

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 The **Canada West Refresh Leadership Retreat** taking place today and tomorrow in **Swift Current** with speaker **Rev. Rob Cochrane**.
- 2nd **Bill Fietje** as he takes part in **EFC Meetings** today and tomorrow, followed by an **EFC Presidents Day** on Thursday and a **Denominational Leaders' Meeting** on Friday.
- 3rd **Meadow Creek Community Church, Hamilton, ON**, as we begin our Fall outreach into our community.
- 4th **Getaway**, our **AGC Canada East Jr. High Retreat** taking place today through Sunday at Muskoka Woods with speaker **Rob Tyo** and Worship Band, **Lightfall**.
- 5th For **Getaway** and for follow up support for young people who have made decisions for Christ.
- 6th The launch of **The Campus North**, (church plant of **The Campus Church, Aurora**) site today under the leadership of **Pastor Keith Sparrow (Beth)**!
- 7th **AGC President, Rev. Bill Fietje (Lois)**. 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 today at the **FEBC Conference**.
- 8th The **AGC Search Committee** as they seek God's direction in selecting our next **AGC President** (2018).
- 9th The **AGC Greater Toronto Regional Pastors' Meeting** at **Milliken Gospel Church, Markham, ON**.
- 10th The **AGC Niagara/Hamilton/Burlington Regional Pastors' Meeting** at **Compass Point Bible Church, Burlington, ON**.
- 11th **Rev. Russ Wilson (Sue)** in his role as **AGC Superintendent for Canada West**. **Russ** is speaking at a Men's Event today at **Crossroads Community Church, Calgary, AB**.
- 12th **Delburne Gospel Church, Delburne, AB** ... that the Lord will enable us to reach out into our community through special events that are being planned.
Two Hills Fellowship Chapel, Two Hills, AB, that we would know the Holy Spirit at work within our lives.
- 13th **Rev. Laird Crump (Joey)** in his role as **AGC Superintendent for Canada East**. **Laird** is speaking at **Countryside Community Church in Oro-Medonte, ON**.
- 14th **Donna Leung** and **Susan Page** as they minister in their roles at the **AGC National Office**. **Rev. Glenn Rider (Bonnie)**, ministering as **AGC National Coordinator of Doctrine and Credentials**. **Glenn** needs prayer for healing of 3 herniated discs in his neck.
- 15th Our staff at **Fair Havens** under the leadership of **Executive Director Liz Thompson (John)**. Fall is still a very busy time for conferences. We appreciate your prayers.
- 16th The **AGC Eastern Ontario Regional Pastors' Meeting** today at **Calvary Bible Church, Smiths Falls, ON**.
- 17th **AGC Quebec Director, Rev. Del Gibbons (Barb)** as he ministers to our pastors and churches throughout **Quebec**. **Del** will be attending the **Sola Conference** taking place today and tomorrow in **Montreal**.
- 18th The ministry at **Wikwemikong Fellowship, Manitowaning, ON**. That God's presence will be felt and that through the power of His Spirit, hearts and lives will be changed.
- 19th The **AGC Northern Ontario Regional Pastors' Meeting** taking place in **Calvary Gospel Church, Blind River, ON**.
- 20th **Laird Crump** who is speaking at **The Campus, Bayview, Toronto, ON**. **Russ Wilson** is speaking at **Trinity Bible Church, Canmore, AB**.
- 21st **Mount Pleasant Bible Church, Mount Pleasant, ON** - that new people will come through our doors and feel a warm welcome.
- 22nd The **AGC Northern Alberta Regional Pastors' Meeting** at **Wetaskiwin Mission Church, Wetaskiwin, AB**.
- 23rd The **AGC South Western Ontario Regional Pastors' Meeting** at **The Rock Community Church, Woodstock, ON**.



- 24th **Faith Gospel Church, Hamilton, ON** as we thank God for His continuing faithfulness.
Garside Bible Church, Hamilton, ON, particularly for our Wednesday ladies group, prayer meeting and family night. May Garside and the people of Garside be the light of the community.
- 25th Those in our **AGC** family who are facing serious health issues. **Pastor Laird Hamilton (Mary)** from **Grace Community Church, Shawville, QC** appreciates our prayer support as Laird has discontinued chemotherapy. *They want to be a testimony to God's faithfulness in the coming days.* **Rev. Lane Fusilier (debi), Sr. Pastor** of **Philpott Memorial Church, Hamilton, ON** as **debi** is recovering from cancer surgery and treatment. **Pastor Frank Humphrey (Daria)** and **family** from **Peoples Church in Montreal**. Frank is having difficulty operating his computer because his movement is less.
- 26th **Outbound City Church, Mississauga, ON (Pastor Jonathan Edralin (Carmi))**, as they look for a new Outbound Centre. Spiritual growth of new believers and for our upcoming ministries in the fall and winter.
- 27th **Countryside Community Church, (an AGC Church Plant), Oro-Medonte, ON, (Pastor Josh Davy (Kerri))** as they continue to impact their community for Christ.
- 28th The **AGC** as they continue to investigate a Sponsorship Agreement with Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) **Contact:** support@agcrsi.org
- 29th Those in our **AGC** family who are facing serious health issues. **Sarah Gaensler**, daughter of **Pastor Greg Gaensler (Marion), Calvary Bible Church, Smiths Falls**, has completed her treatments. PTL! **Sheila Davis** who works at **Fair Havens Conference & Retreat Centre** is recovering from a concussion. **Pastor Wayne Foster (Elva)** and family as **Elva** waits for cancer treatment. **Cosette Juste** (daughter of **Pastor Jean-Michel Juste (Muriel)** from **Deux-Montagnes**) had an accident with boiling water and burned her hands and feet. She is in hospital for skin grafts.
- 30th **Lise and Charles Côté** that health and strength will be granted so that they can work fully for the Lord as church planters in Quebec.
Église Évangélique de Blainville, QC
Laird Crump who is speaking at the **Campus Bayview** location.
Russ Wilson who is speaking at **Trinity Bible Church, Canmore, AB**

The God of all Comfort

The Bible tells us there is a time for everything ... a time to be born and a time to die. There are seasons in life when death seems to come in waves. Perhaps this is an indication of the years passing more quickly than we'd like to admit, however, the unexpected deaths of loved ones can be hard.

What does one learn from these experiences? A passage in God's Word assures us not only of the presence and comfort that comes from our compassionate Father, it goes on to explain how we will be able to comfort others with the same comfort that we receive from God.

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God." 2 Corinthians 1:3,4

How wonderful, that in His time, God can use painful and sorrowful experiences to bring us to the place where we can be a comfort to others. The journey of grief is often bitter-sweet. We have to go through the valley to journey upward and onward to experience the joy we find in coming alongside others. It is often through sorrow that we discover the meaning of true joy. Even though this statement sounds counterintuitive, it is often true that the most valuable things come with a cost.

There is a poem entitled "*The Father and the Child*" that resonates with me. It is found in the book *A Woman's Journey to the Heart of God* by Cynthia Heald. The poem speaks about the journey we take in life with our hand resting in our Heavenly Father's as He walks us through the path of both joy and sorrow. Near the end of the poem the Father asks His child:

How has Sorrow helped you, my child? Father, I know I said in the beginning that I didn't want Sorrow to go with me but she has taught me much. Without her, I would never have wept over my sin. Whenever I was deeply hurt or grieving, she took me straight to Your heart. Without her, I would not have known how others felt. I would not have known how to love or serve them. And as You said Father, it has been Sorrow that taught me the meaning of true Joy ... and now my Father, I want only one thing ... and that is to bring You glory. Once more, the child stretched out her hand. The Father knowing the great love His child had for Him, took her hand and they continued on their journey.

Loss is so painfully difficult. Thank You Father for being the God of all comfort. Thank You for the comfort You generously provide that enables us to serve others. We wait with hope and anticipation of seeing our loved ones again as we journey with our hand in Yours.

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