

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 **AGC East Regional Director, Dr. Tom Lamshead (Karen)** as he ministers to our churches. Tom and Karen are in Turkey teaching with Christar and will be returning on August 6th.
- 2nd **AGC West Associate Regional Director Rev. Lorne Meisner (Esther)** as he ministers to our churches in Manitoba. Birthday blessings Lorne!
- 3rd Those who mourn: **Dr. Willem and Lois Fietje** on the recent passing of Lois's mother. The family of **Rev. John Ginter**. The family of **Rev. Carl Friedrich**.
- 4th **Biggar AGC Church, Biggar, SK** as we wait on God to do great things within our community. That we would boldly share Christ with our neighbours. **Family Camp** held at **Ranger Lake Bible Camp** from August 4 to 8th (**Rev. Doug Motz (Joan)** will be speaking). Pray also for our **VBS** and **5-Day Clubs** being held August 13th to 17th both in Biggar and in Landis and Perdue.
- 5th **AGC President, Rev. Bill Allan (Michele)**. 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 **Grace Church, Newmarket** today.
- 6th Those who are **travelling!** We pray for safety and protection on our busy highways and for our police officers and firefighters and their families. The **AGC** office is closed today for the **August Civic holiday**.
- 7th Our churches that are holding **VBS** and **Day Camp** programs.
- 8th Our **AGC National Board** as they work together with the **AGC** staff to fine tune new policies and procedures.
- 9th **Countryside Community Church, (an AGC Church Plant), Oro-Medonte, ON**, as they continue to impact their community for Christ.
- 10th We rejoice today with **AGC Administrative Assistant Donna Leung** and her husband, **Wayne** as their daughter **Delia** is united in marriage to **Jacob**, son of **Rev. Kevin & Charlene Mahon** of **Peoples Church, Sarnia-Lambton, ON**.

- 11th Our staff at **Fair Havens** under the leadership of **Executive Director Liz Thompson (John)**. Please be in prayer for the Conference speakers this month: **Rob Cripps, Norm Millar, Dr. Michael Pawelke, Daniel Winter, and David Elliott**.
- 12th **Rev. Russ Wilson (Sue)** in his role as **AGC West Regional Director**. Russ is ministering to the men at **Gladstone Christian Fellowship, Gladstone, MB** as they fellowship together at a fishing derby.
- 13th **Two Hills Fellowship Chapel, Two Hills, AB**, that we would know the Holy Spirit at work within our lives.
- 14th 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
- 15th **Pastor Frank Humphrey (Daria)** and family from **Peoples Church in Montreal**. We pray for **Daria** and others who are in a care-giving role.
- 16th **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.
- 17th **Rev. Glenn Rider (Bonnie)**, ministering as **AGC National Coordinator of Doctrine and Credentials**. **Glenn** will be having surgery today which will include a brief hospital stay.
- 18th **Rev. Jonathan and Carmi Edralin**, as they follow God's call to ministry on **Manitoulin Island** by **Sept. 2018**. Please pray for their moving logistics. They need to rent a truck and drive 600 kms.
- 19th Our **Daily Vacation Bible School** being held **Aug. 20 to 24th** in **Fairview** and **Whitelaw** (a community east of Fairview) and pray for God's provision for a **Sunday School superintendent** for this fall. **Fairview Gospel Chapel, AB**
- 20th **AGC Quebec Director, Rev. Del Gibbons (Barb)** as he ministers to our pastors and churches throughout **Quebec**.



- 21st **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.
- 22nd For the **AGC National Team** as they transition together, that God will unite them in the mission and ministry to which they have been called.
- 23rd **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**
- 24th The **Church of Jesus Christ** worldwide. Especially pray for those who face persecution because of their faith in Christ.
- 25th **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.
- 26th Our **churches, pastors, boards** and **staff** as well as **volunteers** as they begin to prepare for the busy fall launch of church ministry programs.
- 27th **Refugees** who are being warmly welcomed into many church homes. Pray for God's provision for these families as they adjust to life in Canada.
- 28th **Benediction Church,** an **AGC** church plant in **Hamilton, ON** for spiritual protection for the families who serve and for a larger worship venue as they move to weekly services this fall.
- 29th 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**
- 30th Back to school preparations. For **teachers, students** and **moms** saying good-bye to little ones for the first time.
- 31st **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.

Child-like Wonder

Recently, while speaking at a women's gathering, I was blessed by the ministry from Guided Hands. Two women performed graceful fluent signing to recorded praise and worship music. Since the theme was on our Bridegroom, Jesus Christ, there were many incredible signs of praise directed to the throne of God. I had watched these women sign on several occasions and while I was always deeply moved by this unique form of worship, there was an occasion where I was profoundly impacted.

On that day, sitting in the front row was a woman with special needs. I had observed her arrival as she was assisted to her seat. When the worship music and signing began, this sweet woman's face was aglow. In her best attempts, with trembling limbs, she mimicked every movement and did a pretty good job at signing. She had obviously been taught some sign language. Her delight and complete abandonment into worship moved me to tears.

I have a deep love for the special needs community which has developed over years of sharing with dear friends who gather in the building where I work. I have learned so much from being exposed to a community of people who love unconditionally and find great delight in the everyday routines of life.

Contrary to what the world would have us believe, God isn't looking for perfect people with flawless performances. God chooses the ordinary to bring glory to His name. He allows extraordinary things to occur when we let ourselves become as teachable and tender as children. Our songs, our gifts and our very lives do not have to be picture-perfect to be used for His glory. His power can accomplish great things through our weakness. Simply put, God sent a special woman to teach me how to worship in the spirit of liberty and child-like wonder.

"But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong" (1 Corinthians 1:2).

"Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks" (John 4:23).

"Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it" (Mark 10:15).

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 or mail it to 1500 Kerns Rd., Burlington, ON L7P 3A7