



On Your Mark!

Connecting in prayer at the AVC

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

November 2005

Connect

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

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

Every *Monday*, 1:00–2:00pm—
Prayer for the Atlanta Vineyard
(Lilburn) 770-925-8823

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

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

*** NEW *** Every *Wednesday*,
6:30–6:50pm— Bless the Building
(Café)

Every *Wednesday*, 9:00pm—Pray
with Frank & Sandra (Duluth), 770-
935-8098

Every *Thursday*, 7:00pm—Prayer for
re:vision (Prayer Room) 404-275-
0927

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

Life is a gift

*"For the wages of sin is death,
but the gift of God is eternal
life in Christ Jesus our
Lord." (Romans 6:23)*

Death

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Not a popular subject!

Think about it for a moment. Ponder it for a minute. Consider it in all its fullness.

Living causes dying! All living things eventually die! The goldfish in the bowl dies. The mouse named Teensie dies. The dog that grew up with you grows old and gray and dies. Sad? Yes. I cried real tears with my children over that silly little mouse. Well, animals as much as we love them, aren't the same as people. God created the animals and His word says that not one sparrow falls to the ground without His knowledge. How very much more is He aware of the people He created. His Word also says that we are fearfully and wonderfully created and He knows each one intimately. He even knows how many hairs we have on our heads.

Having said all of that my point is this: We touch other people all throughout our lives. We are children, brothers or sisters. We are parents, mothers or fathers. We are married, husbands or wives. We are aunts or uncles. We are cousins. We are neighbors, bosses or co-workers. We touch others in the supermarket, the bank, the tax office, Wal-Mart, Target, (name your own personal store you shop at) etc. We are a social people. The amazing thing is that we tend to see past most people if they are not "in" our circle. The clerk behind the Starbucks counter is only there to make sure I get my coffee fix. The bank teller behind the bulletproof glass is only there to process my deposit or cash my check. We nod a hello or grunt an unintelligible grunt and move on with our day.

Recently I was sitting at the Starbucks in the Mall Of Georgia and God spoke to me about the people in the mall. As I sat there people watching He spoke so clearly to me it made me cry. He said, "You see only a mass of humanity. I see each and every individual. I know them each personally whether they acknowledge me or not. I know all of their names and all of their struggles and all of their joys. Look closely at each face. You see a stranger I see someone I created and who I love enough to have sent my Son to die for." WOW! Powerful! If we listen we will truly hear the voice and heart of God.

Pray for the people God puts in your life. Even the stranger in the mall.

I lived next door to a woman named Joan for almost 4 years. We spoke to each other when we checked the mail. We spoke to each other when we were out doing yard work. We spoke to each other when my daughters knocked on her door to sell Girl Scout cookies. Basically we were neighborly neighbors. We even prayed with her on a few occasions. Her husband Jim was blind. He also had a cancer scare that put him in the hospital for a week. Joan asked us to pray for her husband and we did. Well, about two weeks after we moved our neighbor on the other side of Joan and Jim called to tell me that Joan had a massive heart attack and had died. I was in shock! My first instinct was denial. I had just talked to her before we moved and my concern was for Jim. She was so very tired and I spoke to her and tried to encourage her and that was my last conversation with her. You never know when you will have a "last conversation" with anyone.

Share your life in Christ with someone who touches your life because eternal life is better than dying without hope.

I feel myself compelled to pray for the people who touch my life. We may only briefly touch but for whatever reason God allowed that person to be in my life. Begin to see with the eyes of Jesus and pray with the heart of God and watch and be amazed at what Our Lord will do!

*[editor's note: Please send testimonies of how God has been answering your prayers to
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Bless the Building

Every Wednesday, 6:30 – 6:50pm, Café Vineyard

This prayer time, positioned immediately before the Wednesday night services, is for all ages. We pray for God's presence and power to fill every part of the building . . . lay hands on each seat in the auditorium, pray over children's rooms, prayerwalk the office areas, etc. God has given us stewardship over our facility, and we believe God wants to use every part of it for His glory. Everyone is welcome—this is an ideal prayer group for children or anyone who likes to move around while you pray!

Acts 4:31 – *“After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.”*

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The body of Christ needs you!

Regardless of your:

- Gifts
- Talents
- Schedule
- Experience

there is a place for you to serve in the prayer & prophetic ministries of the Atlanta Vineyard.

Let me know if you're interested!

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Father's Heart *** now open to men and women ***

Every Tuesday, 7:00am, Café Vineyard

The Father's Heart prayer group meets every Tuesday morning to lift up prayer needs of the AVC. Johnny Crist leads prayer for the Atlanta Vineyard and the city of Atlanta. Everyone is welcome!

Contact: [Johnny Crist](mailto:johnny.crist@atlantavineyard.com), 770-274-1010,
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*If you “eagerly desire to prophesy,” come join us at the Prophetic Roundtable on the 2nd Sunday of each month from 8:30 to 10:00am in the youth room!
[November 13th, December 11th, . . .]*

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 . . .

“The Lord could do without our intercession and praise. Yet it is the mystery of God that He should require us, His coworkers, to keep on praying and never lose heart.”

Roger Schutz
The Rule of Taize

