

*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> God's guidance and peace upon us as we enter a New Year seeking His direction. *"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths."* Prov. 3:5-6  
**Happy New Year!** - the AGC office is closed today.
- 2<sup>nd</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.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> The **relief efforts** of churches and aid agencies throughout the world.  
**Rev. Tim and Susan Davis, AGC National Compassion and Justice**
- 4<sup>th</sup> **Pastor Frank Humphrey, wife Daria, and their family** from **Peoples Church in Montreal.** We pray for families who care for those with long-term illness.  
**Rev. Jim and Carolyn Houston and family,** as Jim has been put on a list for a liver transplant. In the meantime, he has been receiving treatment.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Our weekly **Children's and Youth Ministries.** Many of the youth who attend are unchurched kids. We pray that many young people will come to faith in Christ through these ministries. **Biggar AGC Church, Biggar, SK**
- 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> **AGC East Regional Director, Dr. Tom and Karen Lamshead** as Tom ministers to our churches throughout Ontario.
- 8<sup>th</sup> The **AGC Staff meeting** today. May God lead our team in the mission and ministry to which they have been called.  
**AGC Manitoba Pastors Café at Gladstone Christian Fellowship, MB.**
- 9<sup>th</sup> **AGC West Associate Regional Director Rev. Lorne and Esther Meisner** as Lorne ministers to our churches in **Manitoba.**
- 10<sup>th</sup> Our **Hope Project** street ministry. Every Thursday we go downtown Hamilton and serve those in need. **Garside Bible Church, Hamilton, ON**

- 11<sup>th</sup> **Executive Director of Fair Havens Ministries, Liz Thompson and John** as Liz continues to work alongside her staff in this important ministry.
- 12<sup>th</sup> **Rev. Russ and Sue Wilson** in his role as **AGC West Regional Director.** Continue to pray for Russ and his family as he appreciates our prayers for healing.
- 13<sup>th</sup> We praise the Lord that we are now one church under the name **Connect Community Church, Hamilton. (Formerly Hill Park & Meadowcreek.)**
- 14<sup>th</sup> **Rev. Glenn and Bonnie Rider** as Glenn carries out his responsibilities as **AGC National Coordinator of Doctrine and Credentials.**
- 15<sup>th</sup> **AGC North Central Alberta Pastors Café at Wetaskiwin Mission Church.**
- 16<sup>th</sup> The **AGC National Board** as they work together with the **AGC Staff** to fine tune new policies and procedures.
- 17<sup>th</sup> **Two Hills Fellowship Chapel, Two Hills, AB,** as we look to God for direction in choosing a pastoral intern to serve with our current lead pastor.
- 18<sup>th</sup> **AGC Quebec Director, Rev. Del and Barb Gibbons** as Del ministers to our pastors and churches throughout **Quebec.**
- 19<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.**
- 20<sup>th</sup> **Dr. Tom Lamshead** as he preaches today at **Chinese Gospel Church, Toronto, ON.**  
**Rev. Bill Allan** as he is preaching at **Church of the Open Bible, Swift Current, SK.**
- 21<sup>st</sup> **AGC Pastors Café at Calvary Church, Saskatoon, SK.**
- 22<sup>nd</sup> **AGC West Council Meeting at Calvary Church, Saskatoon, SK.**
- 23<sup>rd</sup> **Delburne Gospel Church, Delburne, AB** as we now have over 20 youth from the community coming to our Youth Activity Nights. Pray with us for their salvation and for wisdom in discipling them.



- 24<sup>th</sup> We praise God for our new **Lead Pastor** and his wife, **Steve and Michelle Boctor**. **Northside Community Church, Kitchener, ON**
- 25<sup>th</sup> **Rev. Charles-Henri and Lise Côté**. As they start preparing to do missionary work in the Laurentians. **Église Évangélique de Blainville, QC**
- 26<sup>th</sup> Our **Community Dinner** held every Tuesday evening, that we will have opportunity to share the message of Christ. **Calvary Church, Toronto, ON**
- 27<sup>th</sup> For our **AGC Regional Directors** and **Conference Committee teams** who are planning our **AGC 2019** Regional Conferences.
- 28<sup>th</sup> The many missionaries and church planters who are supported by our **AGC** churches. May God would renew their strength as they follow the great Commission and the great Commandment.
- 29<sup>th</sup> The **AGC Staff meeting** today.
- 30<sup>th</sup> **Rev. Mike and Heather Mileski**, as Mike leads **Benediction Church**, an **AGC** church plant in **Hamilton, ON**. There is much to rejoice over; there's also cause for prayer that God would intervene and keep His people faithful.
- 31<sup>st</sup> Our upcoming **AGC Summit Meetings** that will be taking place in February at **Fair Havens Ministries**.

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

## By Faith

By faith we lay our head on our pillow each night, fully expecting that we will awaken to a new day. Under most circumstances, we don't even think about it. Each day is a gift. That is why I don't get very excited about New Year's celebrations. Every single day is to be celebrated as a new day, in fact every precious moment is fresh with new opportunities. Each passing second is a gift from God.

One of my favourite Scripture passages has always been Lamentations 3:22-23: ***"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness."***

I love how this verse emphasises that we are given fresh kindness from our Lord every single day. Our Lord is faithful, constant and true. He never changes. We can place our trust in Him. Our faith gives us comfort especially in these changing times. What happens when we step out in faith into a brand-new year or into a new venture when there is uncertainty? I would like to share with you a little from my experience as we step into 2019.

This year, I celebrate a special anniversary in ministry. I rejoice on my 15-year adventure with the AGC. It has been a gift from God. I remember the beginning as if it were yesterday. Rev. Bud Penner came to me one Sunday morning and asked if I would come to work for the AGC. I was employed at that time and was not considering a change. In all seriousness, I was pretty sure that I talked myself out of a job during the interviewing process. It was almost as if I needed to know that this opening was from God and so, if I purposely told the AGC why I wasn't the person for the job, then only God could make it happen. Yet, the very day of the interview, the verse for the day found in the little minute-devotional book which I kept in my car was: ***"By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going."*** (Hebrews 11:8) Wow! Talk about the Lord speaking ... it was a burning bush experience.

I've always been fearful of change and of the unknown. I quite enjoyed aspects of the job where I had been working. Yet, sometimes we must step out of the boat and keep our eyes on Jesus and let Him calm our insecurities. We cannot shrink back in fear and go forward in faith at the same time. God wants us to step out in faith even though we don't know what lies ahead. For me, many personal challenges that were totally unexpected happened after I entered ministry. Yet, God provided the way and met me even in my darkest moments.

As we step out in faith into this new year, let's remember these words that are an amazing testimony of faith: ***"No unbelief made him (Abraham) waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what He had promised."*** (Romans 4:20-21)