



On Your Mark!

Connecting in prayer at the AVC

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

September 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—
Men's Father's Heart prayer (Café) 770-274-1010 ext. 13

Prayer groups in the community

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

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

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

Worship—Are We Truly Living It as a Lifestyle?

By Susan Derderian (susander@bellsouth.net)

Have you ever thought about or asked what worship represents to people? Worship, by definition, means, "To adore; to pay divine honors to; to reverence with supreme respect and veneration. To honor with extravagant love and extreme submission." (American Dictionary of the English Language, Noah Webster, 1828)

In Romans 12:1-2, Paul urges the readers to offer themselves as a spiritual act of worship. So, what does this really mean to each of us as present day Christians? There are a number of Scriptures that guide us to what worship was before Jesus' life and death on earth and what it is to be today. To help establish an understanding of worship, let's first look at what the Bible teaches in the Old Testament.

Moses writes in Exodus 20:3 that we are to have no other gods before the Lord our God. Psalm 99 encourages us to exalt God because He is great and awesome. Isaiah exhorts us in chapter 56 to obedience because then our sacrifices will be acceptable to God. Psalm 95:1-8 expresses the holiness of God and His worthiness to be worshipped.

In the New Testament Scriptures we see a continuation of the importance of worshipping God, but it has changed slightly in the area of sacrifices offered. In Leviticus 1-6 we read of the offerings that were acceptable to God via animal sacrifices and grain offerings, whereas in the New Testament we learn that believer's lives are to be a sacrifice acceptable to God. How does this happen and what should it look like?

Through the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus, believers are assured of their salvation and the forgiveness of their sins. In Hebrews 10: 1-26 the writer emphasizes the offering which Jesus gave through His life and His worthiness as the Son of the living God. In John 4:23-24, John speaks of worshipping God in spirit and in truth. And in Acts 16:25-34, Luke recounts the story of Paul and Silas in jail. Through their prayers and singing to God they were freed from the prison chains and the jailer, as well as his family, came to faith in Jesus Christ. We must live our lives in extravagant love and submission to the one and holy God. Through our lives nonbelievers will witness what Jesus means to us and will come to faith in Him.

Jesus is worthy of all of our praise, all of our love, all of our lives. Every aspect of our lives should be an offering acceptable to God. Every thought; every word; every deed; every prayer; every song; every act of love, hospitality, kindness, faithfulness, gentleness, goodness, patience and self control; every aspect of our work and our ministries; every minute throughout the day; all of our fasting, solitude, prayer, meditation, study of His word, acts of service and the simplicity of our lives; all of our interactions with believers and nonbelievers; how we celebrate holidays, special days, Sundays and every day; all that we are should be an act of worship, of devotion and honor to our God who gave all for us.

He deserves all of us, not just a piece of us. He wants all of us and He desires all of us. Is He worthy to be worshipped? Only through the devotion of your life is it evident. May we all come before God, bowed down and adoring Him because He alone is worthy.

Susan Derderian attends the Atlanta Vineyard Church and is active in the counseling and prayer ministries. She is a Christian Counselor by profession, who works specifically with Children & Adolescents. She is leading the new Friday prayer group in Roswell listed on the left.

Prophetic Intercession & Prophetic Evangelism Mini-conference

Saturday, September 16th, 9:00am—4:00pm

Are you fully using the gifts God has given you?

Rex & Annie Lynch, from Destiny Christian Church, CA, will be our speakers. They have a big heart for those who are wounded, and through prayer, ministry, & prophetic words, bring God's healing to help people function fully in their gifts in the body of Christ. God uses Rex & Annie to evangelize people around the world through "random acts of prophecy." Come and be refreshed and renewed as you learn to take God-sized leaps of faith to help others.

\$20 registration includes lunch, refreshments, and all conference materials. [To register, visit \[www.atlantavineyard.com/prayer\]\(http://www.atlantavineyard.com/prayer\)](#)

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, 770-274-1010 ext. 64, karens@atlantavineyard.com

Learning to Love to Pray Mini-conference

Saturday, October 28th, 9:00am—4:00pm

Worship, teaching, prayer

Jim Graddy, from Harvest Prayer Ministries, FL, will be our speaker. Jim is part of a team that equips and inspires the body of Christ all over the U.S.A. in the area of prayer. This event will deepen and recharge your prayer life and help us to together become a "house of prayer." Come learn to love to pray along with others who are hungry for more of God and to be used in a greater way by Him.

\$20 registration includes lunch, refreshments, and all conference materials. [To register, visit \[www.atlantavineyard.com/prayer\]\(http://www.atlantavineyard.com/prayer\)](#)

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:

- Praying like the Early Disciples: the Kingdom Approach
- Praying like David: the Thoughtful Approach
- Praying like a tax collector: the Humble Approach
- Praying like Solomon: the Wise Approach
- Praying like Epaphras: the Zealous Approach

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

September 10th — Nancy Penton: "Jonah: The Reluctant Prophet"

A Little Inspiration . . .

"Love to pray—
feel often during the day
the need for prayer,
and take trouble to pray.
Prayer enlarges the heart until it is
capable of containing
God's gift of Himself."



Mother Teresa
A Gift for God