

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:

- 1st 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
- 2nd **Mount Pleasant Bible Church, Mount Pleasant, ON** as we move ahead with our interim preaching elder.
- 3rd Those who mourn, the ill, the least, the lonely and the lost. Also pray for some of our **AGC** college students who lost their year due to the teacher's strike in Ontario.
- 4th **Countryside Community Church, (an AGC Church Plant), Oro-Medonte, ON**, as they continue to impact their community for Christ.
- 5th **Rev. Jonathan and Carmi Edralin**, of **Outbound City Church, Mississauga, ON** as they follow God's call to ministry on Manitoulin Island by Sept. 2018. They are planning to take a trip up to Manitoulin Island in April or May for Carmi to apply to the Wikwemikong School Board.
- 6th **AGC President, Dr. Bill Fietje (Lois)**. May God give Bill wisdom, discernment and guidance as he gives transitional direction to our **AGC** National team.
- 7th **Waterford Bible Church, Waterford, ON** has a theme verse this year: *"Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit says the Lord Almighty!"* (Zechariah 4:6) Their prayer for 2018 is for a great outpouring of God's Spirit.
- 8th **Rev. Bill Fietje** is speaking today at Chapel to the students at **Heritage Seminary**.
- 9th The **AGC STRIVE Senior High** retreat taking place this weekend at **Muskoka Woods**. **Rev. Craig Danielson** will minister to our youth and the **AGC House Band** will lead in worship. The Emcee for the weekend is **Nick Pegg**.

- 10th Continue to pray for **AGC STRIVE**. Pray also for **Rev. Bill Fietje** as he travels to **Quebec** to take part in the **AGCO Annual Meeting**.
- 11th **AGC STRIVE**, that students who make decisions for Christ, will have good spiritual mentoring.
Rev. Bill Fietje is speaking at **The Met, Ottawa, ON** today.
Rev. Russ Wilson is speaking at **Banff Park Church, AB**.
- 12th That **Rev. Charles-Henri and Lise Côté** will accomplish God's will for their missionary work in Quebec. Also pray that the Blainville Church will be blessed with more disciples. **Église Évangélique de Blainville, QC**
- 13th **Pastor Frank Humphrey (Daria) and family** from **Peoples Church in Montreal**. Frank has had a recent hospital stay and is considerably weaker.
- 14th **AGC Quebec Director, Rev. Del Gibbons (Barb)** as he ministers to our pastors and churches throughout **Quebec**.
- 15th **Rev. Glenn Rider (Bonnie)**, ministering as **AGC National Coordinator of Doctrine and Credentials**.
- 16th **Rev. Russ Wilson (Sue)** in his role as **AGC Superintendent for Canada West**.
- 17th Our staff at **Fair Havens** under the leadership of **Executive Director Liz Thompson (John)** as we prepare for the busy season at **Fair Havens**.
- 18th 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**
- 19th Presidential candidate **Rev. Bill Allan (Michele)** as he prepares for the upcoming conference vote and begins preparations for a transition.
- 20th Our **Community Dinner** held every Tuesday evening, that we will have opportunity to share the message of Christ. **Calvary Church, Toronto, ON**
- 21st **Interim Canada East Superintendent, Dr. Tom Lamshead (Karen)** as he ministers to our **AGC** churches in the East.
- 22nd **Two Hills Fellowship Chapel, Two Hills, AB**, that our intern, **Caleb Semenyina**, will be led by the Lord as to what to do after his internship is completed at the end of June.

- 23rd The many plans and preparations going into our **AGC National Conference, ABIDE**. Pray for the **Conference Committee** and all the **volunteers** who will be assisting, and for our host **Redeemer Bible Church, Niagara Falls**. Also pray for our Conference speaker, **Dr. Rick Reed (Linda)**
- 24th **Donna and Susan** in their roles at **AGC National office**.
- 25th **Rev. Bill Fietje** is speaking at **Gladstone Christian Fellowship, Gladstone, MB**.
- 26th **AGC Canada West Pastors Café** taking place today at **Gladstone Christian Fellowship**.
- 27th **AGC Canada West Pastors Café** taking place today at **Calvary Church, Saskatoon, SK**.
- 28th **AGC Canada West Associate Superintendent Rev. Lorne Meisner (Esther)** as he ministers to our churches in **Manitoba**.
- 29th **Delburne Gospel Church, Delburne, AB**, that God will provide us with a Youth Pastor.
- 30th **GOOD FRIDAY**. **“But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us”** (Romans 5:8).
- 31st The many preparations going into Easter Sunday services across our world. **Jesus IS the resurrection and the Life ... what a Saviour!**

“Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.”

*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*



Directing Our Path

We have experienced a brutal winter. The temperatures have been record-breaking and bone-chilling. Amid the lows, there have been short bursts of highs, followed by successive days of deep freeze, which led to hazardous conditions.

I am a fan of warm weather. Honestly, anything below 22 C seems downright chilly to me. This winter has cramped my style, so to speak. I'm a great fan of walking, generally five days a week. The waterfront trail near my home is usually plowed so that it remains in perfect condition for walking. Not so this winter.

It was a wintery Saturday afternoon. The temperature registered around -18 but it was brilliantly sunny. I needed some vitamin D and I longed for a good walk, which often includes a wonderful time of communion with the Lord. I had just finished looking over my notes for a small group study. We were in the book of Proverbs, chapter 3. Therein lay two very familiar verses of Scripture: **“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your path”** (Prov. 3: 5,6).

Entering the park, my mind was focused on this passage. I soon recognized that it was not going to be an easy walk, let alone wise. I had the proper gear for the conditions, including walking poles which helps stabilize one's footing. It was very apparent that I could never take my eyes off the path. There were very few dry or bare patches and lots of black ice. There were places that looked safe but looks were deceiving.

I could not keep up my normal pace, I had to slow down and at times, just stop and take a breather if I wanted to observe the beautiful winter scenery. I often had to walk to the side of the path through rougher terrain with packed down snow, just so that my footing was secure.

There are times in our spiritual journey when we need to consider our choices. Sometimes, we need to adjust our plans, when they do not line up with God's best for us. Often, we must slow down and consider the options, or stop and take a breath and talk it over with the Lord or a wise counselor. Perhaps, at times we need to take the harder path, the road less travelled.

When one considers the depth of truth found in Proverbs 3: 5,6, it's little wonder that many choose them for their life verses. *Thank you, Lord, that we can trust in You. It's a comfort to know that we needn't depend on our own limited intellect. We acknowledge that You are God, and we are not. Thank you for directing our path.*