

"He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken"
(Psalm 62:6).

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- 1st The planning of the **AGC National Conference**, to be held **May 25 to 27th** in **Banff, AB**. Pray for our **Conference Planning committee** as they sort through the many final details.
- 2nd The **AGC East Eastern ON/Quebec/Maritimes Ministry Leaders Gathering** being held today at **The MET, Ottawa, ON**.
- 3rd The preparation and planning for the many summer camp programs.
- 4th The **AGC East Algoma Region Ministry Leaders Gathering** being held at **Calvary Gospel Church, Blind River, ON**.
- 5th **AGC Quebec Director, Rev. Del and Barb Gibbons** as Del ministers to our pastors and churches throughout Quebec.
- 6th **Jamie Stinson and her family**. **Jamie's husband Robert** had open heart surgery and had other medical conditions that make recovery difficult. Jamie is the **Director of Family Ministries at Bethel Church in Kingston, ON**.
- 7th **AGC Administrative Assistant/Finance Manager, Donna Leung** as she serves our **AGC** staff and our churches.
- 8th **AOK Church, Aundek Omni Kaning, ON**. Pray that more people will hear and respond to the gospel message and know the love of Christ.
- 9th The **AGC East Southwestern ON Ministry Leaders Gathering** taking place today at **The Rock Bible Church, Woodstock, ON**.
- 10th The **AGC East Burlington/Hamilton/Niagara Ministry Leaders Gathering** taking place today at **Calvary Church, St. Catharines, ON**.
- 11th The **AGC East GTA and Tourist Area Ministry Leaders Gathering** taking place today at **Bridletowne Park Church, Scarborough, ON**.
- 12th **AGC President, Rev. Bill and Michele Allan**. May God give Bill wisdom, guidance, and strength as he serves our **AGC** National team and our churches.

13th **Susan Davis, AGC Compassion and Justice Coordinator**, as she serves our Lord. Pray for our newcomers who arrived in February in Peterborough and Ottawa as they adjust to a new life in Canada.

14th



Happy Mother's Day! We give thanks to the women in our lives who have mentored us/loved us and cared for us. We pray that God will bless them and keep them in His loving care.

15th

Pastor Jeff and Alanna Peacock and family (Pastor of Somerset Bible Chapel, Somerset, MB.) Pray for renewed health and strength for Jeff as he has further cancer treatment.

16th

The **AGC Staff Meeting** taking place today. May our team be guided by His Spirit and strengthened in their ministry roles.

17th

Blainville Church, Quebec (re-establishment) and **Rockland Church**, as in each case we need a worker/missionary to come along and support each French church project. Pray for the growing Rockland community, the outreach program for the year and the incorporation process.

18th

AGC West Associate Regional Director, Rev. Lorne and Esther Meisner as Lorne gives leadership to our churches in Manitoba.

19th

Pastors to fill roles that are vacant in the following **AGC** churches in the East: **Bethel Church, Kingston, ON, Bethel Bible Church, Seaforth, ON, The Gathering House, Chesterville, ON, Milliken Gospel Church, Markham, ON, WestVillage Church, Ottawa, ON, Fair Havens Community Church, Beaverton, ON, New Life Christian Assembly, Toronto, ON**.

20th

Alex & Amber Bojórquez (Pastor at Maryfield AGC, Maryfield, SK). Their son Leonardo is improving and we thank God for answered prayer. Continue to pray for this family as Leo will need future surgeries.

21st

AGC East Regional Director, Rev. Dr. Tom and Karen Lambshead as Tom ministers to our churches throughout Ontario and Nova Scotia. Tom is sharing God's Word today at **Grace Church, Newmarket, ON**.

22nd


Happy Victoria Day! The **AGC** office is closed today. Pray for a good and safe start to these special holidays where families gather.

23rd

Pastors to fill roles that are vacant in the following **AGC** West churches: **Bonanza Gospel Chapel, Bonanza, AB, Little Smoky Country Chapel, Little Smoky, AB, Gleichen Community Church, Gleichen, AB, Gladstone Christian Fellowship, Gladstone, MB, McCreary Gospel Church, McCreary, MB**



24th Rev. Dr. Paul and LaFaye Brittain as Paul ministers in his role as **AGC National Coordinator of Doctrine and Credentials**.

25th  The **AGC National Conference**, to be held **May 25 to 27th** at **Banff Park Church, Banff, AB**. Pray for our speaker, **Dr. David Barker**, our **worship teams**, our **Enrichment Session presenters** and for all those who attend.

26th The **AGC West STRIVE Youth Retreat** taking place this weekend at **Millar College of the Bible, Pambrun, SK**. Pray for the speaker, **Jerred Andreas**, the leaders and volunteers and especially for our youth.

27th The **delegates, Pastors and guests** who are attending our **AGC National Conference** in Banff, AB. Pray also for the many volunteers and for **Banff Park Church** which is hosting our **AGC** family of churches.

28th Our **AGC Staff** will attend several of our **AGC West** churches today. **Rev. Bill Allan** will be sharing the Word at **Banff Park Church** and **Rev. Tom Lambshsead** will be sharing at **Trinity Bible Church, Canmore**. Also, pray for the safety of the many who are travelling home from the Conference.

29th **AGC East Associate Regional Director, Rev. John and Peggi Garner** as John ministers to our churches throughout the East.

30th **AGC West Regional Director, Rev. Rob and Wendy Cochrane** as Rob gives leadership to our Western churches.

31st **AGC Church Relations Coordinator/Benefits Manager, Susan Page** as she serves our **AGC** staff and our churches.

A Firm Place to Stand

We were nearing the end of a month during which the sun had barely graced us with its presence. The days had been long, damp, and gloomy. All this, combined with a virus that I just couldn't shake and other circumstances including my sister's sudden passing resulted in a period of grief and unsettledness which left me feeling insecure and anxious. Restrictions on my daily walks did nothing to lessen the sadness. Walking and talking with Jesus while hiking by the lake with camera in hand has always been a way for me to decompress and be with God.

Finally, the day arrived when I could head out to breathe the crisp air and enjoy the beauty of God's creation. Rounding a bend, I was delighted to see a pair of swans on the pond. Suddenly, one of them drew up out of the water and spread its massive wings and I was pleased to capture a succession of photos. The small circle of water in which they were floating was surrounded by ice. Suddenly one bird decided it wanted to get up onto solid footing but every single attempt it made resulted in the ice breaking away. It had not been cold enough for the ice to substantially thicken. The swan continued its efforts and up until the time I walked away, the bird had not succeeded in finding a firm place to stand.

This illustration from nature can relate to life's difficult challenges. We can be floating down easy street ignoring the heaviness of things that are piling up around us. Then suddenly, we may feel like we can't find our way back to that feeling of security, that sense of the solid ground beneath our feet. In my experience, the enemy loves to trip us up in our weakest moments. He preys on our areas of vulnerability, diving in for the attack. As I sensed God speaking that day, I thanked Him for being my Rock, my firm place to stand, and my security. Believe it or not, that very evening as I opened the Word, *Psalm 40: 1,2* was included in the reading for that day. This was another timely confirmation and affirmation that we have a God who cares for us in such a uniquely personal way. In the depth of our despair, if we wait patiently and cry out to God, then He, being such a faithful Father hears us. He feels our anguish and comes to meet our needs. Jesus is the solid and firm foundation; He is our Rock. In Him lies our security.

"I waited patiently for the Lord; He turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; He set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand" (Psalm 40: 1-2).

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