



VineyardPrayer

Spring 2007

... to encourage, equip, resource, support, and network prayer ministries in local Vineyard congregations

Connect

- **May 6th, 2007:** Pre-conference prayer meeting (Anaheim, CA) 7:00 – 9:30pm, in room 205. This prayer time will be led by Vineyard USA board member & regional overseer Pastor Johnny Crist and myself (both from the Atlanta Vineyard). Sheri Carr will lead us in worship during the night of prayer, in which we will focus on seeking God's heart for the Vineyard movement and National Conference. Spread the word to anyone you know that might be able to attend!
- **May 7th – 11th, 2007:** Vineyard National Conference (Anaheim, CA) 25th anniversary. On Tuesday, May 8th, at 2:00pm, we will have an informal gathering for anyone with a heart for prayer.
- **June 13th – 16th, 2007:** CPLN (Church Prayer Leaders Network) national conference, Grand Rapids, MI – make plans to attend this if you can – highly recommended! Keynote speakers include Frank Damazio, George Otis, Jr., Fred Hartley, Jerome McNeil, and Daniel Henderson. Many workshops are available also. If you plan on attending, let me know, and we'll get together during the conference!
- **October 19th – 20th, 2007:** CPLN (Church Prayer Leaders Network) regional conference, Atlanta, GA. Keynote speakers are Jon Graf (founding editor of Pray! magazine and director of CPLN) and Dave Butts (Harvest Prayer Ministries, and chairman of the National Prayer Committee). Sheri Carr will lead us in worship.

Welcome!

These churches joined VineyardPrayer this quarter:

- Raleigh VCF (Raleigh, NC)
- Urban Vineyard (Chicago, IL)
- Vineyard Church of Fort Collins (Fort Collins, CO)
- Vineyard Community Church West Philadelphia (Philadelphia, PA)

Welcome aboard!

Your Contribution

Submissions are welcome for any part of these newsletters or the website. You might have a resource to recommend, a testimony about what God has done in your church, or maybe you'd like to write an article! Also, please let me know of any prayer-related conferences, classes, or events in your area.

Network

I want to encourage you to get together with others in the VineyardPrayer network, to pray, to encourage one another, to brainstorm prayer strategies . . . Just click on a church near you on the website and start the ball rolling . . .

Visit us online at www.vineyardprayer.com, or email Karen at karens@atlantavineyard.com.

God is stirring up prayer in the Vineyard movement!

It does seem like God is stirring up prayer in the Vineyard movement . . . Here are some recent emails from Vineyard prayer ministry leaders around the nation . . .

“My wife and I also got the green light last week to begin raising support as Pastor over the prayer and prophetic ministries. We have long been involved in these areas, but this will be taking us and these ministry areas to a whole new level. God began speaking strongly to our Pastoral team about prayer and intimacy with Him over the last few weeks. We are both challenged and excited about what lies ahead.”

“We did have a precious, intimate general intercession meeting Monday night, intimate encounters with the Lord, an atmosphere where you don't know if you should even mention prayer needs. (By general I just mean there were personal intercessors from more than one team). It was wonderful to feel a bit over my head. I sense we might be being progressively drawn into intimate intercession. (I'm one of those guys who shared Wimber's delight in God interrupting meetings by revealing His compassion to heal or His love for a city or nation, stuff like that.)”

“I am looking forward to partnering with the larger body of prayer warriors.”

“To be connected to others in our larger church body is very exciting to me.”

“I would like to learn to be more effective, and to be more connected with others who serve in the ministry of prayer.”

“It's wonderful to know that the Holy Spirit is indeed spurring the Body of Christ in similar fashion everywhere, to see that His House will indeed be a house of prayer.”

Resource review

A couple of months ago, I was surfing the web for some new prayer resources, when I stumbled on a DVD series called “Prophetic Evangelism Workshop” by Doug Addison of InLight Connection. Wow, what a goldmine! It turns out that this former Vineyard pastor has a heart for “helping people to come to know and understand God's love, acceptance, and power in their lives.” Doug's approach to evangelism is neither boring nor weird. He builds on the foundation laid by James Engle (“The Engle Scale”), John Wimber, Steve Sjogren, Bill Hybels, and others, in laying out a way to help people experience God's love by speaking “encouraging words” to them in a naturally supernatural way. The 6 sessions (5 hours of teaching) on DVD are available for \$50 on the InLight Connection website (www.dougaddison.com). Since starting this series (we're doing one session per month at the Atlanta Vineyard), I've heard from several other Vineyard churches who are also using this wonderful resource.