



# On Your Mark!

*Connecting in prayer at the AVC*

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

August 2006

## Prayer groups at the AVC

1st & 3rd **Sundays**, 6:00–7:30pm—  
**Unveiled** (Great Room) 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 **Tuesday**, 7:00–8:00am—  
**Father's Heart prayer** (Café) [men] 770-274-1010 ext. 13

## Prayer groups in the community

1st **Fridays**, 7:30–9:00pm—  
**Watch of the Lord** (Lilburn) 770-921-9673

## Dancing Horses

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Have you heard of The World Famous Lippizzaner Stallions?

These renowned horses were bred for war. They are strong, sturdy, fearless and beautiful. They carried kings into battle. They have a long and rather glorious history. Google them sometime.

The Lord has been speaking something to me lately. I keep hearing *Dancing Horses*. This has been knocking around in my head for a few weeks and I can't seem to get it out so I figured I better look into it.

We don't ride horses into battle anymore. We fly planes or helicopters or drive tanks into a war zone. High tech machines have replaced the war-horses of old. We can bomb the enemy from a few hundred feet in the air with an air strike. No longer do we have to shoot when we see the whites of their eyes.

So what has become of those noble steeds of old?

The world has The World Famous Lippizzaner Stallions. These graceful animals perform an "Equine Ballet" for fans all around the world. Horses once sought after for their strength, agility, fearlessness and beauty are on stage for show, and some call them "Circus Horses." This is not a fitting term for such a glorious animal. They are trained to do many of the things that they did in battle as "tricks." The very things that made them a good mount in war are being used as a show. I am in no way slamming the Lippizzaner Stallions. I admire them and believe them to be some of the most beautiful and glorious horses in the world.

Now my point if I may is this . . . have we become like the Lippizzaners? Do we perform a ballet of sorts on Sunday morning? Are we all for the show and none of the war?

Whoa! (get it) This is hard stuff! I know, God is speaking it to me and I'm typing it out to share with you. It's not easy hearing a hard truth or sharing one for that matter.

Oh, I can do all of the moves just look at me but don't put me out there in the real thing. I want to look good and get all of the kudos, but real war?!

Reality check time. We are at war, folks! If all we want to do is see the show then we are surely going to be in a world of hurt when the war hits close to home. I don't think the enemy is going to flee from a bunch of dancing horses!

## Prayer for Lost Friends & Family

1st Sundays, 9:00 - 10:00am, Prayer Room

Come join with others in praying for our lost friends & family, and receive a tool that will help you to pray strategically and effectively for those you know who have yet to receive Jesus as Lord & Savior.

*"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."* (Romans 12:12)

Everyone is welcome!

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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. All you need is a heart for God and a heart to serve.

Let me know if you're interested!

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## Prayer for Missions

3rd Sundays, 9:00 - 10:00am, Prayer Room

Please join us as we pray for missions, with a different focus each month, ranging from praying for Muslims in Atlanta to AVC-supported missionaries to outreaches to Louisiana.

*"I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone."* (1 Timothy 2:1)

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### *Get equipped!*

#### Prayer training (in your small group!)

**Ask your leader about your bringing one of these classes to your small group . . . let us know when you'd like us to come! We offer a variety of courses, including:**

- Introductory Ministry Team training (how to pray for others using the Vineyard 5-step healing model)
- Never Give Up: Praying the Way to Christ for Lost Loved Ones
- Praying like Nehemiah: the Direct Approach
- Praying like Paul: the Preventive Approach
- Praying like Jeremiah: the Heart-tuned Approach

#### Prophetic training (Sunday mornings, 8:30–10:00am, Youth Room)

August 13th – Jacquie Tyre: ***"Understanding Prophecy"***

### A Little Inspiration . . .

"Don't take too much upon yourself  
lest the spirit should get tired . . .  
It is sufficient to grasp one part from  
which  
you can strike a spark in your heart."

Martin Luther

*A Simple Way to Pray, for a Good Friend*

