

*Let us pray for one another! "Praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints" (Ephesians 6:18.)*

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- 1<sup>st</sup> **Churches** across our land who are preparing Christmas outreach programs.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> The **AGC National team** as they plan for **AGC National Conference 2020**, being held in beautiful **Kelowna, B.C.** Stay tuned and be in prayer as we prepare to gather to fellowship & celebrate the **AGC's 95<sup>th</sup> birthday!**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> **AGC President, Rev. Bill and Michele Allan.** May God give Bill wisdom, discernment and guidance as he gives direction to our **AGC National team** and to our churches throughout Canada.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Pray for God's Holy Spirit to guide the eight disciples who are working towards establishing a church in **Rockland, ON.** Pray also for wisdom for **Rev. Charles-Henri and Lise Côté** as they guide these men and women. **Église Évangélique de Blainville, QC**
- 5<sup>th</sup> **Liz and John Thompson** as Liz and the **Fair Havens** staff are into a quieter season which allows time for administration and maintenance tasks to be completed.
- 6<sup>th</sup> **Pastor Warren and Ellen Charlton** and our congregation as we move through a year of transition. **Two Hills Fellowship Chapel, Two Hills, AB**
- 7<sup>th</sup> **Rev. Dr. Frank Humphrey** who served as Pastor at **Peoples Church of Montreal** from 1978 to 2012 passed away after a long journey with ALS. Please pray for his wife **Daria** and **children, Anna, Andrew, and Abigail** as they grieve the passing of their dear husband and father. A Memorial service is being held today at 2:00 PM, at Peoples Church, Montreal.
- 8<sup>th</sup> **Rev. Glenn and Bonnie Rider** as Glenn carries out his responsibilities as **AGC National Coordinator of Doctrine and Credentials.**
- 9<sup>th</sup> **Rev. Russ and Sue Wilson** as Russ ministers in his role as **AGC West Regional Director.**
- 10<sup>th</sup> The **AGC Staff Meeting** taking place today. May our team be guided by His Spirit and be united in purpose ... to be a movement of healthy reproducing churches!
- 11<sup>th</sup> **AGC East Regional Director, Rev. Dr. Tom and Karen Lambshead** as Tom ministers to our churches throughout **Ontario.**
- 12<sup>th</sup> Our **Hope Project** street ministry. Every Thursday we go downtown Hamilton and serve those in need. **Garside Bible Church, Hamilton, ON**
- 13<sup>th</sup> Churches who are holding **Christmas** concerts and other outreach initiatives. May God's message of hope be clearly proclaimed.
- 14<sup>th</sup> **Rev. Mike and Heather Mileski**, as Mike leads **Benediction Church**, an **AGC** church plant in **Hamilton, ON.** Please cover us in prayer as we love and serve our neighbours.
- 15<sup>th</sup> **AGC West Associate Regional Director, Rev. Lorne and Esther Meisner** as Lorne ministers to our churches in **Manitoba.**
- 16<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**
- 17<sup>th</sup> **Susan and Tim Davis** as Susan leads **AGC Compassion and Justice.** For our **AGC** family of churches – that our eyes and hearts would be opened to the opportunities to show compassion.
- 18<sup>th</sup> **AGC Administrative Assistant/Finance Manager, Donna Leung** and **AGC Church Relations Coordinator/Benefits Manager, Susan Page.** Pray for **Donna** and her family as they grieve the recent passing of her father, **Bob England.**
- 19<sup>th</sup> **Missionaries** who are far from their extended families during this holiday season.
- 20<sup>th</sup> **Delburne Gospel Church, Delburne, AB.** as we recruit and train leaders and for our Youth Programs.
- 21<sup>st</sup> **Faith Gospel Church.** We look forward to accomplishing great things in the English and Spanish community here in the Rosedale area of **Hamilton, ON.**



## *Joy to the World*

- 22<sup>nd</sup> **AGC Quebec Director, Rev. Del and Barb Gibbons** as Del ministers to our pastors and churches throughout **Quebec**.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> The **AGC** office is closed this week. We wish everyone a blessed and hope-filled Christmas.
- 24<sup>th</sup> *And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.*
- 25<sup>th</sup> *For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.*
- 26<sup>th</sup> *And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."*
- 27<sup>th</sup> *And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,*
- 28<sup>th</sup> *"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!"*
- 29<sup>th</sup> We thank you for your prayers and support. We do miss the city and the winter is long. Ministry can be frustrating at times, it's not simply a series of victories. Your prayers and love uphold and encourage us.  
**Rev. Jonathan & Carmi Edralin, Aaven, Myla & Valen, AOK Church, Aundek Omni Kaning, ON**
- 30<sup>th</sup> **Biggar AGC Church, Biggar, SK.** That we would seek to love the Lord our God with all our being and that we would love one another in a fresh new way, showing the love of Jesus to those in our community and beyond.
- 31<sup>st</sup> **HAPPY NEW YEAR!** May God bless you and keep you in His loving care.

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)

People have heard me say that I'm not a winter gal, which is not surprising since I basically feel chilled in any temperature registering below 20 degrees Celsius. I'm not all that fond of Christmas either, which is a statement that deserves an explanation.

I don't like the commercialism and the consumerism that has become such a large part of Christmas. Nor do I delight in the extra work and expense that seems to go along with this holiday.

I love the simplicity and truth of the story of the birth of our Saviour, Emmanuel, God with us. I love the music of Christmas, especially the carols. I love the innocence of the youngster waiting to unwrap that special gift. Even more moving is the excitement of a little one giving their precious homemade gift, impatiently anticipating the response of the receiver.

The simple, the ordinary and the humblest gifting is what I find most moving. An example of this is what has become the highlight of the Christmas season for me personally. Here at my workplace, we put on a Christmas sing-along/party for our special needs friends who share space in our building. The joy and delight in the giving and receiving is obvious amid this community. They sing with gusto and are delighted to receive a gift, but they show even greater enthusiasm when their friends are called up to receive their gift. They are completely uninhibited when it comes to sharing their love with others.

I recall one Christmas when one of these special young men sang the carol, "Joy to the World." This young man loves to assist any fellow traveler who is in a wheelchair. So, with eyes fixed on a non-verbal young girl strapped in her chair and with his heart brimming with love, his song went something like this ... "Joy to the World ... I love you Crystal ... the Lord is Come ... I love you Crystal ... Let earth receive her King ... I love you Crystal."

This display of love reminded me of the Christmas Story. Our Saviour came in humility as a baby born in a manger. As He grew, in obedience to the Father, His eyes remained fixed on the plan to redeem the lost as His heart overflowed with love for the world. On the cross Jesus displayed His love and unmeasurable grace for you, for me and for the whosoever.

Christmas becomes much more meaningful when we uninhibitedly repeat the sounding joy ... and the wonders and wonder of His love!

**Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. – Luke 2:10**