

PRAYER BULLETIN

News and Prayer Requests from the Free Presbyterian Churches of North America



REV. STEPHEN HAMILTON
Lehigh Valley Free Presbyterian

**Allentown,
Pennsylvania**

Rev. Stephen Hamilton has been enjoying conducting a Bible institute in Malvern FPC along with Rev. Stephen Pollock. A number of men from both churches have been learning basic truths about sermon structure and homiletics. Several are already preaching occasionally, and it is the ministers' desire to see some of the young men called to pulpit ministry, as the Lord would lead.

A couple from three hours away came recently to Lord's Day services at the church. They are interested in the ministry of the denomination and are praying concerning their own future. They have been disappointed in the churches near them, noting several areas of compromise even in professedly Reformed works. Another couple from West Virginia called Mr. Hamilton to ask whether there were an FP church near to them. Again, the complaint was their great difficulty in finding a church that preaches truth but also takes a stand against the compromise of the day.

Once again, please pray that the considerable interest in the internet ministry might translate into people coming regularly to the church in Walnutport

Mr. Hamilton hopes to take part in the installation of Rev. Paul Backhurst in Calgary on March 4. He is also looking forward to teaching a two-week module in GRS in mid-April. The class is on the subject "Preaching Christ from the Old Testament." Pray for the blessing of God on the preparations for the class and on the students in our seminary.

REV. PHIL OWEN
Berean Free Presbyterian

**Boston,
New York**

On January 19, the day of the worst blizzard Berean FPC has ever had on a Sunday, they enjoyed fellowship with Larry and Jill Saunders. Those able to attend appreciated the ministry of Dr. Saunders.

Rev. Phil Owen thanks all who have donated books and who have extended offers of volumes to restock his library. He says it is a blessing to be using tools in the study again.

The session of the church asks for prayer for wisdom regarding the process of rebuilding the manse following the fire. Presently, the insurance company is proving difficult; it is reluctant to match the church's preferred contractor's bid. Please also pray for safety for the workers when construction begins and that they might be receptive to the gospel.

REV. IAN GOLIGHER
Interim Moderator
Calgary Free Presbyterian

**Calgary,
Alberta**

The Calgary church was blessed through the ministry and pastoral care of Rev. David Priestley. When Roger Sirois suffered a heart attack, Mr. Priestley was able to visit with him. Please pray for Roger, who will soon need further heart surgery.

There was great excitement in Calgary congregation over the arrival of the Backhurst family on Monday, March 9. Arrangements to transport them from the airport and see them settled into the life of the church had been carefully planned. For introductions, the church is having a lunch following their first morning service with the Backhurst family present.

The Presbytery of the FPCNA has scheduled the installation service for Rev. Paul Backhurst to take place on Tuesday, March 24, at 7 p.m. That will be the official commencement of Mr. Backhurst's ministry in Calgary FPC. Please pray for the family to settle in the area and acclimatize to a new school and for the commencement of Mr. Backhurst's preaching and pastoral ministry in the congregation. New people have been attending recently; pray for a further increase in regular attendance at Sunday services and prayer meetings.

REV. IAN GOLIGHER
Cloverdale Free Presbyterian
**Cloverdale,
British Columbia**

Rev. Ian Goligher reports that attendance has increased a little in the Cloverdale church in the New Year along with a notable increase in the Sunday school attendance. Regulars are attending faithfully at Sunday morning services while there is room for improvement at Sunday evening services and at prayer meetings. Two deacons, Mr. Charlie Escobar and Mr. Verne Hanson, have been elected by the congregation and recognized to serve in the church. Elder Alan Samuel and his wife, Shiena, were blessed on February 29 with the arrival of a baby girl, Talitha, a sister for Titus. Mrs. Jones remains in decline, but is very peaceful. Mr. Goligher has been visiting a radio listener in hospital and has had opportunities to give out gospel literature and to talk with other patients in the hospital.

Mr. Goligher recently sent a letter to the prime minister of Canada, Mr. Justin Trudeau, stating concerns about the government's proposals to extend Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) across all provinces in Canada. Restrictions for its use are being minimized and the service is becoming more and more part of palliative care under the single healthcare system in Canada. One senior's care facility in Delta, B.C., has been notified that because of its principled stand against MAiD its funding will be cut next year, leaving the possibility of the facility's closure. Mr. Goligher requests prayer for the fear of God to fall upon Canadians to turn them away from a culture of death.

REV. ARMEN THOMASSIAN
Interim Moderator
Covenant Free Presbyterian
**Columbia,
South Carolina**

Rev. Armen Thomassian, the interim moderator of Covenant FPC, is thankful to be able to report that those who indicated they would continue to attend the church are still attending faithfully. Please remember the congregation before the Lord, that God would provide a man, and that He would use the ministry of the preachers each week to encourage the little flock that gathers.

DR. LARRY SAUNDERS
Interim Moderator
Fredericton Free Presbyterian
**Fredericton,
New Brunswick**

Elder George Robinson (Toronto) and his wife visited the Fredericton congregation recently. They found the faithful band soldiering on despite not having a pastor for ten years. The congregation appreciates the devoted interim labors of Neil Sampson on Sunday mornings.

The congregation's main prayer request is that some man would hear and respond to the call of God to become its pastor. The congregation is financially viable, and they have their own building. What they need is someone to exercise a full-time ministry. Perhaps someone reading this may hear the Master's voice, "Son, go work today in my vineyard" (Matthew 21:28). Please pray with the people to this end.

REV. ARMEN THOMASSIAN
DR. ALAN CAIRNS
Emeritus
Faith Free Presbyterian
**Greenville,
South Carolina**

In recent prayer meetings at Faith FPC, Rev. Armen Thomassian has been reading excerpts from works that tell of God's moving in revival in past days. Mr. Thomassian has been encouraging the church people to pray for and to expect great things from God for our own day.

The church's annual workday was March 7. There was a good turnout, much work was accomplished, and a good time of fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Dr. Mark Allison recently received another good report from his doctors at Duke. Please pray for continued strengthening for him. Kim Wagner is recovering after spending some days in the hospital with an intestinal virus that hit her much harder than it would others. Pray for healing and grace for her. Many others in the church have been dealing with surgeries, illness, and bereavements.

The church is looking forward to hosting the Ministers' Week of Prayer and spring Presbytery meeting May 11–15. Preparations are underway for that as well as for vacation Bible school (June 22–26) and youth camp (July 18–25). Pray for the Lord's blessing on these ministries as well as the other outreaches of the church, including the new one at the local juvenile detention center.

REV. GEOFF BANISTER
REV. RON BARNES
Associate Minister
Indianapolis Free Presbyterian
**Indianapolis,
Indiana**

Rev. Geoff Banister requests prayer for the Barnes family. Candi's dad, Joe Durbin, has been suffering from cancer in his bladder that has metastasized. The Barneses have gone to Pennsylvania to be with Candi's dad. Pray that the Lord will have His way with Mr. Durbin and that if it is time for him to depart from this world he may do so without having to suffer long in his current condition.

Continue to pray for Brenda Richter. She has been in and out of the hospital after falling and breaking a couple of ribs which punctured both of her lungs. Pray that Brenda will recover strength and be able to be up and about as nurses and therapists tend to her at home.

Pray for an opportunity the church is seeking to reach out to its neighbors. The church has allowed the use of its building for the annual meeting of the neighborhood housing association. This year the church would like to serve refreshments to the neighbors that come to the meeting as well as set up a table for gospel literature to be taken. Mr. Banister says it could be a great opportunity to get to know their neighbors and to establish a witness for Christ.

DR. STEPHEN POLLOCK
FPC of Malvern
**Malvern,
Pennsylvania**

Like all our churches, the Malvern church would covet prayer for the Lord's presence each Lord's Day. They continue to pray for souls from the locality to come to know the Lord. They would also appreciate prayers for the Lord to stir up a burden for revival. They have been praying for this in their pre-service prayer meetings on Sunday evenings.

The church is thankful for the addition of new people into the membership. Pray that they will be encouraged and be an encouragement to the congregation.

Dr. Pollock asks for prayer for youth camp coming up July 18–25. Pray particularly for wisdom for him as he decides on the biblical theme for this year.

REV. JASON BOYLE
Iglesia Cristiana El Redentor
(Redeemer Christian Church)
**Mexico City,
Mexico**

In February Jason was able to travel to Cordoba, Veracruz, to visit Lalo Peña, his family, and the church. He was able to encourage Lalo in his seminary studies. On this same trip he went to a remote village called Zongozotla in the sierra mountains of the state of Puebla. He preached in Zongozotla and some mission churches in neighboring villages. The preachers there are very hungry for training and resources. The Boyles are working to get them more Bibles and resources in Spanish and in their native language, Totonac.

In March Jason will travel to three churches in the mountains of San Luis Potosi and Queretaro. These three churches have expressed a desire to become FPC churches. Please pray that this trip would help move things forward in the establishing of a Mexican FPC denomination.

Please pray for strength for Jason and Danielle and for help in the work. Pray that God would raise up elders for their local church in Mexico City, that God would help as they try to get the church set up as a religious association (there never seems to be enough time to work on this), and also that the church would be well cared for in their absence in May. Finally, please remember to pray with them for a new meeting place; the need for more room continues to be pressing.

DR. STEPHEN POLLOCK
Interim Moderator
Orlando Free Presbyterian
**Orlando,
Florida**

Continue to pray for the Lord's direction regarding a new pastor for the Orlando church. Rev. Thomas Laverty has been called and the congregation awaits his response as he prays over the matter, seeking to know the Lord's will in his ministry.

Please pray for the pulpit supply over the spring months. Pray that each man will bring a word in season.

REV. DAVID MOOK
Phoenix Free Presbyterian
**Peoria,
Arizona**

The Phoenix church observed the 34th anniversary of its founding on February 23, the exact date when the church held its first worship service in 1986. The congregation rejoiced to welcome some visitors on that occasion, including Steve and Carolyn Rohrer and their children. Just over a week earlier, on February 15, the session and committee organized a special day for cleaning the church building with the purpose of addressing various tasks that are not part of the routine cleaning. Eight people from the congregation worked together for about three and a half hours.

From February 24–27, Rev. David Mook was in northeast Ohio for the annual planning meetings of the officers of the American Council of Christian Churches. He found refreshment in the times of devotions, prayer, and discussions on the work of the Council during 2020. On March 15, the Mooks plan to be in southern Arizona where Mr. Mook will represent the ACCC at an independent Baptist church south of Tucson. The pastor is a longtime friend of the Mooks and the congregation.

The church's annual Week of Prayer took place March 9–13. The church prayed especially for one of its most senior members, who has been battling health issues that have intensified since the early days of the year. In addition, the church welcomed Kara Morrow to a meeting at the end of the week. She was in Arizona on business for the office of Sen. Martha McSally (R-AZ) in Washington where Kara is a member of the senator's staff.

Mr. Mook looks forward to participating in the presbytery's installation service in the Calgary church for Rev. Paul Backhurst on Tuesday, March 24.

REV. REGGIE CRANSTON
Port Hope Free Presbyterian

**Port Hope,
Ontario**

Rev. Reggie Cranston reports that he was greatly encouraged and blessed in his soul when he and Rev. Geoff Banister attended the Minister's Week of Prayer in Northern Ireland in January. He was also glad of the opportunity to preach in a number of the FPC of Ulster churches while he was there.

Mr. Cranston requests prayer for the Easter Bible Conference at which Rev. Dave Mook, minister of Phoenix FPC, will be the guest preacher. Pray that Mr. Mook will know the power of the Holy Spirit as he preaches God's Word. Pray also that people from the town and surrounding area will be in attendance at the services.

The congregation will pray through their motto text for 2020 which is "Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer" (Romans 12:12). They are trusting the Lord to add to the church this year the six families that have been long prayed for.

DR. LARRY SAUNDERS
DR. FRANK McCLELLAND
Emeritus
Toronto Free Presbyterian

**Toronto,
Ontario**

The Whitefield Christian Schools are currently on their annual two-week March break. They ask for special prayer for them in this time of the Coronavirus concerns. The student body of 250 is multi-national with some connections to countries seriously affected by the virus. Everyone is practicing proper hygiene, but the Christian has an added line of defense: prayer. The schools and church have been praying on God's promise, "I will put none of these diseases upon thee." They rejoice that He said, "I am the LORD [Jehovah Ropheka] that healeth thee" (Exodus 15:26). Dr. McClelland says, "Do join us in prayer, not just for Toronto, but for all of our churches." Thankfully, the city of Toronto has been minimally affected so far by the outbreak.

REV. MYRON MOONEY
Trinity Free Presbyterian

**Trinity,
Alabama**

The Trinity congregation thanks God that some of the men in the prison Bible study are demonstrating evidence of the new birth. Some new men are attending the Bible study regularly. Please pray for the Holy Spirit's power in this ministry.

Thank you for praying for Levi Frank's recovery from eye surgery. Mrs. Becky LaGrave and Mrs. Ginger Garrett also are recovering from surgeries. Please continue to pray for complete healing for all three.

The congregation is thankful for increased seasons of prayer and for evidence of growth in grace. The congregation would like to begin new outreaches into the community and is praying for more visitors to attend.

Please continue to pray for Pastor Mooney as he preaches through the book of Mark on Sunday mornings. Their annual ladies' brunch is scheduled for March 28. Two more babies are expected towards the end of April.

REV. IAN GOLIGHER
Interim Moderator
Victoria Free Presbyterian

**Victoria,
British Columbia**

The small congregation in Victoria continues to gather for morning services with Cloverdale FPC by webcast. While it remains small, the ministry and fellowship continue to be encouraging. In answer to previous prayer requests, Mr. Bill Los is in better health. Prayer is further requested for men to serve in the church and for a man to minister to the congregation.

REV. REGGIE KIMBRO
REV. DERRICK BOWMAN
Associate Minister
Grace Free Presbyterian

**Winston-Salem,
North Carolina**

Rev. Reggie Kimbro requests prayer for several people in the Winston-Salem congregation who struggle with chronic illness. Pray also for elder Greg Munger as he recovers from surgery. Pray for the Sunday school and for wisdom in teaching the many children and youth in the congregation. Pray also for several men in the church who are self-employed, that the Lord would bless the work of their hands to meet the needs of their families.

The ladies' Bible study and the men's prayer breakfast, which meet monthly, have resumed for the year. Pray that these will be the means of growth, encouragement, and many answers to prayer.

Finally, please pray for Derrick and Lydia Bowman as they prepare the FPCNA team for its mission trip to Liberia August 4-19. The vaccination regimen alone is a months-long process. In addition to Derrick and Lydia, team members are Nolan Bowman (Winston-Salem), Karen Rupaner (Malvern), Eunice Siu (Toronto), Caleb Spann (Greenville), and Jane Tschappler (Phoenix).