistics, we are potentially just "one generation away from extinction," according to former Archbishop George Carey. Some denominations are facing not just the declining numbers but also the possibility of meltdown.