










*"May our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who loved us and by His grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word." (2 Thess 2: 16,17).*

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- 1<sup>st</sup> The  **REFRESH Retreat, AGC West**, taking place today and tomorrow at **East Parkland Bible Church, Stony Plain, AB**. Pray for **Rev. Lorne Meisner** as he ministers to our pastors and their wives at this retreat.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> The  **REFRESH Retreat, AGC West**. **AGC West Associate Regional Director, Rev. Lorne and Esther Meisner** as Lorne gives leadership to our churches in Manitoba.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> **Alex & Amber Bojórquez (Pastor at Maryfield AGC, Maryfield, SK)**. Their son Leonardo is improving with prayer appreciated for the medical decisions to determine the next steps towards surgery.
- Pray for those who mourn. **Pastor Darrel Teichrib**, his wife, Pat, and his family on the passing of Darrel's father on Thanksgiving weekend.
- 4<sup>t</sup> **AGC Quebec Director, Rev. Del and Barb Gibbons** as Del ministers to our pastors and churches throughout Quebec.
- 5<sup>th</sup> We celebrate with the congregation, friends and family of **Rev. Shawn Van de Visch** and his wife **Naomi** on his induction as the pastor at **The Gathering House, Chesterville, ON**.
- AGC West Regional Director, Rev. Rob and Wendy Cochrane** as Rob gives leadership to our Western churches. Pray for **Rob** as he shares today at **Wetaskiwin Mission Church, Wetaskiwin, AB**.
- 6<sup>th</sup> **AOK Church, Aundek Omni Kaning, ON**. Pray that more people will hear and respond to the gospel message and know the love of Christ.
- 7<sup>th</sup> The  **REFRESH Retreat AGC West**, taking place today and tomorrow at **Calvary Church, Saskatoon, SK**. Pray for **Rev. Lorne Meisner** as he ministers to our pastors and their wives.
-  **Southwestern ON at the Rock Bible Church, Woodstock, ON facilitated by Rev. Louis Scheepers.**
- 8<sup>th</sup>  **GTA and Tourist, Calvary Church, Toronto, ON facilitated by Rev. Louis Scheepers.**

- 9<sup>th</sup>  **Niagara/Hamilton/Burlington, Calvary Gospel Church, Beamsville ON facilitated by Rev. Louis Scheepers.**
- 10<sup>th</sup> The **AGC East Jr. High**  taking place at **Muskoka Woods** this weekend.
- 11  **LEST WE FORGET. Pray for the Jewish people, for a safe release of hostages, and for God to intervene and end the terror and violence.**
- 12<sup>th</sup> **Rev. Bill Allan** as he shares God's Word today with the congregation at **Maple Creek Community Church, Dunnville, ON**.
- Rev. Tom Lamshead** as he shares God's Word with the congregation at **Grace Church, Newmarket, ON**.
- 13<sup>th</sup> The **AGC Staff Meeting** taking place today. May our team be guided by His Spirit and strengthened in their ministry roles.
- 14<sup>th</sup>  **Eastern ON, QC & Maritimes at The MET, Ottawa ON facilitated by Rev. Louis Scheepers.**
- 15<sup>th</sup> **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.
- 16<sup>th</sup> 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, Cornerstone Gospel Church, Mossbank, SK, Grace Bible Church, Dauphin, MB, Biggar Associated Gospel Church, Biggar, SK, Living Hope Bible Church, Prince Albert, SK**.
- 17<sup>th</sup> **Pastor Jeff and Alanna Peacock and family (Pastor of Somerset Bible Chapel, Somerset, MB.)** Pray for renewed health and strength for Jeff as continues to struggle with serious health issues related to cancer.
- 18<sup>th</sup> **Rev. Dr. Paul and LaFaye Brittain** as Paul ministers in his role as **AGC National Coordinator of Doctrine and Credentials**.
- 19<sup>th</sup> We rejoice with the congregation and the friends and family of **Daniel Critchlow** on his induction as the pastor of **Bethel Church, Kingston, ON**.
- 20<sup>th</sup> **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.



- 21<sup>st</sup> The **AGC** planning committees and staff who are meeting and planning the details for the **2024 AGC East and AGC West Regional Conferences**.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> **AGC East Associate Regional Director, Rev. John and Peggi Garner** as John ministers to our churches and pastors throughout the East.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> **Central AB. Pastor Café** taking place at **Wetaskiwin Mission Church, Wetaskiwin, AB.**
- AGC National Board Meeting** via Zoom.
- 24<sup>th</sup> Pastors to fill roles that are vacant in the following **AGC** churches in the East: **Bethel Bible Church, Seaforth, ON, Milliken Gospel Church, Markham, ON, WestVillage Church, Ottawa, ON, Fair Havens Community Church, Beaverton, ON, New Life Christian Assembly, Toronto, ON, Calvary Church, Blind River, ON, Maple Creek Community Church, Dunnville, ON.**
- 25<sup>th</sup> **AGC East Regional Director, Rev. Dr. Tom and Karen Lamshead** as Tom ministers to our churches throughout Ontario and Nova Scotia.
- 26<sup>th</sup> **Rev. Rob Cochrane** as he shares God's Word today with the congregation of **Biggar AGC Church, Biggar, SK.**
- We rejoice with the congregation and the friends and family of **David and Jennifer Burley** as they celebrate David's induction as Pastor of **Gladstone Christian Fellowship, Gladstone, MB.**
- 27<sup>th</sup> **AGC Administrative Assistant/Finance Manager, Donna Leung** as she serves our **AGC** staff and our churches.
- 28<sup>th</sup> **Susan Davis, AGC Compassion and Justice Coordinator**, as she serves our Lord. Pray for a family who will be arriving in Victoria whose daughter needs surgery. Pray for the settlement team as they look for affordable housing for this family of 5.
- 29<sup>th</sup> **AGC Canada West Council Zoom Meeting** taking place today.
- 30<sup>th</sup> **AGC Church Relations Coordinator/Benefits Manager, Susan Page** as she serves our **AGC** staff and our churches.

### Anything God Wants Me to Be

There is an old chorus, usually sung by children, with fantastic lyrics. It's called, *I Am a Promise*. I wish I had been taught the truth of these words as a young child. In the era I grew up, parents worried their children would be prideful if they were told they were special. I was raised with the message that the goal was to get through high school, and then out the door to search for a job ... any job. There was no encouragement to reach for more.

Following Jesus means that we can experience life in all its fullness no matter where we started from. Once we know who we are in Jesus, that we are His, bought with a great price, then we are inspired to boldly make the right choices. We are children of the King who chose the lowest and the least to do great things for eternity. There are many examples throughout Scripture. God chose an elderly barren woman to become the mother of a great nation. He chose Moses, who felt inadequate in public speaking to lead that nation into the promised land. He chose the youngest and smallest of Jesse's boys to slay a giant of a man before becoming the King of Israel. In the New Testament, we see Jesus choosing fishermen who became part of His motley crew that would eventually start the early Church. These men were not scholarly theologians. Yet they were filled with possibility and promise along with the potential to win the world for Christ.

So, let's teach our children well. Whether they have special needs or conditions like dyslexia, attention deficit, etc. ... cheer them on! Within each of them lie amazing possibilities to be unearthed. Just like faith as small as a mustard seed can move mountains, recognizing a person's potential and showing that you have faith in them reap great rewards. How can we do this?

First, and most importantly, encourage one another in the Lord and build each other up (1 Thess. 5:11). When you notice the spark of a gift that has promise in a person, share that insight with them. Plant the seed of encouragement and watch as it blossoms and grows into a bundle of potential!

*"Train up a child in the way he should go [teaching him to seek God's wisdom and will for his abilities and talents], Even when he is old he will not depart from it"* (Proverbs 22:6). AMP

*I am a promise, I am a possibility, I am a promise with a capital P, I am a great big bundle of potentiality, And I am learning to hear God's voice and I am trying to make the right choice I'm a promise to be anything He wants me to be.* Source: [Musixmatch](https://www.musixmatch.com), Songwriters: Gloria Gaither / William J. Gaither I Am a Promise lyrics © Hanna Street Music

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