

*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:

**A week of prayer is observed from January 18<sup>th</sup> to January 24<sup>th</sup>.**

*"Reconciliation – The Love of Christ Compels Us,"* inspired by **2 Corinthians 5:14-20** is one idea that you may wish to use as a focus for your week of prayer. We are Christ's ambassadors and He has graciously reconciled us to Himself and has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

1<sup>st</sup> **HAPPY NEW YEAR!** As God provides us with many opportunities, may we reach out with His love and go ... and make disciples.

2<sup>nd</sup> We mourn the recent passing (December 6<sup>th</sup>) of **June Yates**, long time employee of Fair Havens Ministries. We pray for God's comfort for her husband **Peter**, sons **Tim** and **Nathan** and their families.

3<sup>rd</sup> **Pastor Tim Wai (Christina)** from **Simply Church, Waterloo, ON** as Tim recovers following his cancer treatments.

4<sup>th</sup> **Countryside Community Church**, (an **AGC Church Plant**), **Oro-Medonte, ON**, as they continue to impact their community for Christ.

5<sup>th</sup> **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. Pray for employment for Carmi in education and for Jon's role to be developed. Also pray for the right place for them to live.

6<sup>th</sup> **AGC President, Dr. 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.

7<sup>th</sup> We rejoice with the congregation at **Safe Haven Worship Centre, Pickering, ON**, as they celebrate the Ordination of their **Pastor, Mike Murphy (Elsa)**.

8<sup>th</sup> **Rev. Glenn Rider (Bonnie)**, ministering as **AGC National Coordinator of Doctrine and Credentials**.

9<sup>th</sup> The **Pastors Café** taking place today at **Varsity Bible Church, Calgary, ON**.

10<sup>th</sup> The **Pastors Café** taking place today at **Church of the Open Bible, Ponoka, AB**.

11<sup>th</sup> **Mount Pleasant Bible Church, Mount Pleasant, ON** as we move ahead with our interim preaching elder.

12<sup>th</sup> **Delburne Gospel Church, Delburne, AB**, for continued spiritual growth in the lives of the people in our congregation.

13<sup>th</sup> Renewal for our church that we may see conversions and new disciples.  
**Église Évangélique de Deux-Montagnes, Montreal, QC**

14<sup>th</sup> **Rev. Bill Fietje** as he speaks at **Crossroads Bible Church, Calgary, AB** today. We rejoice with **Grace Chinese Gospel Church of North York** on the induction of **Michelle Kim (Song Kuk)** and **Danny Cheung (Sau-Wan)** and the induction and recognition of Ordination of **Rev. Ted Tham (Melody)**.

15<sup>th</sup> **Garside Bible Church, Hamilton, ON**, that we may be able to reach our community with Christ's love.

16<sup>th</sup> The **AGC Canada West Council meetings** taking place today at **Calvary Church, Saskatoon, SK**.

17<sup>th</sup> **Interim Canada East Superintendent, Dr. Tom Lamshead (Karen)** as he ministers to our **AGC** churches in the East.

18<sup>th</sup> The **AGC Executive meeting** taking place today.

19<sup>th</sup> **Rev. Russ Wilson (Sue)** in his role as **AGC Superintendent for Canada West**.

20<sup>th</sup> **Pastor Frank Humphrey (Daria)** and **family** from **Peoples Church in Montreal**, as they continue to trust in God's provision.

21<sup>st</sup> We rejoice with the congregation of **C4 Church, Ajax, ON** as they celebrate the Ordination of **Gerry Bell (Sheila)** and **Mark Strickland (Wendy)** and the induction of **Beth Graf (Chip)**, **Dr. Merry Lin (Peter)** & **Rob Tyo (Courtney)**.

22<sup>nd</sup> **Faith Gospel Church, Hamilton, ON**, for God's direction as they continue in their pastoral search.

23<sup>rd</sup> **Our AGC Staff Meeting** taking place this morning. Those new to our beautiful country, Canada. That refugees will fill our churches and/or homes and that the gospel of Christ will be displayed by the love we extend to the new arrivals.

24<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**



- 25<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**
- 26<sup>th</sup> Our staff at **Fair Havens** under the leadership of **Executive Director Liz Thompson (John)** as we praise God for the ministry of **Fair Havens**.
- 27<sup>th</sup> **Elva** (wife of **Rev. Wayne Foster**) and family as **Elva** needs prayer for daily strength and encouragement and for wisdom as they make decisions regarding **Elva's** further medical care.
- 28<sup>th</sup> **AGC Canada West Associate Superintendent Rev. Lorne Meisner (Esther)** as he ministers to our churches in **Manitoba**. We rejoice today with **Église Évangélique d'Ottawa** as they induct **Renel Guerrier** (Marie) into the role of Senior Pastor.
- 29<sup>th</sup> 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**
- 30<sup>th</sup> **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.
- 31<sup>st</sup> **AGC Quebec Director, Rev. Del Gibbons (Barb)** as he ministers to our pastors and churches throughout **Quebec**.

*"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](mailto:sue@agcofcanada.com)*

## **A Gentle Whisper**

Once a week I have the privilege of sharing lunch with my special needs friend. Often, I need to remind her to use her indoor voice.

I have the opposite problem with my youngest daughter who has the quietest and gentlest voice of anyone I know. Her spirit is much the same. My daughter claims that I need my hearing checked, but trust me, others must strain to catch what my sweet girl is saying.

While there are definite disadvantages to diminished hearing, one positive is that when you are straining to hear someone, it's necessary to lean in and pay close attention. This means that you must be physically near one other. This is a picture of intimacy. It is also what our Father God desires in relationship with us.

God often speaks in a still small voice, a gentle whisper. I Kings 19:11-13 describes the voice of God this way: ***"Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"***

Have you ever noticed that a whisper can calm a child who is out of sorts? A hushed whisper will often capture their attention and quiet their spirit. Jesus walked this earth, calming people's fears. ***"He stilled the storm to a whisper; the waves of the sea were hushed."*** Psalm 107:29 The Hebrew word for whisper, *demamah*, means "silence" or "stillness" or "calmness." I was amazed to discover that the words silent and listen have the exact same letters. Is this a coincidence? I think not.

How attentive we are when a first love softly woos us with a whispered "I love you." Our faithful Father patiently waits for us to lean in and listen to His words of love. His whisper is gentle and tender. I pray that we may hear it above all the "outdoor voices" that interfere.

*"The voice of the Spirit is as gentle as a zephyr,"* said Oswald Chambers. *"So gentle that unless you are living in perfect communion with God, you never hear it."* Lord, help us to hear your gentle whisper.