

Let us pray for one another! "Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working" (James 5:16).

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- 1st Our **AGC Regional Directors** and **Conference Committee teams** who are planning our upcoming **AGC 2019 Regional Conferences**.
- 2nd **Pastor Frank Humphrey**, wife **Daria** from **Peoples Church in Montreal**. We pray for Frank's comfort, both spiritual and physical and for wisdom for Daria to know how to care best for him.
Rev. Jim and **Carolyn Houston** as Jim continues to wait for a liver transplant.
- 3rd **Two Hills Fellowship Chapel, Two Hills, AB**, as we look to God's direction in choosing a pastoral intern to serve with our current lead pastor.
- 4th **AGC Administrative Assistant/Finance Manager, Donna Leung** and **AGC Church Relations Coordinator/Benefits Manager, Susan Page**. For **Donna's** husband **Wayne** as he continues to recover from heart surgery and for **Susan** as she speaks at **Grace Gospel Church, Niagara Falls** today for their **Mother's Day gathering**.
- 5th We celebrate with the congregation of **Peoples Church, Montreal** and with **Christopher** and **Debbie Shipster** as Christopher is ordained into the ministry of the **AGC**.
- 6th **AGC West Associate Regional Director Rev. Lorne** and **Esther Meisner** as Lorne ministers to our churches in **Manitoba**.
- 7th **AGC East Regional Director, Dr. Tom** and **Karen Lamshead** as Tom ministers to our churches throughout Ontario.
- 8th **Executive Director of Fair Havens Ministries, Liz** and **John Thompson** as Liz and the staff begin their busy season.
- 9th **Rev. Russ** and **Sue Wilson** in his role as **AGC West Regional Director**. Continue to pray for Russ as he appreciates our prayers for healing.
- 10th **AGC East, OASIS Young Adult Retreat** taking place at **Fair Havens**.
- 11th **AGC East, OASIS Young Adult Retreat**. Pray for **Rev. Russ Worrada**, **Grace Church, Newmarket, ON** as he shares from God's Word.
- 12th **MOTHER'S DAY – "Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates" (Proverbs 31:31)**.
We celebrate with the **Congregation of Chinese Gospel Church, Scarborough, ON** and **Tim** and **Ann Grieves** as Tim is inducted and ordained into the ministry of the **AGC**.
- 13th **Rev. Charles-Henri** and **Lise Côté**. We ask prayer for wisdom to fulfill God's will in caring for the Francophone Churches in QC and ON and for continued health and strength as we navigate through some health issues.
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- 14th **Rev. Glenn** and **Bonnie Rider** as Glenn carries out his responsibilities as **AGC National Coordinator of Doctrine and Credentials**.
- 15th Our **Community Dinner** held every Tuesday evening, that we will have opportunity to share the message of Christ. **Calvary Church, Toronto, ON**
- 16th **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.
- 17th We praise the Lord as we continue to grow in community.
Connect Community Church, Hamilton.
- 18th The **relief efforts** of churches and aid agencies throughout the world. Pray for **Susan** as she joins the **AGC** staff as **Compassion and Justice Coordinator**.
Rev. Tim and **Susan Davis, Compassion and Justice**
- 19th **AGC Quebec Director, Rev. Del** and **Barb Gibbons** as Del ministers to our pastors and churches throughout **Quebec**.
- 20th **Victoria Day – AGC National Office Closed**. Pray for those who are travelling over this holiday weekend.
- 21st The **AGC Staff meeting** today. May God lead our team in the mission and ministry to which they have been called.
- 22nd Our weekly **Children's** and **Youth Ministries**. We pray that many young people will come to faith in Christ through these ministries.
Biggar AGC Church, Biggar, SK

- 23rd **Delburne Gospel Church, Delburne, AB** as we seek God for wisdom in discipling new converts and in expanding our outreach into the community.
- 24th We praise God as our **Pastor** and his wife, **Steve** and **Michelle Boctor** minister to our congregation. **Northside Community Church, Kitchener, ON**
- 25th Our **Hope Project** street ministry. Every Thursday we go downtown Hamilton and serve those in need. **Garside Bible Church, Hamilton, ON**
- 26th We celebrate today with **Rev. Gerald Legault** and his wife **Linda** and the congregation of **Aundeck Omni Kaning Fellowship Church** in **Aundeck Omni Kaning, ON** as they become part of our **AGC** family of churches. **Rev. Tom Lamshead** will be officiating.
- 27th **Rev. Mike** and **Heather Mileski**, as Mike leads **Benediction Church**, an **AGC** church plant in **Hamilton, ON**. We are now into year 3 of ministry. Pray that our financial needs will be met so that we can serve one another and our neighbours without distraction or worry.
- 28th Preparations as we focus on worship and celebration with some of our own pastors providing inspiration from the Scriptures at next month's **refresh & EQUIP AGC EAST REGIONAL CONFERENCE 2019, JUNE 4 & 5**. Pray as facilitators prepare to equip us for ministry by leading a series of specially-chosen workshops.
- 29th Safe travels for all those attending **AGC Regional Conferences**.
- 30th **AGC WEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE 2019, ESSENTIALS, STONY PLAIN, AB MAY 30-31, MINISTRY RETREAT • JUNE 1-2, MAIN CONFERENCE**
- 31st **AGC WEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE 2019, ESSENTIALS**. Pray for **Ministry Retreat leaders, Marshall Eizenga** and his wife, **Merrie**, for **Main Conference guest speaker, Pastor Dan Cochrane**, and for **Workshop leaders, Russ Wilson, Bill** and **Michele Allan** and **Tim Nicholson**.

Simple Faith in Action

There is a fascinating story at the beginning of Mark's Gospel. Can you visualize what happened in this short narrative? Crowds had gathered in Capernaum spilling out of the house where Jesus was teaching.

Four men, carrying their paralyzed friend could not make their way through to Jesus. The crowds did not part for them. I suppose seeing a man on a stretcher must have been a common occurrence, because it seems to me that people should have let the men through out of courtesy, but then, I'm a polite Canadian.

These men decided that by whatever means possible they would get to Jesus. They went up to the rooftop, made a hole in the roof and lowered their friend down to Jesus. I wonder if this was a well-constructed plan, or just an impromptu idea put forth by the bravest of the lot. They obviously were not concerned about doing damage to the roof. Did they tear apart the roof with their bare hands? The roof was likely made from mud and straw, but it could still have been quite solid. What did the crowds think when they saw the roof being destroyed? Did they look up only to be rewarded with dust, dirt and straw stinging their eyes? Did they yell at the men to stop?

When Jesus saw the faith of these men, he told the paralyzed man that his sins were forgiven. Jesus discerned the thoughts of the scribes who were silently questioning who He was to forgive sins. After challenging the scribes, Jesus said, ***"I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home."*** ***And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"*** (Mark 2: 11-12)

When I read this account, many things come to mind for which I am eternally grateful. I am thankful that God has placed a handful of friends in my life who carry me when I can't find sure footing. It isn't easy to walk alone, even on strong legs. One of life's most valued possessions is deep lasting friendship. We all need people we can count on especially when we are struggling.

I am also thankful that Jesus discerns our thoughts and forgives us for our doubts. He also rewards our faith. I think the Master was deeply touched by the efforts these men put forth on behalf of their friend. He is pleased when we come alongside others, especially when we introduce them to His redemptive love. What an amazing story. A story of simple faith in action.

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