



# 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)

January 2004

## Connect

Every Sunday, 9:30am – Pre-service prayer (Wedge Room)

Every Sunday, 5:30pm – VSN Pre-service prayer (Wedge Room)

Every Tuesday, 7:00am – Father’s Heart men’s prayer (Café)

Every Wednesday, 1:30pm—Pray with AVC staff (upstairs)

Every Thursday, 9:00pm – Frank & Sandra’s weekly prayer (Duluth)

Wed, Feb 4th, 7:00pm – Phil & Lu’s missions prayer (Lithia Springs)

Fri, Feb 6th, 7:30pm – Unveiled (Great Room)

Wed, Feb 11th, 7:00pm— Patrick & Angel’s prayer evangelism (Wedge Room)

Fri, Feb 20th, 7:30pm – Unveiled (Great Room)

***If you feel called by God to pray for the AVC for at least one hour per week, please join the PLOW team (Pray, Listen, Overcome, Watch). You can email us or let us know via the website.***

## Be alert!

“Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.” (Ephesians 6:18)

## Website

Visit us on the web at [www.atlantavineyard.com/prayer](http://www.atlantavineyard.com/prayer)

## Give Him Praise!

Praise God for each ministry of the AVC. Here are some recent praise reports:

- Todd Colwell (Crossover)—For the baptism of one of our guys this past month and the way that he is growing in Christ.
- Mary Hoyt (Local Outreach Team)—a local outreach team has formed and had three wonderful monthly planning / prayer meetings; over 50 bags of food and toys were collected during the December drive to support the Norcross Co-op; AVC teams are being blessed in being a blessing by volunteering at the Norcross Co-op monthly
- Todd Colwell (Nexus)—A young man that we had been in prayer for that was diagnosed with leukemia has just found out that it is in remission. Healing and giving God glory for it.
- Karen Peterson (Just Say Hey! AVC’s international student ministry)—We met with the international student advisor at Georgia Perimeter and we have been allowed to reach out to students! We are trying to reach out to students on the Dunwoody campus because it is near our church.

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## Battleships!

Although I have never been in the Navy or been on a ship, I have been in the United States Military. I was in the Air Force for four years. My primary role was Personnel. But I also had a “war time” role. In the event that we went to war I needed to have training in other areas other than “pushing paper.” I couldn’t very well get out there and throw pens at the enemy! So during the course of my four years in the Air Force I learned how to be a soldier. We “played” war. Everyone would have to wear real chemical gear and do real drills just as if we were under attack. We even had a mock morgue. Being in the personnel department, it was my duty to keep track of our “dead,” and account for all personnel in the squadron. It opened my eyes. I saw real people in front of me who I knew were not “really” dead, but in our mock war, they were dead. Thankfully, during my time in the military I never really had to do anything other than “play” war. In the military you train for war hoping it never happens. When it does, you hope you paid enough attention to training so you and your fellow soldiers can survive.

During World War II, the soldiers on the ships anchored in Pearl Harbor on that infamous Sunday in Dec 1941 didn’t have a chance. The enemy snuck up on them and ambushed them in their sleep. They had all had training and were on some of the most well-equipped ships in the world. But the enemy found a weak spot and exploited it. He came in when the defenses were down. It didn’t happen over night. The enemy studied his prey, watched, waited, and moved in when we were most vulnerable. The enemy hit his mark with ferocious accuracy.

We must realize that we need to be trained for war! Playing war isn’t enough! There is a real war going on in Iraq, but there is also a real war going on for the souls of men! Knowing the Word of God and praying are two powerful weapons against the enemy. There are real casualties in Iraq and there are real casualties standing in front of us every day. They may look alive but they are dead to Christ because they haven’t accept His blood. Don’t get caught asleep on the battleship! Wake up be alert! Read your Bible and pray. Speak the name of Jesus!

We’d all rather go down to the dock, get on board a cruise ship, and have everything nice and cozy and posh. Well, we aren’t called to a cozy, posh cruise ship. We are called to get aboard a battleship! So get on your battle dress uniform and be ready to fight. We want to be on a destroyer and destroy the works of the enemy!

## **Alpha**

- We're gathering prayer requests!

## **Assimilation**

- We're gathering prayer requests!

## **Bookstore & Café**

- Pray for more workers for both the bookstore and the café

## **Counseling**

- Pray for the couple's retreat / marriage weekend to be held next weekend, Jan 23rd-24th

## **Crossover**

- to reach more girls for God creatively & powerfully
- for God to sweep thru our youth with unity, purpose, and purity.
- Sunday a.m.—need 6 passionate adult leaders & 1 worship leader

## **ESL**

- Starts Feb 4th; ask God for more teachers & students; wisdom
- students & teachers to be dear to 1 another
- students from a diverse group of countries and unreached countries

## **Facilities**

- That we as a church and those visiting this building, would have a renewed and overwhelming realization that this building is God's House and everything in it is God's and we just have temporary use of it.

## **Finances**

- We're gathering prayer requests!

## **Graphics**

- communicator team members (committed people, 'graphically' competent)
- Power-point operator for Sunday service
- funding for updated communicator & stationery for the church

## **Just Say Hey!**

- Please pray that God would give us favor at the Dunwoody campus, that we would have opportunities to meet students, that they would come to our events and that we would all become dear to one another.

## **Kid Co.**

- We're gathering prayer requests!

## **LCS**

- January classes—need prayer for teachers & students
- For the unsaved to come and get saved
- For it to be connecting point in our community

## **Little Kid Co.**

- We're gathering prayer requests!

## **Local Outreach**

- Wisdom, unity & love for the lead team
- For God to raise up apt ministry leaders
- Divine moments & salvations at Co-op
- More AVC volunteers for Co-op teams

## **Men**

- Wild at Heart Bible study begins this Tuesday, Jan 20th

## **Ministry Team**

- Ministry teams covered in prayer
- Set training dates for basic and advanced
- 30 people trained for Sunday a.m. ministry
- Deliverance ministry—plan & develop

## **Missions**

- Mission Bridge Brazil—9 adults—Feb 2004—need \$1500 each
- Global Impact Team—protection, wisdom, discernment, anointing
- Luane Thomson—lift her in prayer; needs volunteer admin help

## **MOPS**

- We're gathering prayer requests!

## **Nexus**

- For ministry changes to be communicated well, administrated, and accepted
- Hunger for God's Spirit in Atlanta-area youth, esp. those in Norcross
- God's provision to complete youth room

## **Small Groups**

- for Community Connect to draw people into community on Feb 1st
- for more leaders to step up to the plate
- for deeper community to develop in our existing small groups

## **Ushering**

- I am looking for a dependable, committed person to train as a co-leader for the Ushering
- Also, pray for more people to participate in the ministry of Ushering every Sunday

## **VLI**

- We're gathering prayer requests!

## **VSN**

- Jon M. speaking at young adults conference—Detroit, spring
- hunger & expectation
- VSN worship team changes; needs unity
- VSN leadership being restructured

## **Women**

- Beth Moore "Believing God" Bible studies begin this Tuesday, Jan 20th

## **Worship Arts**

- That we would form true community; people would be envisioned for learning & growing in community
- That barriers of fear & insecurity would not separate us from each other / God's purposes