



# 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)

April 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—**Prayer group** (Roswell) 404-667-2042

*Tuesdays*, 7:30–9:00pm—**Men’s Prayer group** (Roswell) 404-660-7841

## Give Him Praise!

- Donna Blanton—Three women able to attend MOPS “Leadership for Life” Summit in late March; a new MOPS mom with difficult circumstances deeply touched by our group’s outreach to her; Moms’ flexibility & understanding with programming decisions for remainder of year
- Karen Sculley—Praise God for the ways He is working in raising up more prayer at a National level in the Vineyard movement.

## Kingdom Journeys

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Missions - crossing from one culture into another in order to serve people and share the love of God.

I love cultures - all the challenges and stresses - the food and language - I just love ‘em! And my desire is to cause others to love God more and grab hold of His love of culture and the people they represent. Therefore, we do Kingdom Journeys; a 12 week intensive discipleship and cross cultural ministry preparation; resulting in a two week overseas trip. We have seen God do amazing things in the lives of individuals and teams as they intently focus on Jesus and His desires.

This year we have two Kingdom Journeys teams - one is preparing to go to Central Asia (led by Karen Peterson and Sonia Adams) to share their faith with Muslims and the other team (led by Luane Thomson and Rachel Brown) is gearing up to come alongside a church planting team in Brazil. Each team will have its challenges and victories - and more than anything else they need to be undergirded with prayer. My desire is that the love of God will be shared; through word and deed; that people in each country will encounter Christ and know that He is good and that He is what their hearts long for. And in that process I pray that each team member will be profoundly changed - that they will never again settle for anything less than sharing the love of God among the lost and hurting.

In the book, *An Unstoppable Force* by Erwin Raphael McManus, he states “Paul tells Philemon, ‘I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ.’ (Philemon 6) Only when we are active in sharing our faith can we fully grasp and experience every good thing we have in Christ. And once we are living in that fullness, we are again compelled to be active in sharing our faith.” P223

So many of the “first timers” on short term mission trips have never shared their faith with a lost person but after a Kingdom Journey experience they are not only empowered to do it - they are compelled - the love of Christ takes hold and they can’t help but speak of Him!

McManus also states “The heart of God is to serve a broken world. When Jesus wrapped a towel around his waist, he reminded us that only He could wash away our sin. The church cannot live when the heart of God is not beating within her. God’s heartbeat is to seek and to save that which is lost. The church exists to serve as the body of Christ, and it is through this commitment to serve that we are forced to engage our culture. The serving we are called to requires direct contact. It is in serving that the church finds its strength. When we cease to serve the world around us we begin to atrophy.” P23

Please pray for our Kingdom Journeys teams as we wrap the towel around our waists and go out into the world to serve the lost and broken.

## Apartment Outreach

- Pray for Jerry Joiner and the others as they do outreach to the apartments near AVC each Saturday

## Church Planting

- Wisdom and insight on the launch of the Atlanta wide Church Planting Roundtable

## Elijah House

- Pray for Walt Hill as he comes into training to facilitate Elijah House

## Executive Pastor John Rowell

- Start up grace as I begin working as the Executive Pastor at AVC
- Wisdom in using time well as I try to limit this new role to half time and continue leading Ministry Resource Network too.
- That Johnny and I will have God's mind for AVC as we plan future sermon series

## Kingdom Prayer

- God's empowering on each prayer class teacher this month (Susan Derderian, June Leverette, Allen Penton, Michael Goldstone)

## Local Missions

- Easter Egg hunt in Jasmine Apartments

**“Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.”**

**(Ecclesiastes 4:12)**

## Prophetic Roundtable

- That God would open our eyes to see others the way He sees them and reach them with the love of Christ in a naturally supernatural way

## Senior Pastor Johnny Crist

- Pray for right choices for our next youth pastor, children's pastor and small groups pastor
- Launch of new boys & girls classes for parents & their children

## Vineyard USA Prayer

- God's heart and direction for the prayer meeting Johnny Crist and Karen Sculley are leading the night before the biennial Vineyard National conference in Anaheim, CA on May 6th

## Vineyard SE Regional Director

- Prayer for our Panama City Beach retreat with Pete Scazzerro, author of "The Emotionally Healthy Church"

## Vineyard USA

- National conference in Anaheim, CA (May 6th–10th)

## Worship Arts

- Please continue to pray for our teams to have welcoming hearts towards new members as we begin to graft them in this spring.
- Please pray the Lord would raise up more worship leaders at our church.
- Please continue to pray for a group of budding "songwriters" at AVC who recently got together - that the Lord would bless them with songs for our church.

## Foreign Missions

- We are hosting The Vineyard Tajikistan Partnership Annual Meetings - March 28-31. We need unity, clarity and direction as well more churches to partner with us to reach a 90% unreached Mus\*lim nation.

## Kingdom Journeys

- Unity for our teams - to Central Asia and Brazil.
- Clarity on the outreach portion.
- Prayer and finance teams to be raised up.

## MOPS

- Easter redemption message to be real for each mom
- Specific leaders for 2007-08 Steering Team
- Hearts receptive to Lou Souders' "The Teacup Lady" faith story on May 4th