

“The eyes of the Lord are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good” (Proverbs 15:3).

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- 1st **Safety** for those who are travelling to enjoy the August 1st holiday.
- 2nd **Grace Gospel Church, Niagara Falls, ON** as they partner with IVCF (Brock University) and Niagara Youth for Christ in outreach at the **Niagara 2022 Canada Summer Games**.
- 3rd **AGC East Associate Regional Director, Rev. John and Peggi Garner** as John ministers to our churches throughout the East. Continue to pray as John gains strength and mobility in his leg and Peggi continues to undergo radiation treatments.
- 4th **Susan Davis AGC Compassion and Justice Coordinator** as she serves our Lord. Pray for the new **AGC** congregations that are applying to sponsor refugee families.
- 5th **Pastor Jeff and Alanna Peacock and family (Pastor of Somerset Bible Chapel, Somerset, MB.)** as Jeff has just been diagnosed with *Polycythaemia Vera* which is cancer that has a very successful treatment prognosis. Jeff has begun oral chemotherapy which drains his energy. *“We’re thankful for you and for Christ who is at work in us to will and to act according to His good pleasure; He works all things together for good – and we trust and know He will do likewise with this.” - Jeff*
- 6th **AGC West Associate Regional Director, Rev. Lorne and Esther Meisner** as Lorne gives leadership to our churches in **Manitoba**.
- 7th **Rev. Bill Allan** as he shares the Word today with the congregation at his home church, **The Rock Bible Church, Woodstock, ON**.
- 8th *We give thanks to the Lord for the zeal He puts in the hearts of the disciples committed to the establishment of **Église Évangélique de Rockland**. We ask the Lord to send us a worker for the new church. Rev. Charles-Henri Coté*
- 9th **Connect Community Church in Hamilton, ON** and their new Pastor, **Rev. Daniel Muller and his wife, Lynda** as they settle into their new community.
- 10th **AGC East Regional Director, Rev. Dr. Tom and Karen Lambshead** as Tom ministers to our churches throughout Ontario.
- 11th **AGC Administrative Assistant/Finance Manager, Donna Leung** as she serves our **AGC** staff and our churches. Pray for her son **Jacob** as he needed emergency gallbladder surgery, that he will once more gain his strength.
- 12th **VBS and Day Camp** programs that take place in many of our churches. May these outreach activities be used to lead children and young people to Christ.
- 13th **AGC West Regional Director, Rev. Rob and Wendy Cochrane** as Rob gives leadership to our Western churches.
- 14th **Rev. Lorne Meisner** as he shares the Word today with the congregation at **McCreary Gospel Church, McCreary, MB**.
- 15th The wisdom and the guidance of the Holy Spirit for the **Biggar AGC Church** as they work at discipling new believers. – **Rev. Doug Motz**
- 16th The **AGC Staff Meeting** taking place today. May our team be guided by His Spirit and strengthened in their ministry roles.
- 17th The early planning stages of **AGC National Conference**, to be held **May 25 to 27th** in **Banff, AB**. May God lead us as we prepare to gather as a family of churches surrounded by the beauty of Banff.
- 18th Pastors to fill roles that are vacant in the following **AGC** churches in the East: **Bethel Church, Kingston, ON, Bethel Bible Church, Seaforth, ON, The Gathering House, Chesterville, ON, Milliken Gospel Church, Markham, ON, WestVillage Church, Ottawa, ON**.
- 19th **AGC President, Rev. Bill and Michele Allan**. May God give Bill wisdom, guidance, and strength as he serves our **AGC** National team and our churches throughout Canada.
- 20th **Teachers and students** as they prepare to go back to school.
- 21st **Rev. Dr. Paul and LaFaye Brittain** as Paul ministers in his role as **AGC National Coordinator of Doctrine and Credentials**.
- 22nd The many volunteers who sit on our **AGC National Board and Regional Councils**. We thank God for their dedicated service to our Association and pray for them as they gear up for another year of service to our Lord.
- 23rd Our **pastors, ministry leaders** and **volunteers** as they begin to prepare for the Fall season and all things pertaining to the church calendar year.



The God Who Sees

Often, in this mixed-up, inside-out, upside-down world people have a longing to be seen. We long to be recognized, to be connected, to feel that we matter ... to someone.

Admittedly, it's becoming harder to ignore that feeling of being invisible when people pass each other in the halls or street without ever making eye-to-eye contact, mostly due to being plugged into a device. There are times that we must consciously call to mind the wonderful truth that God sees us, especially in times of loneliness or when we feel abandoned. God who has so generously gifted us this life, He is the God who sees.

The God Who sees



The story of Hagar and Ishmael recorded in the book of Genesis, is a story of opposite extremes. It shows how low and insignificant a person can feel when they are used, abused, and discarded. Yet, more importantly, it speaks about a Father's love for His children, because He is the faithful God who sees. Here was Hagar, a woman, a slave, who was treated like a piece of property, given over to her master by his wife to be used to expand the family line. Then, when jealousy reared its ugly head, Sarai mistreated Hagar and Hagar fled to protect herself. An angel of the Lord came to Hagar in her time of need and told her to return to her mistress with the promise that she would have a son and that her descendants would be too numerous to count. Hagar's response moves me every time I read it; *"She gave this name to the LORD who spoke to her: "You are the God who sees me," for she said, "I have now seen the One who sees me"* (Genesis 16:13 ESV).

I fear that the feeling of being unseen is sweeping through our culture, and through the Church. What practical application takes place in our day-to-day lives if we believe that we are safe and secure in the hands of a God who sees? Perhaps, we can pray each day that we will be a blessing to anyone who crosses our path. We can ask God to help us "see." We need to see Jesus because in seeing Him, I believe we will receive the ability to see others. This ability is not of ourselves, because we can be very self-centred people. An outward missional focus can only come through the power of God's Spirit on our lives. It becomes easier if we know that God sees us, and we remain secure and confident in His love for us. We become less reliant on the need for worldly accolades and more focused on how we can tell others about this God of ours, who sees the needs of the lost.

Lord, thank you for not only seeing us, but for loving, saving, and keeping us. Help us to be confident in this truth as we by Your Spirit reach out to others who need to meet the One, who is El Roi, the God who sees.

Susan Page, Church Relations Coordinator

- 24th **AGC Quebec Director, Rev. Del and Barb Gibbons** as Del ministers to our pastors and churches throughout Quebec.
- 25th Pastors to fill roles that are vacant in the following **AGC** West churches: **Carnduff AGC Church, Carnduff, SK, Bonanza Gospel Chapel, Bonanza, AB, Little Smoky Country Chapel, Little Smoky, AB, Red Earth Creek Community Church, Red Earth Creek, AB, Gleichen Community Church, Gleichen, AB, Delburne Gospel Church, Delburne, AB, Gladstone Christian Fellowship, Gladstone, MB, McCreary Gospel Church, McCreary, MB.**
- 26th The people of **Ukraine** and world leaders, that God's will be done.
- 27th **Children and youth** who accepted Christ as Lord during a VBS or Summer Camp program. Pray for good follow-up and mentoring so that spiritual growth takes place in the lives of our young people.
- 28th **Rev. Bill Allan** as he shares the Word today with the congregation at **Grace Church, Newmarket, ON.**
- 29th **Shut-ins** and those who are **ill and/or lonely.** Pray for **visitation pastors** and **volunteers** that the Holy Spirit will use them as a source of comfort and encouragement.
- 30th **AOK Church, Aundek Omni Kaning, ON.** Pray that more people will hear and respond to the gospel message and know the love of Christ.
- 31st **AGC Church Relations Coordinator/Benefits Manager, Susan Page** as she serves our **AGC** staff and our churches.

Do you have a prayer concern you'd like to submit to share with AGC churches nationwide? If so, e-mail it to the AGC Office at sue@agcofcanada.com