



# On Your Mark!

*Connecting in prayer at the AVC*

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

Apr—Jun 2007

## Prayer groups at the AVC

1st & 3rd *Sundays*, 6:00—7:30pm—  
**Unveiled** (Auditorium) 404-388-0518

Every *Sunday*, 10:00—10:20am—  
" **20:20**" (Prayer Room) 404-388-0518

1st *Sundays*, 9:00—10:00am—  
**Prayer for Lost Family & Friends** (Prayer Room) 404-388-0518

2nd *Sundays*, 8:30—10:00am—  
**Prophetic Roundtable** (Youth Room) 404-388-0518

3rd *Sundays*, 9:00—10:00am—  
**Prayer for Missions** (Prayer Room) 404-388-0518

every *Monday*, 7:30—9:00pm—  
**Kingdom Prayer Classes** (Great Room) 404-388-0518—Please visit the website for descriptions of each class.

## Prayer groups in the community

2nd & 4th *Fridays*, 7:30—9:00pm—  
**Derderian Prayer Group** (Roswell) 404-667-2042

Every *Tuesday*, 7:30—9:00pm—  
**Men's Dias Prayer Group** (Roswell) 404-660-7841

## Let's retreat!

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What exactly is a retreat, anyway? The dictionary tells us that "to retreat" means "to disengage; to withdraw; to ebb; to pull away from." "A retreat" is also defined as "a harbor, a haven, a hiding place, a safe house, a shelter." Putting these together, we disengage in order to go to a place of safety and refreshment. To withdraw for the sake of withdrawing only turns us inward. Not a good idea. But to pull away from in order to meet with God is very life-giving. God created us for this very purpose — for intimate relationship with Him! God is waiting to meet each of us in a deeper way. In His extraordinary graciousness, He leaves the choice of how we spend our time, the pattern of our lives, up to us.

Top 10 reasons to go on a prayer retreat:

- It's not good to live life in the fast lane all the time
- Stepping away allows God to give us a fresh perspective on our lives, His perspective
- We need quiet places in our lives so God can restore our souls (Psalm 23:2 - 3)
- Being still helps awaken us to the reality that God is God (Psalm 46:10)
- We learn to pray by praying, and by praying with others
- Taking time off helps break us out of erroneously thinking that our value depends on what we do
- Sleep deprivation is not a good long-term habit
- Setting aside time for a prayer retreat can be a tangible way to reprioritize our lives, putting God first
- Going on a prayer retreat is like going up the mountain to bring down timber to build God's house, a house of prayer for all nations (Haggai 1:7 - 8, Mark 11:17)
- Jesus did it! "As often as possible Jesus withdrew to out-of-the-way places for prayer" (Luke 5:16, The Message)

You have an opportunity to retreat with a group of other AVC-ers this spring:

When: May 18th—20th, 2007

Where: 45 minutes from the AVC

How much: \$100 (includes accommodation and meals)

What: We will spend time in worship and prayer, share meals together, and have opportunity to seek the Lord both individually and together

Register: contact Karen Sculley—[karens@atlantavineyard.com](mailto:karens@atlantavineyard.com) or 404-388-0518

If we will deliberately carve out time in our schedules, I believe God will meet each of us in a special way as we set aside time to seek His face. That is my prayer for you!

**Kingdom Prayer Classes**  
**Every Monday night in the Great Room (7:30–9:00pm)**

**"Many Ways to Pray" – Monday nights through the end of April**

Live teaching, Discussion, Prayer

*"Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests" (Ephesians 6:18)*

**Global Transformation classes – Monday nights in May**

DVD showing how God is transforming nations around the world, Discussion, Prayer

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**Coming in June & July – Effective Personal Ministry DVD series by Dean Sherman**

**Prophetic Roundtable**

2nd Sunday of every month, 8:30–10:00am, Youth Room  
May 13th, June 10th, July 8th

Join us on each of these dates for "Prophetic Evangelism" – a DVD course in culturally relevant evangelism focusing on hearing God's heart for others

Teacher: Doug Addison from InLight Connection, author of "Prophecy, Dreams, and Evangelism"

Doug comes highly recommended by Steve Sjogren, John Paul Jackson, and other Vineyard congregations (he formerly served as a Vineyard church planter & pastor)

*"In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams." (Acts 2:17)*

**A Little Inspiration . . .**

**"No one can believe how powerful prayer is and what it is able to effect except those who have learned it by experience."**

**Martin Luther**  
*Table Talk*

