

*Let us pray for one another! As you pray for the requests listed, perhaps you will be inspired to send an e-mail of encouragement to someone.*

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- 1<sup>st</sup> **AGC East Regional Director, Dr. Tom and Karen Lambshead** as he ministers to our churches throughout Ontario.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> **AGC West Associate Regional Director Rev. Lorne and Esther Meisner** as he ministers to our churches in Manitoba.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> **Labour Day!** The **AGC** office is closed today. We pray for safe travels for those who are returning from holidays or enjoying a day's outing.
- 4<sup>th</sup> The **AGC Staff meeting** today. May God unite our team in the mission and ministry to which they have been called.
- 5<sup>th</sup> **Two Hills Fellowship Chapel, Two Hills, AB**, that we would know the Holy Spirit at work within our lives.
- 6<sup>th</sup> **Countryside Community Church, (an AGC Church Plant), Oro-Medonte, ON**, as they continue to impact their community for Christ.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Those who mourn: Family and friends of those killed or injured in the **Danforth, Toronto** community. For **Rev. Daniel and Wendy Winter** and the family at **Calvary Church, Toronto** as they seek to support their community. **Rev. Ken and Valerie Godon** from **Peoples Church of Montreal** in the recent passing of his father. **Rev. Keith and Shirley D'Eall and family** of **Varsity Bible Church, Calgary, AB** in the sudden and unexpected loss of their new-born grandson, **Anthony** who passed away in July. **Rev. Paul and LaFaye Brittain** as they mourn the passing of Paul's sister, Diane.
- 8<sup>th</sup> For **Rev. Jim and Carolyn Houston and family**, as Jim has been put on a list for a liver transplant. Our **AGC National Board** as they work together with the **AGC** staff to fine tune new policies and procedures.
- 9<sup>th</sup> We rejoice today with **Glenboro Bible Chapel, Glenboro, MB** on the induction service of their **Pastor, Dan and Sharon McCutchin**. Pray also for **Rev. Harry and Bernice Friesen** as they continue to serve in various roles. We celebrate the reception of a new **AGC** Church, **Penhold Church of Hope in Penhold, AB** under the direction of **Pastor Dave Trenholm**.

- 10<sup>th</sup> **Biggar AGC Church, Biggar, SK** as we wait on God to do great things within our community.
- 11<sup>th</sup> Our staff at **Fair Havens** under the leadership of **Executive Director Liz and John Thompson** as Liz and team rejoice over another busy summer of ministry. There is an **AGC Staff meeting** today.
- 12<sup>th</sup> **Rev. Russ and Sue Wilson** in his role as **AGC West Regional Director**. There is a **Canada West Pastor's Café** at **Calvary Church, Saskatoon**.
- 13<sup>th</sup> **Canada West Pastor's Café** at **Sunningdale Community Church, Moose Jaw, SK**.
- 14<sup>th</sup> **Canada West Pastor's Café** at **Silver Heights Bible Church, Weyburn, SK**.
- 15<sup>th</sup> **Pastor Frank and Daria Humphrey and family** from **Peoples Church in Montreal**. We pray for Daria and others who are in a care-giving role.
- 16<sup>th</sup> **AGC Administrative Assistant/Finance Manager, Donna Leung** and **AGC Church Relations Coordinator/Benefits Manager, Susan Page** as they minister in their roles at the **AGC National Office**. **Rev. Russ Wilson** is speaking today at **Living Faith Fellowship, Herbert SK**.
- 17<sup>th</sup> **Rev. Glenn and Bonnie Rider** as Glenn carries out his responsibilities as **AGC National Coordinator of Doctrine and Credentials**.
- 18<sup>th</sup> **Canada West Regional Council Meetings** taking place over the next two days. **AGC Alberta Pastor's Café** at **Wetaskiwin, AB**.
- 19<sup>th</sup> Our Hope Project street ministry. Every Thursday we go downtown Hamilton and serve those in need. Please pray for the people we meet. We have met people who are homeless, others who struggle with mental illness and/or addiction. They are loved by God and as a church we want to share the message of the gospel with them.  
**Garside Bible Church, Hamilton, ON**
- 20<sup>th</sup> **AGC Quebec Director, Rev. Del and Barb Gibbons** as Del ministers to our pastors and churches throughout **Quebec**.
- 21<sup>st</sup> **Peoples Church of Montreal, QC** for our monthly outreach where we prepare and deliver sandwiches and other small food items to the homeless men and women in downtown Montreal.

- 22<sup>nd</sup> **Rev. Jonathan and Carmi Edralin**, as they begin their ministry on **Manitoulin Island**.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> We rejoice with **Safe Haven Worship Centre, Pickering, ON** today as they celebrate the Recognition of Ordination and Induction of their **Pastor, Rev. Matthew and Lisa Kratz**.
- 24<sup>th</sup> **Waterford Bible Church, Waterford, ON** as they continue their Drop-In ministry and prepare for participation for Waterford's Pumpkinfest celebration in October.
- 25<sup>th</sup> **Delburne Gospel Church, Delburne, AB**, that God will move us as a congregation to pray as we have never prayed before for our community, our province and our nation. There is an **AGC Staff meeting** today.
- 26<sup>th</sup> **Rev. Charles-Henri and Lise Côté**. That God's will be accomplished in Quebec. Also pray that the **Blainville Church** will be blessed with more disciples. **Église Évangélique de Blainville, QC**
- 27<sup>th</sup> **There is an AGC Finance Meeting** as well as an **AGC Board Meeting** today.
- 28<sup>th</sup> **Benediction Church**, an **AGC** church plant in **Hamilton, ON** for continued unity and vision for our Leadership Team. For a larger worship venue as we move to weekly services.
- 29<sup>th</sup> Continued wisdom for our leadership and clarity of vision and purpose among our congregation as we begin a time of transition and search for a lead pastor. **Northside Community Church, Kitchener, ON**
- 30<sup>th</sup> **AGC President, Rev. Bill and Michele Allan**. May God give Bill wisdom, discernment and guidance as he leads and gives direction to our **AGC** National team and to our churches throughout Canada. Bill is speaking at **Faith Gospel Church, Hamilton, ON** today. We celebrate today with **Église Évangélique de Lachute, QC** on the **Ordination** of **Virgil Jones**. **Timothy Jones** and **Matthew Grégoire** will receive their **Certificate of Ministry**.

## Squirrels and Seagulls

I had an interesting conversation while hiking with a friend. A little grey squirrel darted into our path and my friend exclaimed how she hated squirrels. I thought hate was a strong emotion towards these creatures that our Father God created, but as she described how squirrels constantly tear up her gardens, I began to understand where her hostile feelings came from.

It's like how I felt for some time about seagulls. One day, while visiting my daughter in Vancouver, we had stopped for lunch and I decided that I would have my first taste of authentic seaside fish and chips. I purchased my lunch at an outdoor venue, wandered out to the patio to find a picnic table and was viciously accosted by a group of seagulls. They devoured my lunch within seconds. I did not think favourable thoughts towards seagulls for quite some time.

These two simple examples of how we can form unfavourable opinions or feelings about something may seem quite innocent, however these same types of thoughts when formed about someone made in God's image, become extremely dangerous. In either case, the description of these feelings falls under the title of prejudice. The results of prejudicial feelings about a person or people group has huge implications. One only needs to turn on the daily news to see how far-reaching and utterly devastating the effects of prejudicial actions are in our world.

In reading the story found in Acts 8:26-39 I was intrigued by the way Phillip was obedient to the Spirit's command to approach the Ethiopian eunuch. This was possibly someone who Phillip would not have normally interacted with. The gentleman was from a different race. Yet, in verse 30 it says that Phillip ran up to the chariot. Who knows what Phillip's agenda may have been for that day, but he certainly tossed it out the window. What a display of obedience to God's call. Phillip took the time to interact with the Ethiopian gentleman. He asked the eunuch if he understood what he was reading from the book of Isaiah and then he shared the good news about Jesus with him. Phillip continued to travel with his new brother in Christ until they came to some water and then Phillip baptized him. We see no hesitation on the part of Phillip interacting with someone from another culture. Phillip listened, he discerned, he shared, and he took all the time that was needed to win this soul for Christ. As far as I can see, if Phillip had any pre-conceived feelings about this man, there is no evidence that anything, but the love of Christ was displayed.

May Jesus help us to love the way He loves, with abandonment and grace. For God so loved the whole world that He gave His all. May we in turn display love for all that He made ... perhaps that even includes squirrels and seagulls, but most certainly it includes all those made in His image.

Do you have a prayer concern you'd like to submit to share with AGC churches Nation-wide? If so, e-mail it to the AGC Office at [sue@agcofcanada.com](mailto:sue@agcofcanada.com) or mail it to 1500 Kerns Rd., Burlington, ON L7P 3A7