

“Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story— those He redeemed from the hand of the foe,” (Psalm 107:2).

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

1st **Susan Davis, AGC Compassion and Justice Coordinator**, as she serves our Lord. Pray for fruitful conversations between pastors and leadership teams as they think through the how they can best respond to the refugee crisis.

2nd **AGC Quebec Director, Rev. Del and Barb Gibbons** as Del ministers to our pastors and churches throughout Quebec.

3rd The preparations that go into the **AGC**  program that is taking place in October.

4th Safe travels for those returning home on this **Labour Day** holiday. The **AGC** office is closed today.

5th **Rev. Doug Agnew (Compass Point Bible Church, Burlington, ON) wife, Janice** went to be with the Lord on August 3rd after a brief battle with cancer. Please pray for Doug and his family.

6th **AGC West Regional Director, Rev. Rob and Wendy Cochrane** as Rob gives leadership to our Western churches.

7th **AOK Church, Aundek Omni Kaning, ON.** Pray that more people will hear and respond to the gospel message and know the love of Christ.

8th **AGC West Associate Regional Director, Rev. Lorne and Esther Meisner** as Lorne gives leadership to our churches in Manitoba.

9th **Rev. Bill Allan** as he shares God’s Word tomorrow at **New Life Christian Assembly, Toronto, ON.**

10th **Alex & Amber Bojórquez (Pastor at Maryfield AGC, Maryfield, SK).** Their son Leonardo is improving with prayer appreciated for the medical decisions to determine next steps towards surgery. Leo will be dedicated today. **Rev. Rob Cochrane** will be sharing in this special time as well as teaching from God’s Word.

We celebrate with **McCreary Gospel Church, McCreary MB** and with the family of **Dan and Sharon McCutchin.** Today is the induction service for Dan as he is officially welcomed as the new Pastor.

11th **Manitoba Pastor’s Café** taking place today in **Westend Community Church, MacGregor, MB.**

12th **S.E. Saskatchewan Pastor’s Café** taking place today at **Parkland Bible Church, Kipling, SK.**

13th **Canada East Council meeting** as well as the **Canada East Regional Conference planning meeting** taking place today.

14th **AGC Canada West Council Meetings** taking place today.

15th **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.

16th **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.

17th **Rev. Rob Cochrane** is speaking today at **Delburne Gospel Church, Delburne, AB.**

18th **AGC East Regional Director, Rev. Dr. Tom and Karen Lamshead** as Tom ministers to our churches throughout Ontario and Nova Scotia.

19th **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.

20th **Central AB Pastors Café** taking place today at **Wetaskiwin Mission Church, Wetaskiwin, AB.**

21st The **AGC National Board** as they meet by Zoom today. We appreciate our leaders and pray for God’s wisdom and guidance as they lead our Association.

22nd **AGC East Associate Regional Director, Rev. John and Peggi Garner** as John ministers to our churches and pastors throughout the East.

23rd 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.**

24th The **AGC** **planning committees and staff** who are meeting and planning the details for the **2024 AGC East and AGC West Regional Conferences.**



- 25th Rev. Dr. Paul and LaFaye Brittain as Paul ministers in his role as AGC National Coordinator of Doctrine and Credentials.
- 26th 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.
- 27th AGC Administrative Assistant/Finance Manager, Donna Leung as she serves our AGC staff and our churches.
- 28th SW Saskatchewan Pastors Café taking place today at Sunningdale Community Church, Moose Jaw, SK.
- 29th Northern Saskatchewan Pastors Café taking place today at Calvary Church, Saskatoon, SK.
- 30th AGC Church Relations Coordinator/Benefits Manager, Susan Page as she serves our AGC staff and our churches.

The Greatest Story

Don't you just love a good story? There have been many famous storytellers down through the centuries. You likely have your favourites. Even as an adult, I still appreciate the way Lucy Maude Montgomery imaginatively composed her delightful stories. These are the type of books that can be cracked open again. That's a great testament to a good story. Recently, I read *Love Does* by Bob Goff. I think Bob has a way of weaving simple illustrations into profound Gospel truths. He has a great sense of humour, which is artfully used at just the right moment. Charles Swindoll also uses humour in his unique way of communicating a message. He models how to use a story to bridge the gap between people and generations.

Mister Rogers was a masterful storyteller. Fred used his gift to help teach valuable life lessons. With a quiet and humble spirit, he shared stories that spread love and kindness. It is not surprising that he had previously been ordained as a pastor. Pastors are often good storytellers.

Perhaps you have memories of sitting around a campfire listening to an old family tale. If you happen to be north of fifty, you may recall a different type of storytelling. Times of testimony were held in Sunday services. People would share the story of how they came to faith in Jesus. I will never forget an elderly gentleman who always sprang to his feet to sing the chorus, "He Touched Me." That was his story in song.

However, the greatest story ever told is written in the Scriptures, that is the story of Jesus. Jesus was a master storyteller. His use of parables as a method of revealing truths about human behaviour is incredible. Think of just one example, The Prodigal Son – it contains many characters we can relate to. We can see God's love revealed through the Father and come to a better understanding of God's patience. We may relate to the wayward child or the jealous sibling. There are so many truths woven into this one story which motivates us to examine our hearts.

Recently while reading John's Gospel account, the following verse was illuminated to me in a brand-new way. ***"Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written"*** (John 21:25). That sounds like a lot of great stories!

There are untold stories that never made it into Scripture. Someday, we may be able to hear them all. In the meantime, let's keep telling the story of a Saviour – the story that never gets old. There is always a soul that longs to hear the truth that is found in the greatest story ever told. We all have a story to tell!

Do you have a prayer concern you'd like to submit to share with AGC churches nationwide? If so, e-mail it to the AGC Office at sue@agcofcanada.com