

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 Those in our **AGC** family who are facing serious health issues: **Elva (wife of Pastor Wayne Foster)** and family as **Elva** needs prayer for daily strength and encouragement. **Fred, (husband of Pastor Glenda DeVries, Care & Discipleship Pastor at Compass Point Bible Church)** for continued healing from his injuries sustained in a fall.
- 2nd **Lane Fusilier, Sr. Pastor of Philpott Memorial Church**, appreciates our prayer support as he, his family and the church family mourn the recent homegoing of his wife **debi**.
Our **AGC Staff Meeting** which takes place today.
- 3rd For the staff team and congregation of **Church of the Open Bible, Swift Current, SK**, under the leadership of **Rev. Robert Cochrane**. **Youth Pastor Jerred Andreas'** sister **Victoria** was killed in a tragic car accident last month. **Admin. Assistant's Pat Dickie's** husband passed away suddenly.
- 4th **Outbound City Church, Mississauga, ON (Pastor Jonathan Edralin (Carmi))**, as they prepare for their ministry trip to the **Wiwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve** on Manitoulin Island from **July 15th to 21st**. Pray for the right team to be formed, financial provisions and for effective ministry. Thank you
- 5th With thanksgiving for a wonderful **Canada West Conference and Ministry staff retreat** that was held last month.
- 6th Our **Community Dinner** held every Tuesday evening, that we will have opportunity to share the message of Christ. **Calvary Church, Toronto, ON**.
- 7th **Lorne Meisner** who is speaking today at **Parkside Gospel Church, Dauphin, MB**.
- 8th **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.
- 9th **Garside Bible Church, Hamilton, ON**, particularly for our Wednesday ladies' group, prayer meeting and family night.
- 10th **Rev. Denis Arcand (Johanne) Pastor of Église Chrétienne Évangélique de Hawkesbury, ON** as Denis will go six months before seeing his oncologist. Pray that the cancer will remain undetectable at his next testing.
- 11th The **AGC Search Committee** as they seek God's direction in selecting our next **AGC President** (2018).
- 12th First ever ... **AGC Canada East Young Adults Oasis Retreat!** Messages on "*The Mission of the Church*" from **Rev. Laird Crump**.
- 13th Pray for **AGC Canada East Young Adults Oasis Retreat** throughout this weekend! Leaders **Andrew McGrath, Kristin Schut** and **Zack Bowman**.
- 14th Pray for our church as we search for a new meeting place for our worship services.
Église Évangélique de Blainville, QC
- 15th **AGC Quebec Director, Rev. Del Gibbons (Barb)** as he ministers to our pastors and churches throughout **Quebec**.
- 16th Our staff at **Fair Havens** under the leadership of **Executive Director Liz Thompson (John)** as our busy season is upon us.
- 17th **Meadow Creek Community Church, Hamilton, ON**, as we try to reach our community for Christ and a fresh vision from God about our future.
- 18th **Algoma Area AGC Ministry Leader's gathering at Calvary Gospel Church, Blind River, ON. AGC Northern SK Pastor's Day at Calvary Church, Saskatoon, SK.**
- 19th **Rev. Laird Crump (Joey)** in his role as **AGC Superintendent for Canada East**.
- 20th Those in our **AGC** family who are facing serious health issues: **Pastor Frank Humphrey (Daria)** and family from **Peoples Church in Montreal**, as Frank's jaw occasionally locks in an open position, which is very uncomfortable.
- 21st **Russ Wilson** is speaking today at **Church of the Open Bible, Ponoka, AB**.
- 22nd **Victoria Day! AGC Office is closed. Mount Pleasant Bible Church, Mount Pleasant, ON** - that new people will come through our doors and feel a warm welcome.
- 23rd **AGC North Central AB Pastor's Day at Wetaskiwin Mission Church, Wetaskiwin, AB.**

- 24th **AGC Southern AB Pastor's Day at Varisty Bible Church, Calgary, AB. Delburne Gospel Church, Delburne, AB, the Lord's leading in finding the right Youth Pastor.**
- 25th **AGC South West SK Pastor's Day at Church of the Open Bible, Swift Current, SK.**
- 26th **AGC South East SK Pastor's Day at Carnduff Associated Gospel Church, Carnduff, SK.**
AGC Canada West Strive Retreat at Millar College with speaker Bryce Letkeman, Associate Pastor, Black Diamond Gospel Chapel, AB.
- 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 **Canada West Associate Superintendent Rev. Lorne Meisner (Esther) as he ministers to our churches in Manitoba.**
Thanksgiving service at **Eglise Evangélique Baptiste Lumière.**
- 29th **Rev. Russ Wilson (Sue) in his role as AGC Superintendent for Canada West. Russ is speaking today at Silver Heights Bible Church, Weyburn, SK.**
- 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

Live in peace

Have you ever thought about the expression "rest in peace"? We've all heard it at funerals, ... may they "rest in peace." These days it seems like we need to be emphasizing the words, "live in peace". Our world is so fractured; it's perplexing and deeply disturbing to see the atrocities happening around us. It's even more bewildering when Christian brothers and sisters cannot live in harmony.

When the world sees us, they should be staggered and astonished by the love and forgiveness we extend in the name of Jesus. Jesus said, **"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."**

If we are passionate about introducing people to our Redeemer, then we must live like the redeemed. Insisting on our own rights, demanding our own way, wanting pay-back when we have been wronged will not draw people to Jesus.

Corrie ten Boom's story is an absolutely amazing example of sacrificial love and forgiveness. After a speaking engagement, a former prison guard from Ravensbruck, where she and her sister had been held in captivity, approached her.

Now he was in front of me, hand thrust out: 'A fine message, Fräulein! How good it is to know that, as you say, all our sins are at the bottom of the sea!' And I, who had spoken so glibly of forgiveness, fumbled in my pocketbook rather than take that hand. He would not remember me, of course but I remembered him. 'You mentioned Ravensbruck in your talk,' he said, 'I was a guard there. But since that time, I have become a Christian. I know that God has forgiven me for the cruel things I did, but I would like to hear it from your lips as well. Fräulein,' again the hand came out, 'will you forgive me?'

I stood there, I whose sins had been forgiven, and could not forgive. Betsie had died in that place. I wrestled with the most difficult thing I had ever had to do. For I had to do it, I knew that. 'If you do not forgive men their trespasses,' Jesus says, 'neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses.' 'Help!' I prayed silently. 'I can lift my hand. I can do that much. You supply the feeling.' And so woodenly, mechanically, I thrust my hand into the one stretched out to me. As I did, an incredible thing took place. The current started in my shoulder, raced down my arm, sprang into our joined hands. This healing warmth seemed to flood my whole being, bringing tears to my eyes. 'I forgive you, brother!' I cried. 'With all my heart!' For a long moment we grasped each other's hands, the former guard and the former prisoner. I had never known God's love so intensely, as I did then.

What a testimony to a life lived in peace ... may she now rest in peace.

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