



On Your Mark!

Connecting in prayer at the AVC

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

July 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

Every **Wednesday**, 7:00–8:30pm—
Prayer classes (see website for specific class info) 404-388-0518

Prayer groups in the community

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

Swords

By Patti Benjamin
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The Lord has been reminding me of stuff that He did in the past.

Years ago He clearly spoke to me that I would use my sword in my left hand. The reason I was to use it with my left hand is because I am right handed. My left side is my weaker side. I am to remember that all the strength and power come from Him not from me.

More recently during worship the Lord spoke clearly to me that I am now to take up my sword in my right hand. He spoke into my heart and told me that now I would be able to wield it well.

He is so very funny with me. He reminded me of a scene from the movie *The Princess Bride*. In the movie two of the characters are fighting a duel with swords and both of them are using their left hands. One of the characters says to the other, "I admit it you are better than I am," then kind of laughs under his breath, and the other questions him about it. The one who laughs says, "I know something you do not know . . . I am not left handed." He then switches the sword to his right hand and proceeds with the duel. Then it is the other character's turn to laugh and admit that he is not left-handed either. Anyway, God uses things like that to encourage me.

Clearly we know something that the enemy does not know! God takes our human weakness and uses it for His glory. Even when we are in a duel and are weak, He is ultimately strong.

Having the sword in my right hand now is not time for me to get cocky! I must still rely on His strength and power. It's just good to know that He believes in my belief in Him!

"Blessed are you, O Israel!

Who is like you,

a people saved by the LORD ?

He is your shield and helper

and your glorious sword.

Your enemies will cower before you,

and you will trample down their high places." (Deuteronomy 33:29)

"It is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give all of you into our hands." (1 Samuel 17:47)

"It was not by their sword that they won the land,

nor did their arm bring them victory;

it was your right hand, your arm,

and the light of your face, for you loved them." (Psalm 44:3)

"Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." (Ephesians 6:17)

Annual Prayer Retreat

July 28th - 30th, 2006

Come join about 50 of us as we go away for a weekend to seek the Lord together and grow in intimacy with Him!

The retreat includes 3 sessions of worship led by David Patton & team, prayer, teaching by Michael & Debra Goldstone, and a quiet afternoon to spend alone with God. Our retreat center is only 45 minutes from the Atlanta Vineyard. Please contact Leigh Craven for more information.

Contact: Leigh Craven, 770-396-1854,
leighbear22@hotmail.com

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!

Contact: Karen Sculley, 404-388-0518,
karens@atlantavineyard.com

Watch of the Lord

1st Fridays, 7:30 - 9:00pm, David & Nancy Diggs' home, Lilburn

The focus of this prayer gathering is to seek the Lord together. Everyone, adults and children, is welcome!

Contact: Nancy Diggs, 770-921-9673,
nancydiggs@comcast.net

Get equipped!

Prayer training (Wednesday evenings, 7:00—8:30pm, Great Room)

July 5th — *“David: The Thoughtful Approach”*

July 12th — [no Wednesday night service]

July 19th — *“Hannah: The Grieving Approach”*

July 26th — *“Isaac: The Blessing Approach”*

August 2nd — *“Jesus: The Long-Range Approach”*

August 9th — *“Moses: The Intercession Approach”*

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

July 16th — Rabbi Murray Tullis: *“Our Jewish Roots”*

August 13th — Jacquie Tyre: *“Understanding Prophecy”*

A Little Inspiration . . .

“I see that prayerlessness is one of my greatest sins of omission.

I am too short, ask too little,
ask too much want of forethought . . .
too little meditation upon Scripture.”

Andrew Bonar

The Diary and Life of Andrew Bonar

