



# 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)

June 2006

## 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

1st **Sundays**, 12:30–1:00pm—  
**Prayer for Orphans**  
(upstairs classroom) 770-476-2417

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

4th **Sundays**, 9:00–10:00am—  
**Prayer for Families**  
(Prayer Room) 404-388-0518

Every **Monday**, 12:00–1:00pm—  
**Prayer for the Atlanta Vineyard** (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

Every **Thursday**, 7:00–7:30pm—  
**Prayer for re:vision**  
(Prayer Room) 404-275-0927

## Give Him Praise!

- Donna Blanton (MOPS)—Our Steering Team for 2006-07 is nearly all in place - thank you, Lord! Our special handmade quilt for an out-of-state MOPS mom, Mary Bishop, is finally complete and was shipped to her. (Mary tragically lost her only child (infant son) last year after he swallowed a balloon. We just learned that Mary recently gave birth to a baby daughter.) Pray that the quilt will be a sweet blessing and comfort to her. Dozens of our Vineyard MOPS moms worked on this quilt over the course of the last year or so. We wrote individual prayers, verses, and notes to Mary on the inside of the quilt before backing was attached - Mary will literally be “covered in prayer”!
- Scott Benjamin (Sunday am service)—Praise for new connect process
- Sheri Carr (Worship Arts)—We’re seeing a number of different cultures now being represented on our worship teams! Thank you, Lord! Bring us more!
- Lu Allison (Women)—Praise God for the very successful launch of our newsletter! It’s so exciting to see God birth this new part of our ministry!
- Ken Duffie (Small Groups)—The Small Group ministry had a very successful first VHS meeting in May.
- Luane Thomson (Mission Bridge)—much thanks for the prayers for our Tajik team and the outreach. God has once again filled our hearts with His love for a people that so desperately need Him.
- Jerry Joiner (Café)—I have a couple of new workers in the cafe. Praise God.
- Karen Sculley (Prayer & Prophetic ministries)—Praise God for reviving a deeper passion for Him in many at the AVC.

## Missions Conference

*by Kim Fleek (Global Impact Team,  
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Since September 11, the world has become much more aware of the religion of Islam and the effects of its teachings on both its followers and the world. However, God has always been aware of and passionately in pursuit of the heart of Muslims, and He is jealous for them to draw near and know Him.

Both internationally and locally, there are incredible opportunities for AVC to be involved in outreach to Muslims. The world has come right here to our doorstep with refugees and international students, and we are involved in a strategic partnership church plant in Tajikistan, a Muslim nation. This summer, we will be holding a conference over 2 weeks to focus on ministry to Muslims both here and abroad, to seek God’s heart for them, and to learn how to pray for them and share the good news of Jesus with the millions waiting to hear.

June 18, 21, 25, and 28<sup>th</sup> will all be services focused on Muslim outreach, with speakers coming from overseas to share their experiences in the Islamic world and local Muslim background believers sharing their testimonies. There will also be an opportunity to visit a local mosque for educational purposes, and Unveiled on June 18<sup>th</sup> will have a prayer focus for Islamic people. There will be also be many opportunities for prayer to focus on the Islamic world throughout the two weeks. We encourage everyone to be praying throughout the conference for Muslims they know, those they don’t, freedom from fear of outreach to Muslims, and to capture God’s heart for His people who are enslaved to the lies of Islam.

## Administration

- Pray for consistent communication/ relationships over the summer with all of the vacations and travel!

## Bookstore

- Vision for the bookstore

## Café Vineyard

- Pray for healing for Jerry's back

## Crossover (6th-8th)

- For good transition for rising kids: love, acceptance, grace, and courage
- Pray for awesome trips this year

## Facilities

- That everyone at AVC will put a high priority on better stewardship of this building. That everyone will want to help make sure the building is secure when they leave, and are diligent that all lights are turned off.

## Foreign Missions

- the "Freedom From Fear, Ministering to Muslims" Conference - our desire is that people will realize that God has called our church to reach Muslims; will be encouraged by it and see how they can participate.

## Kingdom Prayer

- Summer prayer classes; that each participant would learn & grow in their prayer lives and grow in faith that God hears their prayers

## Local Missions

- our Turk refugees are having some challenges, which create challenges for us. They just need Jesus so your prayers on how to speak the truth in love are needed.

## Ministry Team

- Boldness, grace, clear direction from God for all who pray for others at "ministry time"
- Increased expectation that God will respond when we ask Him

## Mission Bridge

- Prayer for the team as they re-enter is appreciated. How to take such an experience and apply it to your daily life can be a challenge.

## MOPS

- 6/17 MOPS Metro-Atlanta area Mega Council meeting; pray that many of our new leaders will be able to attend (vision-casting & training).
- 9/21-9/23 MOPS Int'l Convention; funds

## Nexus (9th-12th)

- More kids to come to Christ this summer through Catalyst.
- Grace for graduates.
- Ownership for next wave of leaders for the fall.

**"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." (Gal. 6:2)**

## Prayer Ministry

- AVC Prayer Retreat (July 28th-30th); for teachers Michael & Debra Goldstone; worship leader David Patton & team; chefs
- Prayer box being installed in a local business; salvations

## Prophetic Roundtable

- For each person at the AVC to "Follow the way of love and eagerly desire spiritual gifts, especially the gift of prophecy." (1 Corinthians 14:1)

## Seeds of Hope (Adoption & Orphan Care)

- pray for those involved in the ministry at this point. We're all being hit with major distractions in our personal lives.

## Small Groups

- We need prayer for all of our Small Group Leaders.
- We need our leadership to be in Unity regarding the Vision and goals of the ministry.

## Tech

- Please pray that God would raise more volunteers to help on our sound team and tech team for Sundays and Wednesdays especially.

## Unveiled

- June 18th special missions focus; that we would receive fresh revelation from the Father
- July 2nd special prayer time for Mission Bridge Russia team; prophetic words to come forth

## Vineyard S.E. Regional conference

- Several of our leaders are heading up various aspects of this conference (July 11th-14th) - please pray for us as we prepare for this - Johnny Crist (regional overseer & conference speaker), Todd Colwell (youth track), Luane Thomson (missions workshop track), Karen Sculley + Jeff Hayes + Kathy Carnahan (prayer ministry workshop track)

## Women

- 6/13 "Captivating" book discussion group (childcare, participants, leader Jessica); 6/23-6/24 Contagious Joy conference (more participants)
- New volunteers & team members

## Women in Worship

- 6/17 Women & Worship brunch with Vicki Hale
- pray for hospitality gifting, food, generosity and worship/ speaker.

## Worship Arts

- greater unity in the worship community; our love for each other to be a great example to others.
- worship leaders: Jeff Hayes, David Payton, John & Sally Hendry, Jonathan Corley, Robert Denning, & Sheri Carr.