

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 **AGC Eastern Ontario Ministry Leader's** gathering at **Calvary Bible Church Smith Falls, ON.**
- 2nd The **AGC South Western Ontario and Burl./Ham./Oakville Ministry Leader's** gathering at **Compass Point Bible Church, Burlington, ON.**
- 3rd **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.
- 4th **Mary Hamilton** of **Grace Community Church, Shawville, QC.** Mary appreciates our prayer support as she and her family mourn the recent homegoing of **Laird.** Pray also for the church congregation as they have lost their beloved pastor and friend.
- 5th **Rev. Laird Crump** is speaking at **Calvary Gospel Church, Beamsville, ON.**
- 6th Those in our **AGC** family who are facing serious health issues: **debi, (wife of Rev. Lane Fusilier, Sr. Pastor of Philpott Memorial Church, Hamilton, ON)** as she continues to need our prayer support for healing. **Pastor Frank Humphrey (Daria)** and family from **Peoples Church in Montreal.** **Elva** (wife of **Pastor Wayne Foster**) and family as **Elva** needs prayer for daily strength and encouragement.
- 7th The **AGC Staff meeting** taking place today.
- 8th The **AGC Filipino/Chinese/York area Ontario Ministry Leader's** gathering at **The Campus Church, Bayview.**
- 9th The **AGC Niagara Ministry Leader's** gathering at **Grace Gospel Church, Niagara Falls, ON.**

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Who are you? Do you truly know who you are? This weekend we will take a look at who God says we are and what having our identity in Christ really means.

- 11th Our **AGC Sr. High students** gather under the ministry of **Rev. Mike Rutledge** from **Northside Community Church, Kitchener, ON.**
- 12th **Nick Pegg** from **Hashtag Hope** who is our Emcee for **STRIVE.** Please be in prayer for everything that takes place over this week-end and for follow up mentoring of our young people. **Rev. Laird Crump** is speaking at **Ferndale Bible Church, Peterborough, ON.**
- 13th **Meadow Creek Community Church, Hamilton, ON,** as we try to reach our community for Christ and a fresh vision from God about our future.
- 14th Pray for our church as we search for a new meeting place for our worship services. **Église Évangélique de Blainville, QC**
- 15th **Rev. Russ Wilson (Sue)** in his role as **AGC Superintendent** for **Canada West.**
- 16th **Rev. Laird Crump (Joey)** in his role as **AGC Superintendent** for **Canada East.** **Laird** is speaking at **Heritage Seminary Chapel** service today.
- 17th **Delburne Gospel Church, Delburne, AB,** the Lord's leading in finding the right **Youth Pastor.**
- 18th Our staff at **Fair Havens** under the leadership of **Executive Director Liz Thompson (John).** Interviews are taking place today for summer staffing. **AGCQ Annual Meeting** taking place at **Eglise Evangélique Galilée, Montreal, QC.**
- 19th **Rev. Laird Crump** is speaking at **Chinese Gospel Church, Toronto, ON** today. **Rev. Bill Fietje** is speaking at **Calvary Gospel Church, Beamsville, ON.** **Rev. Lorne Meisner** will be speaking at **Somerset Bible Chapel, Somerset MB.**
- 20th **Outbound City Church, Mississauga, ON (Pastor Jonathan Edralin (Carmi)),** as they seek guidance for the future of the church, including new meeting space.
- 21st **AGC Quebec Director, Rev. Del Gibbons (Barb)** as he ministers to our pastors and churches throughout **Quebec.**
- 22nd The **AGC Search Committee** as they seek God's direction in selecting our next **AGC President** (2018).



- 23rd **AGC Algoma Ministry Leader's** gathering today at **Calvary Church, Blind River, ON.**
- 24th Our **Community Dinner** held every Tuesday evening, that we will have opportunity to share the message of Christ. **Calvary Church, Toronto, ON**
- 25th **Garside Bible Church, Hamilton, ON**, particularly for our Wednesday ladies group, prayer meeting and family night.
Mount Pleasant Bible Church, Mount Pleasant, ON - that new people will come through our doors and feel a warm welcome.
- 26th **AGC Strategic Summit meetings (Board and Staff)** taking place from the 27th to the 30th at beautiful **Fair Havens, Beaverton, ON.**
- 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 **Canada West Associate Superintendent Rev. Lorne Meisner (Esther)** as he ministers to our churches in **Manitoba.**
- 30th Our church, that we would know and follow the Spirit in the direction of our ministry and congregational life.
Two Hills Fellowship Chapel, Two Hills, AB
- 31st **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.**

*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*

Joy

In the third century, St. Cyprian wrote to a friend named Donatus: This seems a cheerful world, Donatus, when I view it from this fair garden under the shadow of these vines. But if I climbed some great mountain and looked out over the wide lands, you know very well what I would see; brigands on the high road, pirates on the seas, in the amphitheatres men murdered to please the applauding crowds, under all roofs misery and selfishness. It really is a bad world, Donatus, an incredibly bad world.

Yet, in the midst of it, I have found a quiet and holy people. They have discovered a joy which is a thousand times better than any pleasure of this sinful life. They are despised and persecuted, but they care not. They have overcome the world. These people, Donatus, are Christians ... and I am one of them. (Gordon Macdonald, *Forging a Realworld Faith*.)

It occurs to me, that for the most part, the world really hasn't changed all that much throughout the years. Yet, in all the messed up and sin-filled world of the third century, St. Cyprian was attracted to Christ. The reason ... he had found "a quiet and holy people" who were filled with joy.

One of the things that God uses to attract people to Jesus is our joy. That's right, our joy ... not our judgment, not our preaching, not our opinions, but our joy! Quietness, holiness and joy are what St. Cyprian referenced in his note to his friend.

I've been listening to a couple of CD's that I received as a gift from a friend. They are filled with humorous illustrations as told by Chuck Swindoll. I must be honest and say that some of them are downright corny, but they do make me laugh. Hearing Chuck's deep laughter can totally lighten and brighten a day.

In the Epistle to the Philippians, the apostle Paul had every reason to be downcast and discouraged given his circumstances. Yet, he writes a letter that even today is known as the dissertation on joy. **"Rejoice in the Lord always. Again, I say, rejoice!"** Philippians 4:4

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control." Galatians 5:22

Showing the world our joy in the Lord may provide opportunities for us to share the Good News of Jesus ... **Again, I say, rejoice!**

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