

The Seasons

July - October 2017



**Preach the word;
be ready in season and out of season.**

2 Timothy 4:2

 **THRESHOLD MINISTRIES**

Welcome from the National Director

Dear friends,

I love hearing and reading people's stories. Especially stories of how people have encountered God. Recently, at our spring regional retreats, our Evangelists shared their stories. There was a lot of vulnerability and trust as we gathered together and shared stories.



These stories had similar themes - in the midst of brokenness, God met us and began transforming our lives. The ways in which God encounters us is powerful. These stories are similar to those of the people whom we are privileged to be walking alongside. Whether "down and out" or "up and out", God continues to encounter the broken and lead them to wholeness and restoration. Each of our Evangelists share these journeys with people.

This year, we have been blessed with opportunities to help equip even more people to carry on in that same journey. Through local and regional workshops, conferences and our Threshold School of Ministry, we have shared in the equipping of hundreds of individuals who are ready to walk alongside those in their communities.

I want to thank everyone of you. Thank you for all that you do to help further the work of Threshold Ministries. Thank you for your prayers and financial support. Thank you for your commitment to our vision and ministry. I wish you, and those you love, a truly happy and blessed summer.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shawn C. Branch". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Shawn C. Branch
National Director/Mission Leader

The Seasons is available to view online or download. You can also join us in prayer by email each week. Please visit our website, www.thresholdministries.ca It will be updated with each edition of *The Seasons*.

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WHY SHOULD I SUPPORT TM?

We are often asked, "Why should I support Threshold Ministries? Does a church cover your costs?" Threshold Ministries is 100% reliant on donations from individuals who are passionate about what we do.

We are involved (through partnership or leading the cause) with:

- evangelism resources for individuals and congregations
- workshops offering equipping and practical training for mission
- community-based ministry projects that are responding to needs that the local church cannot respond to on its own
- training and equipping individuals for ministry
- institutional chaplaincies and reintegration of ex-offenders into communities
- helping to reboot congregations.

At the moment, we have 3 new community-based ministry projects that are being developed. There is need around every corner for people to know Jesus. The desire of every Threshold Ministries Evangelist is for people to know Jesus. Your financial gifts enable this to happen.

You can give by:

- mailing in a donation (cheque or credit card) - use the pre-paid envelope included in this mailing;
- setting up monthly automatic giving;
- online giving;
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Where you go, I'll go. Where you stay, I'll stay.

Evangelist Name: Agnes (Aggie) Flam
Commissioned: 1994
Ministry: Missioner, Eastmain, QC



Aggie is a gifted children's Evangelist and musician. She has served in churches in a variety of denominations throughout the Maritimes, Manitoba and British Columbia.

Having recently completed training in animation, she has spent some time working in the public sector with animation studios. While living and working in the Halifax region, Aggie had hoped to launch a new inner-city youth ministry program, called Street Hope Kids. However, in His divine wisdom, God had other plans in store for Aggie.

In the Spring of 2017, she relocated to Eastmain, QC, taking on a new ministry role. Her position is twofold: to serve as Pastor/Incumbent for the Anglican Parish of St. Mark's and as Missioner in this isolated Cree community. As such, Aggie hopes to learn the culture and language of the Cree people of James Bay. She desires to love the people, and see the church grow in discipleship; to be a place for children and youth to journey in their faith in Christ; for adults to continue to grow in their faith; and for there to be great joy in their journey together.

Please join us in prayer for Aggie as she ventures where God has called her to go.



Pray for...

Sunday, July 2

Grahme Spear (Shirley), Morden, MB – Please remember Grahme as he discerns his next steps in ministry. Pray that the Spirit will guide him in where to serve at the Friends Community Church (Mennonite Brethren) that he is now attending and where Shirley is the Office Administrator.

Monday, July 3



Missional Community – Pray for the development and sustaining of Threshold Ministries' Missional Community. May we grow together in relationship, and be supportive of each other's ministries as we work together to see Jesus lifted high.

Tuesday, July 4

Aggie Flam, Eastmain, QC – Aggie asks for prayers as she begins her new position as Incumbent in the isolated Cree community of Eastmain, in northern Quebec. Pray for open doors to meet the Band Chief and elders and for creative mission ideas for the community that are culturally engaging.

Wednesday, July 5

Christine Herman (Paul), Campbell River, BC – Please remember Christine in your prayers as she leads The Sunshine Group, a newly formed seniors group, at her church. We pray that this would be a time of encouragement and blessing for those involved.

Thursday, July 6

Jessica Gowan (Christian), Quispamsis, NB – We remember Jessie today as she works as the Assistant Director at Camp Medley for the summer. Pray for many lives to be changed as the children and youth learn about God's love for them.

Friday, July 7

Reed Fleming (Linda), Saint John, NB – Please pray for Street Hope Saint John as they host "Fandango" a neighbourhood party featuring a 5-course fine dining experience and the gift of an electric fan to each guest. Pray that Jesus name will become famous through these efforts.

Saturday, July 8

Jason Haggstrom (Nova), Prince Rupert, BC – Jason asks us to remember the diocesan church camp, Camp Caledonia, the staff and volunteers. We thank God for all the lives that will be reached for the Kingdom through the Gospel in the summer programs.

Sunday, July 9

Erin Hodge (Evangelist-in-Training) Saint John, NB – Pray for Erin as she spends the week with children from Inner City Youth Ministry at Camp Brookwood. Pray for hearts to be open to the Good News of Jesus, for her leadership at the ICYM and their summer programming in the uptown area.

Monday, July 10



Rob Marsh (Bev), Quispamsis, NB – Pray for Rob's leadership as Archdeacon for southeastern NB and in his two parishes. God, we pray that You would sustain Rob as he continues to comfort the hurting, encourage the weary and challenge those who have become idle. We thank You for his servant heart.

Tuesday, July 11

Rod BrantFrancis (Lisa), Tyendinaga, ON – We pray for Rod and Lisa as they minister to the people of Tyendinaga. They ask for peaceful and blessed days in their community while they are away on vacation. Pray for safety in travel and for a restful time away for them.

Wednesday, July 12



Rob Pitman (Linda), Saint John, NB – Remember Rob and the outreach ministry at St. Luke's Church. Pray for the people who attend and those who volunteer at their Summer Drop-in, for 6 weeks on Wednesdays, as a way for people to stay connected when their other programs shut down for the summer.

Thursday, July 13

National Team – Give thanks for the gifts and blessings of those who work and volunteer at the National Office. Pray God's blessing on their labours and the decisions they make to support our evangelists, staff and volunteers.

Friday, July 14

Paul Simons (Michelle), Barrie, ON – Paul asks for prayers for the transition of the leadership in the Offender's Fellowship (Dismas). Please pray that it will be stronger than ever.

Saturday, July 15

Ron McLean (Carol), Orillia, ON – Ron asks that we join him in praying for refreshment for the Huronia Cluster Ministry team on their vacations as they prepare for transitions within the cluster.

Pray for...

Sunday, July 16

Kathy Hutchinson, Edmonton, AB, **Catherine Morris**, Powell River, BC, **Andrew Robertson (Valerie)**, Saint John, NB – As they serve in their own communities, may God bless them and give them health and energy. Pray for more doors to be opened and connections to be made to share the Gospel.

Monday, July 17

Reg & Sandy MacDonald, Sydney, NS – Pray for Reg as he serves as Interim Priest in the Parish of Sydney. Remember the team in charge of choosing a new minister, that God would give them wisdom and guidance in all their decisions.

Tuesday, July 18

Barry Rose (Sharon), Barrhead, AB – Give thanks for Barry's leadership at St. John's Onoway. Father God, we pray for a compassionate heart for Barry and that the people he is ministering to will continue to thirst for Your Holy Spirit and join Your mission in the world.

Wednesday, July 19

Chris Burke (Jen), Murray River, PEI – Please pray for Chris and his band, We the Rescued. Pray that they can help to usher in the Spirit of God as they lead people in worship.

Thursday, July 20

Board of Directors – Give thanks for the wisdom and leadership of our board. Pray that they would know God's will in the decisions and items they deal with. Pray that doors would be open to share about God and the work at Threshold Ministries with more people across Canada.

Friday, July 21

Janet Edwards (David), Saint John, NB – Please pray for Janet and David, for a restful time on holiday and quality time with their families, as well as safety in travel to the UK.

Saturday, July 22



Wally Corey (Lynne), Saint John, NB – Remember Wally and Lynne as they enjoy a cruise to Alaska that includes Bible Study. Pray for contacts along the way as they want to be witnesses for Christ.

Note: Wally celebrated his 60th year as a commissioned Evangelist, in May 2016! He is currently our longest-standing, living Evangelist. Read about Wally's story on our blog: www.thresholdministries.ca/blog

Sunday, July 23

Rob Langmaid (Monica),
 Rothesay, NB – Rob asks us to pray for the Vacation Bible School that St. Luke's Gondola Point is running this week. May all the children attending learn and grow in God's love.

Monday, July 24

Praise God for all the **volunteers** across Canada who give freely of their time alongside our Evangelists! Father, we pray that You would put it into the hearts of many of Your children to answer this call to GO – to volunteer to be Your hands and Your feet, and to tell the truth of Your great sacrifice of love.

Tuesday, July 25



Kathryn & Philip Noll, Caledonia, ON – Please remember Philip and Kathryn as they are on vacation. Pray that this would be a time of rest and refreshment.

Wednesday, July 26

Bruce Smith (Carol), Toronto, ON – Lord we remember Bruce and the members of Christ Church St. James as they sponsor many new Canadians to experience Camp Koinonia this summer. Pray for spiritual awakenings to the Gospel of Christ.

Thursday, July 27

+David Parsons (Rita),
 Yellowknife, YT – We ask for God's blessing and anointing on David and his leadership in the Arctic. Please pray that his hand stays on the plough, that he never looks back and that the LORD of the Harvest would send more laborers.

Friday, July 28

Rose Steeves (Richard),
 Miramichi, NB – Lord we pray for Rose as she ministers to both the young and old in the church and the community. We give thanks for the Hope Café volunteers and their commitment to caring for those in need in the community. We pray that Rose's ministry would be a blessing to those she meets.

Saturday, July 29

Evangelism Training – Pray for those who are discerning God's call on their lives, that they will hear clearly God's plan for them, and that the right students will be linked with Threshold School of Ministry. Give thanks for the leadership and gifts of our teachers and mentors as they help in equipping students for ministry.

Pray for...

Sunday, July 30

Merv Budd (Lisa), Burlington, ON – Pray for blessing on Merv through his work as a Regional Director for Forge and Pastor at North Burlington Baptist Church. God, we ask that You pour out Your Spirit on Merv today and renew his strength.

Monday, July 31

+Terry Buckle (Blanche), Whitehorse, YT – Lord, we pray for healing for Terry as he undergoes cancer treatments. We pray that You would fill Terry and Blanche with peace and give his medical team wisdom and guidance as they treat him.

Tuesday, August 1

Rick Sandberg (Julie), St. Albert, AB – Pray that God will continue to open the hearts of the youth at the Edmonton Young Offenders Centre. We remember Rick as he leads a program at EYOC called Men of Honour teaching the guys how to live honorable lives.

Wednesday, August 2

Michelle Simons (Paul), Barrie, ON – Pray for Michelle, the staff and volunteers at the Barrie Food Bank, for rest and refreshment during summer holidays. Pray also for healing for volunteers who are dealing with health issues.

Thursday, August 3

Shawn Branch, Saint John, NB – We remember our National Director, Shawn, as he speaks at the Yukon Gospel Jamboree in Whitehorse, YK this weekend. Pray that those who attend will be renewed in their faith.

Friday, August 4

Jennifer Burke (Chris), Murray River, PEI – Pray for Jen as she follows God's leading in growing and developing the Children and Youth Ministry at Center Point Church. Pray for the church families and individuals, that hearts will catch fire for Jesus and that she will be effective in the community.

Saturday, August 5



Catherine Murkin, Kirkland Lake, ON – Pray for continued blessings on Catherine's leadership in the community. We pray for the "Raise the Roof" campaign for St. Peter's, that donors will come forward to help with this need. We also pray for volunteers for the Living Room Drop-in.

Sunday, August 6

Eden McAuley (Carolyn), Moncton, NB – Eden asks for prayers for the Moncton Community Chaplaincy as they construct an 18 unit ¾ way house, to open in October. Please pray for the success of this mission.

Monday, August 7

Pray for the **Canadian leadership** and those who make vital decisions for the greater good of our country. Lord, give our government a spirit of wisdom and compassion that there may be justice and peace in our land. When times are prosperous, lead us to thanksgiving, and when times are troubled, lead us to a deepening trust in You.

Tuesday, August 8

Deb Everest, Thunder Bay, ON – Pray for strength as Deb continues to work as Warden of Lay Readers for the Thunder Bay and Northshore areas. Pray that God would bless each conversation she has and may she be aware of the Spirit's anointing on her ministry.

Wednesday, August 9

Mabel Brown, Inuvik, NT – Pray for Mabel as she serves in Inuvik. May God bless her with good health and energy. Pray for more doors to be opened and connections to be made to share the Gospel.

Thursday, August 10

Bonnie Hunt, Saint John, NB – Pray for Bonnie as she leads the youth program at the NB Ashram. Pray for all who are attending to be challenged to grow in their faith.

Friday, August 11

Cyrus Blanchet, Saint John, NB – Remember Rus today as he coordinates the small groups for the NB Ashram. Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide the conversations in the groups.

Saturday, August 12

Carol-Anne Foty (John), Toronto, ON – We give thanks for Carol-Anne and the work she does with Stonegate Ministry. We pray for God's protection for all the staff at the center and their store, Great Finds.

“ Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 ”





Increase

Your Faith This Summer

verb: /in'kres/
1. Become or make greater in size, amount, intensity or degree.

noun: /'inkres/
2. An instance of growing or making greater.



Pray Outside

One of the biggest challenges in maintaining a healthy prayer life is distractions such as the television, computers, video games, and household tasks. (How often have dishes in the sink or stains on the carpet kept you from giving your complete attention to your daily devotions?) But those are indoor distractions! Summer weather gives us an opportunity to step outside and away from many of the things that disrupt our relationship with God. This summer, spend time outside praying, reading Scripture, and being attentive to God's voice.

Enjoy God's Creation

When God finished the work of creation, He looked at the heavens and the earth and declared all of it "very good" (Genesis 1:31). If God enjoys the forests and mountains, seas and skies, and plants and animals, we should, too. Summer offers many opportunities for us to spend time outdoors enjoying God's very good creation.

Spend a day this summer navigating the hiking trails at a local park or enjoy a long weekend camping. Pay close attention to the sights, sounds, and smells around you. Listen to the birds that "sing among the branches" (Psalm 104:12). Take in the scents of flowers. Look out on "the work of [God's] fingers" (Psalm 8:3). Then give thanks for all that God has created.





Take Sabbath Seriously

God commanded the ancient Israelites to “Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy” (Exodus 20:8). This commandment applied to everyone in the household and to the livestock. Leviticus adds a Sabbath year in which even the land would be allowed to rest. But the practice of setting aside time for rest has become counterintuitive in a culture that never stops and places a premium on productivity. Since many people, especially in the West, grow up in school systems where “summer” is synonymous with “vacation,” summer is a natural time to think about rest.

Taking Sabbath seriously isn't about doing nothing or spending long hours watching television or playing video games, but about restoration and a renewed focus on one's relationship with God and others. Worship, restful time with family and friends, and time outdoors enjoying God's creation, all are healthy ways to honor the Sabbath.



Host a Cookout

Throughout His ministry, Jesus relied on the hospitality and generosity of friends and acquaintances who invited him to come to their homes for dinner. When He appeared to His disciples on the shores of the Sea of Galilee following His resurrection, Jesus had a cookout on the beach (John 21:1–14). Cookouts are as much a part of summer as lemonade and baseball. This summer, emulate the hospitality and generosity shown by Jesus' hosts by hosting a cookout. Drawing inspiration from Jesus' parable of the great dinner (Luke 14:15–24), go out in your neighborhood and invite anyone who is willing to come. (And, if you're serious about following Jesus' culinary example, serve bread and fresh fish at your cookout!)

Read more: www.beliefnet.com



Pray for...

Sunday, August 13



Debora Kantor, Cambridge Narrows, NB – God, bless Deb as her church takes part in a Community project, Life at the Lakes Festival of the Arts, Nature and Culture. May people feel welcomed to join them in worship for a special service today.

Monday, August 14

David Mcfarlane (Diana), Waterloo, ON – God we remember David and his work with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. God, we pray that as he equips others to share their faith that You would bless him. We pray that You would give him holy encounters where he can be refreshed.

Tuesday, August 15

Richard Bunn (Allie Lou), Toronto, ON – Lord, bless Richard in his work with those dealing with addictions and mental illness at The Scott Mission. Lord, move mightily to bring healing, salvation, and hope to all who come to The Mission and for those who work and volunteer there as well.

Wednesday, August 16

Linda Fleming (Reed), Saint John, NB – Pray for Linda's ministry at the Pregnancy Resource Centre and for the support they offer to women and families in need. We thank God for the connections that she is making with the clients and pray that the PRC will be a place where people can find hope in the midst of challenges.

Thursday, August 17

Pray for the Lord's leading for our **finances and stewardship**. Give thanks for the gifts that help sustain this ministry. Pray for an outpouring of finances to enable new ministry opportunities.

Friday, August 18

Deanna Monks (Evangelist-in-Training), Yellowknife, NT – Please pray for Deanna as she leads the first Teens Encounter Christ for the Diocese of the Arctic. Pray that this would be a time for all to encounter Jesus.

Saturday, August 19

David Lajeunesse (Yvonne), Nepean, ON – May Christ's love shine through David as he continues to minister in his community. Pray for more doors to be opened and for healthy and joyful energy to serve.

Sunday, August 20

Jonathan Clarke (Kathy), Etobicoke, ON – Please pray for refreshment for Jonathan in his role as Pastor of Discipleship & Outreach at Richview Baptist. Pray for provision for all the outreach initiatives in the community like the food bank, seniors' complex and after school programs.

Monday, August 21

+David Edwards (Janet), Saint John, NB – We remember David today as he helps to lead and teach at the St. Michael's Youth Conference, that faith in the young people may grow as they worship and learn together.

Tuesday, August 22

Joan Cavanaugh (Allan) (Evangelist-in-Training), Minden, ON – Give thanks for the outreach ministries and programs being developed in the Parish of Minden, Kinmount and Maple Lake. Lord, we pray for Joan as she continues to invest in relationships and discover new ways to increase Your Kingdom. May she have discernment and wisdom in her leadership.

Wednesday, August 23

Winnie Ollerhead, St. John's, NL – Winnie asks for prayers as she looks for opportunities to share the love of God in communities in Newfoundland & Labrador, for God's strength and wisdom that she will always walk in the Lord's infinite love towards all people.

Thursday, August 24

Lisa BrantFrancis (Rod), Tyendinaga, ON – We pray for Rod and Lisa as they minister to the people of Tyendinaga. Lisa asks for prayers for their parishioners to use the gifts God has given them with joy and love.

Friday, August 25

Ruth Trivett Brownlee, Gravenhurst, ON – Pray for Ruth's health and for joy in sharing the love of Christ each and every day.

Saturday, August 26

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Darrin Gaudreau (Josephine), Peterborough, ON – Darrin continues to praise Jesus for touching many people's lives in their Victoria Park outreaches this summer, not only through their free BBQ's but also for being able to share the love of Jesus through Gospel music and preaching!

Pray for...

Sunday, August 27

Rosemary Bailey (Greg), Markham, ON, **Charles Smart (Linden)**, Fredericton, NB, and **David Bloom (Phyllis)**, Kenora, ON – are busy in their churches. Pray that they will continue to find ways to serve, as they are able.

Monday, August 28



Church Army International (Australia, Barbados, Denmark, East Africa, Jamaica, Malawi, New Zealand, USA, UK and Ireland, Vanuatu) – We remember the worldwide Church Army family as they take the Good News of Jesus to other nations. Pray for protection and wisdom for their leaders, projects and Evangelists.

Tuesday, August 29

Ed Keeping (Joyce), St. Philip's, NL – Join Ed in prayers of thanksgiving for 9 years of ministry with St. Phillip's. As he prepares to finish his ministry there, we ask God's blessing on him and the congregation.

Wednesday, August 30

Henk Willems (Beth), Elliot Lake, ON – Pray for Henk for refreshment and energy in his ministry as he serves at St. Peter's and in the community. Pray for more doors to be opened and for healthy and joyful energy to serve.

Thursday, August 31

Erick Hinton (Evangelist-in-Training), Victoria, BC – Lord, lead Erick as he serves with Street Hope Victoria. Remember the team as they take the motorhome out on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Please pray that the folks they serve would see Christ in them and come to a saving relationship with our Lord.

Friday, September 1

Education – We pray for **Threshold School of Ministry**, for new and returning students to be open to the direction of the Holy Spirit as they prepare for the next term. Pray that the teaching will be used to glorify God and equip the next generation of leaders.

Saturday, September 2

Jessica Gowan (Christian), Quispamsis, NB – We remember Jessie today as she plans ministry events for St. Paul's Hampton. We pray for God's direction in her planning.

Sunday, September 3

Aggie Flam, Eastmain, QC – Pray for Aggie as she leads members of the Parish through confirmation preparation, that they would come to a deeper understanding of God's love for them.

Monday, September 4

Labour Day – You made the heavens and the earth and Your work was Good and we praise You. May we continue your good work through our own labours and servanthood - helping to bring your Kingdom on earth as in heaven.

Tuesday, September 5

Evangelism Training – Pray for those who are discerning God's call on their lives, that they will hear clearly God's plan for them, and that the right students will be linked with Threshold School of Ministry. Give thanks for the leadership and gifts of our teachers and mentors as they help in equipping students for ministry.

Wednesday, September 6

Paul Simons (Michelle), Barrie, ON – Lord we pray for Paul as he returns from holidays, that he would be refreshed and have new vision and inspiration to support men in transition from incarceration to community.

Thursday, September 7

Erin Hodge (Evangelist-in-Training), Saint John, NB – Erin asks for prayer for the students involved in the Inner City Youth Ministry as they return to school. She especially would like prayer for those going to a new school, that it would be a smooth transition.

Friday, September 8



Merv Budd (Lisa), Burlington, ON – Pray for blessing on Merv through his work as a Regional Director for Forge and Pastor at North Burlington Baptist Church. God, we ask that You pour out Your Spirit on Merv today and renew his strength.

Saturday, September 9

Jonathan Clarke (Kathy), Etobicoke, ON – Please pray for Jonathan in his role as Pastor of Discipleship & Outreach at Richview Baptist. Pray for the food bank at Richview, that God would continue to provide openings for the community to obtain food. Give thanks for those who have provided and pray that they would be blessed for their generosity.

Pray for...

Sunday, September 10



Janet Edwards (David), Saint John, NB – Pray for Janet as she prepares for the startup of the Bible Studies and Book Clubs which she leads, that there may be both spiritual and numerical growth.

Monday, September 11

Missional Community – Pray for wisdom and discernment in the development and sustaining of new pathways to join our Missional Community. May we grow together in relationship, and be supportive of each other's ministries as we work together to see Jesus lifted high.

Tuesday, September 12

Rod BrantFrancis (Lisa), Tyendingaga, ON – Rod asks for prayers for a new sense of vision and mission for the parish as the fall season begins. We pray that the Holy Spirit would work anew in this community.

Wednesday, September 13

Rob Langmaid (Monica), Rothesay, NB – Please pray that, as classes begin at Rothesay Netherwood School, Rob would be able to develop life giving relationships with the new and returning students.

“

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

John 14:27

”

Thursday, September 14

Kathy Hutchinson, Edmonton, AB, **Catherine Morris**, Powell River, BC, and **Andrew Robertson (Valerie)**, Saint John, NB – As they serve in their own communities, may God bless them and give them health and energy. Pray for more doors to be opened and connections to be made to share the Gospel.

Friday, September 15

+David Parsons (Rita), Yellowknife, YT – Pray for God's blessing and anointing on David and his leadership in the Arctic. Pray that people would be raised up and encouraged to offer themselves for ministry in communities across the North.

Saturday, September 16

National Team – Lord, let Your presence be known today in the midst of the work environment of the National Office. Let Your spirit fill every office space and be in every interaction among them today.

Sunday, September 17

Barry Rose (Sharon), Barrhead, AB – Lord we give thanks for Barry as he ministers to a large rural area west of Edmonton. Pray for God's wisdom and direction for Barry as he discerns how to reach the people of his community.

Monday, September 18

Rose Steeves (Richard), Miramichi, NB – Lord, we pray for Rose as she ministers to both the young and old in the church and the community. Pray for Rose's ministry in the parish of Newcastle, Nelson and Hardwicke and pray for the Hope Café outreach and soup kitchen.

Tuesday, September 19

Kathryn & Philip Noll, Caledonia, ON – Please remember Philip and Kathryn as they help their three youngest children transition into high school this year. Pray that it would be a smooth adjustment for them all.

Wednesday, September 20

Bruce Smith (Carol), Toronto, ON – Lord, we remember Bruce and the members of Christ Church St. James, with the Fall programs at the Keele Correctional Center and various coffee shop outreach programs that continue. We pray men and women will go 'deep and wide' in coming to know and grow in You.

Thursday, September 21

Lisa BrantFrancis (Rod), Tyendinaga, ON – We pray for Rod and Lisa as they minister to the people of Tyendinaga. We pray that Jesus would work in the hearts of people in the community. We also pray for direction in finding new housing for Rod and Lisa.

Friday, September 22

Rob Pitman (Linda), Saint John, NB – Rob asks us to pray with him for the men at Island View Halfway House, in Fredericton NB, and Paratown, in Saint John NB. Be with Rob as he works to help the men get connected to the faith community.

Saturday, September 23

Michelle Simons (Paul), Barrie, ON – Pray for those Michelle leads as they prepare for the Thanksgiving Food Drive and for the many individuals who will be impacted by the community's generosity. Pray for the food and financial donations to come in so they can continue to see lives transformed.

Pray for...

Sunday, September 24

Ron McLean (Carol), Orillia, ON – We pray for a smooth transition for Rev. Ron McLean and Rev. Sue Curtis (Deacon) as they take on St. George, Fairvalley and for Rev. Maureen Hair and Rev Jim Ferry (Deacon) as they take over the Parish of Washago-Prices Corners.

Monday, September 25

Deanna Monks (Evangelist-in-Training), Yellowknife, NT – We remember Deanna today as she prepares for the next module of TSoM, that the work she is doing will bring her to a deeper level of knowing Jesus.

Tuesday, September 26

Rob Marsh (Bev), Quispamsis, NB – Pray for Rob's leadership in the parishes of Central Kings and Upham. Pray for Rob as he raises up leaders in the rural communities. Pray for peace and joy to reign in those congregations.

Wednesday, September 27

Reg & Sandy MacDonald, Sydney, NS, **Art Nash (Emily)**, Halifax, NS and **David & Christobel Lines**, Athabasca, AB – Pray for these couples as they minister in their communities. Pray that as they look for ways to serve, that doors would be opened up for them. We pray Your blessing on them as they seek to serve You, Lord.

Thursday, September 28

+David Edwards (Janet), Saint John, NB – Pray for David as he prepares and leads the 12/12 groups with clergy in the Diocese. Pray that this would be a time of mutual support and encouragement.

Friday, September 29

Walter Marshall (Lois), Mississauga, ON, **David Bloom (Phyllis)**, Longbow Lake, ON, and **Hugh Bateman (Lois)**, Shediac Cape, NB – As they serve in their own communities may God bless them and give them health and energy. May the Lord protect them, be gracious and show them His favour.

Saturday, September 30



Reed Fleming (Linda), Saint John, NB – Lord, thank You for Reed's guidance and commitment to disciple the members of the Street Hope community. Pray for wisdom as plans develop for this fall/winter season.

Sunday, October 1

Ed Keeping (Joyce), St. John's, NL – Ed asks for guidance as he begins a new ministry as Hospital Chaplain at the Health Sciences Centre and the children's hospital (Janeway) in St. John's, NL.

Monday, October 2

Rick Sandberg (Julie), St. Albert, AB – Pray that God will continue to open the hearts of the youth at the Edmonton Young Offenders Centre. Thank You, Lord, for the devotion that Rick has for serving at-risk youth. We thank You, God, for his work as Senior Provincial Chaplain with Bridges of Canada. We pray that he would be encouraged as he supports chaplains across the province.

Tuesday, October 3



Rus Blanchet, Saint John, NB – Rus asks that as he attends Bible Studies and church services that he would be reminded of God's presence with him.

Wednesday, October 4

Eden McAuley (Carolyn), Moncton, NB – Lord, bless Eden with peace and hopefulness in his role as a Community Chaplain. Eden asks for prayer for the growing ministry with women leaving the Nova Institute. Pray that the resources needed will come to help these women reintegrate into the community.

Thursday, October 5

Bonnie Hunt, Saint John, NB – Pray for safety in travel and discernment as she leads the community in regional one-day gatherings, happening this month across the country. Give thanks for Bonnie's leadership as the Dean of Community with Threshold Ministries. Pray that she would be an encouraging witness to those she meets.

Friday, October 6

Debora Kantor, Cambridge Narrows, NB – God, bless Deb as she helps in the planning of a Youth Conference for the Diocese of Fredericton and the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. We pray that many lives will be touched.

Saturday, October 7

Christine Herman (Paul), Campbell River, BC – We remember Christine and Paul as they look for ways to reach out and help the seniors in their community.



1 THESSALONIANS 5:18

Cut out the graphic above and put it somewhere that you will see it often, (like on your refrigerator - or use it as a bookmark for *The Seasons*) as a reminder to be thankful.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Here are some of the upcoming events that our Evangelists are participating in this summer:

Fandango

July 7, 2017 / Saint John, NB

A ministry project of Street Hope Saint John, a fine dining experience where fans will be given to those living in 'airless' rooms this summer. For full details, visit:

www.thresholdministries.ca/blog/fandango



Yukon Gospel Jamboree

August 3-6, 2017 / Whitehorse, YT

Shawn Branch will be speaking and leading workshops at the Yukon Gospel Jamboree, hosted by the Anglican Diocese of Yukon.

Victoria Park Outreach

Peterborough, ON

An outreach ministry of Street Hope Peterborough.

This multi-date initiative provides a free BBQ, gospel music and preaching in the park. For more info, visit:

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Stepping into Evangelism: Together

Pray for...

Sunday, October 8

Jennifer Burke, Murray River, PEI – Remember Jen as she works on growing the children's ministry team at Center Point Church. Pray as they explore new ways to help the congregation engage with God in every aspect of their lives.

Monday, October 9

Thanksgiving – God, when I have food, help me to remember the hungry. When I have work, help me to remember the jobless. When I have a home, help me to remember those who have no home at all. When I am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer. And remembering, help me to destroy my complacency; bestir my compassion, and be concerned enough to help. Amen.



Tuesday, October 10

Catherine Murkin, Kirkland Lake, ON – Catherine asks for prayer for volunteers for the The LivingRoom Ministry in Schumacher. She also asks for God to open up a meeting space for the Church in Rouyn-Noranda.

Wednesday, October 11

Linda Fleming (Reed), Saint John, NB – Please pray for Linda as she helps newcomers to learn English on Monday and Wednesday mornings. She wants to let the Holy Spirit work through her in all of her activities so that each person she encounters will be drawn to Jesus.

Thursday, October 12

+Terry Buckle (Blanche), Whitehorse, YT – Please pray for Terry and the vision of SANCTUARY to grip the hearts of the church members in Whitehorse. Pray that they learn together what it means to be followers of Jesus in today's kind of world; reaching out by word and action in the compassion of Jesus.

Friday, October 13

Deb Everest, Thunder Bay, ON – Pray that God's light would shine through Deb to all of those she comes in contact with in her work as Warden of Lay Readers. May she be blessed as she is a blessing to her community.

Saturday, October 14

Carol-Anne Foty (John), Toronto, ON – Pray for Carol-Anne, for the staff leadership and over 30 volunteers at Stonegate Ministry and Great Finds, their outreach retail store on the Lakeshore in Etobicoke. Pray for direction in expanding and renovating the store to suit their needs better.

Sunday, October 15



Jason Haggstrom (Nova), Peace River, AB – Thank God for Jason's leadership as the newly appointed Dean of Athabasca. Pray for new relationships to be formed as Jason transitions and adjusts to this new community.

Monday, October 16

Education – Give thanks for the third module of Threshold School of Ministry, happening in the next 2 weeks; for the vision and those who have offered to teach this Fall – Brad Jersak, Ken Neilson, Cameron Roxburgh and Glen Taylor. Pray God's blessing on this teaching project and for the students who are gathering for training and formation. Pray that TSoM will be used to glorify God and equip the next generation of leaders.

Tuesday, October 17

Darrin Gaudreau (Josephine), Peterborough, ON – Please pray for Darrin as he offers their Movie and Meal series where folks gather for a wonderful dinner followed by a Christian movie. Please pray that as they continue this outreach that the Holy Spirit will work in the hearts and lives of people who attend and that all will be drawn into a closer walk with Christ!

Wednesday, October 18

Grahme Spear (Shirley), Morden, MB – Pray that the Spirit will continue to work in and through Grahme and Shirley as they seek to discern the opportunities God sets before them for continuing ministry. We also pray for their work with the Board of the Northern Gateway Community Chaplaincy street ministry, in The Pas, MB.

Thursday, October 19

Shawn Branch, Saint John, NB – We remember our National Director, Shawn, praying for wisdom and discernment as he leads. Pray that doors would be open to share about God and the work at Threshold Ministries with more people across Canada.

Friday, October 20

David Lajeunesse (Yvonne), Nepean, ON and **Henk Willems (Beth)**, Elliot Lake, ON – May Christ's love shine through them as they continue ministry in their communities. Pray for more doors to be opened and for healthy and joyful energy to serve.

Saturday, October 21

Richard Bunn (Allie Lou), Toronto, ON – Lord, bless Richard in his work with those dealing with addictions and mental illness at The Scott Mission. Pray each conversation would be an encouragement and would bring life to those facing hardship.

Pray for...

Sunday, October 22

David Mcfarlane (Diana),
 Waterloo, ON – God, we remember David and his work with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. We pray that as he equips others to share their faith, that You would bless him. We pray that You would give him holy encounters where he can be refreshed.

Monday, October 23

Pray for the Lord's leading for our **finances and stewardship**. Give thanks for the gifts that help sustain this ministry. Pray for an outpouring of finances to enable new ministry opportunities.

Tuesday, October 24



Joan Cavanaugh (Allan)
 (Evangelist-in-Training), Minden, ON – Lord, we pray for Joan as she continues to invest in relationships and discover new ways to increase Your Kingdom. Pray that she would have discernment and wisdom in her leadership.

Wednesday, October 25

Erin Sawatzky (Ryan),
 Yellowknife, NT – We pray that the Lord will continue to lead Erin in her community. Give her kind words, a humble attitude and a joyful heart. May God continue to work in and through her as she serves Him.

Thursday, October 26

Winnie Ollerhead, St. John's, NL – Winnie asks for prayers for God's provision for the people she comes alongside in Nain and St. John's.

Friday, October 27

Praise God for all the **volunteers** across Canada who give freely of their time alongside our Evangelists! Father, we pray that You would put it into the hearts of many of Your children to answer this call to GO – to volunteer to be Your hands and Your feet and to tell the truth of Your great sacrifice of love.

Saturday, October 28

Mabel Brown, Inuvik, NT – Pray for Mabel as she works in the Parish of the Ascension in Inuvik and at St. David's in Tulita. Pray that she would be able to share the Good News with those who are looking for something to fill the emptiness in them and give them hope.

Sunday, October 29

Wally Corey (Lynne), Saint John, NB – Wally and Lynne ask for prayer for their neighbours with whom they are building relationships. Pray that this will lead to sharing the Gospel effectively.

Monday, October 30

Erick Hinton (Evangelist-in-Training), Victoria, BC – Lord, we pray for healing for Erick as he battles oral and tongue cancer. We pray that You would fill him with peace and give his medical team wisdom and guidance as they treat him.

Tuesday, October 31

Peace and Provision – Let's pray for the people in our communities who are struggling with poverty and addictions. Lord, make us content with nothing less than a world that is transformed into the shape of love, where poverty shall be no more. Amen.

Wednesday, November 1

Board of Directors – Give thanks for the wisdom and leadership of our board. Pray that they would have divine wisdom as they continue to seek and implement God's vision for Threshold Ministries.

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Cast your cares on the LORD and He will sustain you; He will never let the righteous be shaken.

Psalm 55:22

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Thursday, November 2

Jonathan Springthorpe (Kristen), Grand Bay, NB – We pray that the Lord will continue to lead Jonathan in his community. Give him kind words, humility and joy. May God continue to work in and through him as he serves Him.

Friday, November 3



Chris Burke, Murray River, PEI – Remember Chris in your prayers as he will be working with the planning team for the Billy Graham conference this month. Pray for God's guidance in all their decisions.

Saturday, November 4

Lynda Ellis (Brian), Calgary, AB, **Earl Burke (Karen)**, Sault Ste. Marie, ON and **Charles Alexander (Verna)**, Calgary, AB – As they serve in their own communities may God bless them and give them health and energy. Pray that God will cover them with favor as with a shield (*Psalm 5:12*).



Church Army International

Leaders Conference 2017

In April, the triennial leaders conference was held for the global Church Army family. This meeting saw the leaders from 7 of the 11 countries meet to pray together, share ideas and opportunities. While spread out across the globe, we share the vision and ethos of the ministry's founder, Wilson Carile - who desired to see people mobilized to share their faith and equip others to do the same.

Our meeting provided a face-to-face forum for us to discuss ways that we can be working together more intentionally, including a possible online discipleship program for young adults.

We were welcomed by the Archbishop of Canterbury to Lambeth Palace and joined in his noon-hour Eucharist in the Crypt Chapel, which was followed by lunch in the Guard Room. ++Justin Welby, an advocate for evangelism himself, was interested to hear how our ministries are equipping the church to reach those outside. He applauded our efforts to remind church leaders of the importance of reaching beyond our doors and he reminded us of Jesus' invitation to hospitality to those who are searching.

At present, Church Army ministries are found in the UK & Ireland, the USA, Jamaica, Barbados, Malawi, East Africa, New Zealand, Australia, Vanuatu, Denmark, and Canada. The conclusion of our meeting saw an evening of prayer for each of our countries and the evangelists we support, as well as anointing for our brother, Phil Clark (NZ) who has been battling cancer for almost two years. We give God thanks for this meeting and His provision for each country's ministry and leadership.



International Church Army leaders in England, April 2017.



Diocesan gathering in Kingston, Jamaica, May 2017.

In God's Vineyard: Jamaica

In May, I was privileged to speak at an Evangelism Conference sponsored by the Diocese of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands. The conference, a dream of Phyllis Thomas (Head of Church Army Jamaica), was expecting about 100-125 people in attendance; over 220 people from across the diocese came for the two-day conference aimed at equipping them to reach their communities.

Despite being a tropical paradise, the challenges the church is facing are very similar to those in Canada. Those who gathered were honest and open - many admitted to not knowing where to start, others admitted to being skeptical - most left believing that they can be actively engaged in sharing their faith. Talks, group discussions, and worship were at the core of the conference. Some of the leadership admitted that the church has not often engaged in these workshops or conference because people have, in the past, turned to the church. This is not happening any more.

The conference, held in Kingston, was surrounded by a mix of affluence and extreme poverty, and the church is struggling to understand how to reach the multitude. One of the presentations was on the topic of fear. Almost in unison, people admitted to being bound by fear; what to say, what to do. "The Lord is my light and my salvation - whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life - of whom shall I be afraid?" (Psalm 27:1) The conference ended with congregations identifying one or two tangible things they can try, to reach their neighbourhood.

The hospitality and welcome I experienced was stellar. It was a privilege to serve briefly in another part of God's vineyard and to see people come alive in their faith.

- Shawn C. Branch



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