

*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:

- 1<sup>st</sup> **EASTER SUNDAY** – *“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16).*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> **EASTER MONDAY** – AGC Office is closed. *“Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in Me will live, even though they die and whoever lives by believing in Me will never die” (John 11:25, 26).*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> **Rev. Dr. Bill Fietje** who is attending a **Denominational Leaders** retreat.
- 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> The **AGC Audit** taking place today and tomorrow at National office.
- 6<sup>th</sup> **Rev. Russ Wilson (Sue)** in his role as **AGC Superintendent** for **Canada West**. We celebrate you today Russ ... Happy Birthday!
- 7<sup>th</sup> For those who mourn. **AGC National Board Member, Steve Mitton (Kim)** from **Bridletowne Park Church, Toronto** and **Brian Mitton (Kim)** from **The Met, Ottawa**, in the recent passing of their mother, **Shirley**. Shirley’s husband **Rev. David Mitton**, and the entire Mitton family are in our thoughts and prayers.
- 8<sup>th</sup> 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**
- 9<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. They are planning to take a trip up to Manitoulin Island in April or May for Carmi to apply to the Wikwemikong School Board.
- 10<sup>th</sup> The **AGC Staff Meeting** taking place today.

- 11<sup>th</sup> Those who attended Easter Services, who do not yet know the Lord, that seeds that were planted will flourish.
- 12<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 and a new meeting place.  
**Église Évangélique de Blainville, QC**
- 13<sup>th</sup> The **Pastor’s Wives & Women in Ministry Get-Away** taking place this weekend.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Presidential candidate **Rev. Bill Allan (Michele)** as he prepares for the upcoming conference vote and begins preparations for a transition.
- 15<sup>th</sup> **Rev. Glenn Rider (Bonnie)**, ministering as **AGC National Coordinator of Doctrine and Credentials**.
- 16<sup>th</sup> **Alpha** and **Celebrate Recovery** programs that take place in many of our **AGC Churches**.
- 17<sup>th</sup> Our staff at **Fair Havens** under the leadership of **Executive Director Liz Thompson (John)** as we prepare for the busy season.
- 18<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**
- 19<sup>th</sup> **AGC President, Rev. Dr. Bill Fietje (Lois)**. May God give Bill wisdom, discernment and guidance as he gives transitional direction to our **AGC National team**.
- 20<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**
- 21<sup>st</sup> **Interim Canada East Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Tom Lamshead (Karen)** as he ministers to our **AGC churches** in the East.
- 22<sup>nd</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.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> The many plans and preparations going into our **AGC National Conference, ABIDE**. Pray for the **Conference Committee** and all the **volunteers** who will be assisting, and for our host **Redeemer Bible Church, Niagara Falls**.

- 24<sup>th</sup> Donna and Susan in their roles at **AGC National office**.
- 25<sup>th</sup> **Pastor Frank Humphrey (Daria) and family from Peoples Church in Montreal.** Frank has had a recent hospital stay and is considerably weaker.
- 26<sup>th</sup> **AGC Quebec Director, Rev. Del Gibbons (Barb)** as he ministers to our pastors and churches throughout **Quebec**.
- 27<sup>th</sup> **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 as they wait on God’s Spirit for direction in finding their next Pastor.
- 28<sup>th</sup> **Rev. Dr. Rick Reed and Linda** as they prepare to minister to us at our **AGC National Conference, ABIDE**.
- 29<sup>th</sup> **Delburne Gospel Church, Delburne, AB,** as they seek God’s provision for a Youth Pastor.
- 30<sup>th</sup> **Canada West Associate Superintendent Rev. Lorne Meisner (Esther)** as he ministers to our churches in **Manitoba**.

*“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)*

## **Oh, What A Mystery**

Do you enjoy solving mysteries, reading mystery novels or watching a good “who done it” movie? The theatres recently released a new version of the movie *Murder on the Orient Express*.

There are many things in this life that will always remain a complete mystery to me. Things like, how did God create so many beautiful indescribable things? What will heaven be like? How does gravity really work? How does an e-mail travel around the world and enter another person’s in-box in mere seconds? How does approximately 28 feet of intestines fit into such a small cavity? Why do people choose to hate, and how does one live with such hate? How did life turn out so differently from what I expected? Why did God choose me?

Sometimes, we can get tired of the unanswerable. When my daughters were young, they listened to a children’s recording by *Anne Murray*. There was a song entitled “Why, Oh, Why?” which contained the lyrics ... “Why won’t you answer my questions? Why, why, why? Because I don’t know the answers ... goodnight, goodnight.”

It is such a comfort to recognize that we don’t need to know all the answers to life’s mysteries. We only need to trust our faithful Father, who has all things in hand. One of the greatest and most glorious mysteries is that God so loved this fallen broken world, that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall never die. God’s Word talks about the mystery of God in Christ Jesus. ***“To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.”*** (Colossians 1:27)

***“My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.”*** (Colossians 2:2,3)

***“Beyond all question, the mystery from which true godliness springs is great: He appeared in the flesh, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory.”*** (1 Timothy 3:16)

***O what a mystery  
Meekness and majesty  
Bow down and worship  
For this is your God  
This is your God – Graham Kendrick***