

PRAYER BULLETIN

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



REV. ANTHONY D'ADDURNO
Barrie Free Presbyterian

**Barrie,
Ontario**

Rev. Anthony D'Addurno reports that the Barrie church remains stable in these days of the pandemic. The church continues to meet while following the restrictions and protocols that go with meeting in public places. The meetings are restricted in size and length.

One of the church's deacons, Joe White, and his wife have just recently moved to Prince Edward Island. The church family wishes them well and prays that the Lord will raise up someone to take Joe's place.

The church has had few visitors, but they are praying continually for additions to the work. Please pray for the Korevar family on the loss of their son just this past week. Please pray for Frankie D'Addurno as he continues his seminary studies online.

REV. PHIL OWEN
Berean Free Presbyterian

**Boston,
New York**

The Boston, New York, church is planning an open house at the rebuilt manse on Saturday, December 5, the anniversary of the fire that destroyed the original manse. Anyone in the Free Church family is invited to attend. Please pray for the Lord's help in reaching friends and neighbors with the gospel. Phil and Tonia Owen are due to move into the new home (the newest ever for them) by December 1. They appreciate Jared and Trinity Owen's kindness in allowing them to rent their house since the day of the fire. They give thanks to God for the trial and the journey and especially for the many people whom they would not have otherwise met.

The congregation has enjoyed a study on head coverings by Rev. Jonathan Hunt, who is a local minister and colleague. The church was also blessed in September by a message given by Bible commentator Dr. Ralph Davis, who was in the area preaching.

Please pray for conversions of loved ones and for additions to the work. Finally, pray for Lisa Breindel, who is recovering from cancer surgery, and for Mike Chimiak, who is taking chemotherapy and has been given less than a year to live.

REV. PAUL BACKHURST
Minister-elect
Calgary Free Presbyterian

**Calgary,
Alberta**

In the Lord's perfect timing, the Calgary congregation had its new minister installed on Friday, September 18. Rev. Andrew Simpson led the service, Dr. Larry Saunders served as the clerk pro tempore, and Rev. Ian Goligher brought the charge to the new minister and the congregation. Ruling elders Mr. George Robinson (interim session) and Mr. Andy Roersma (Cloverdale) were also present. On the following day, the church held its fortieth-anniversary celebration, with prerecorded congratulatory messages from Rev. Billy Whiteside, Dr. Frank McClelland, Rev. Armen Thomasian, and founding member Mrs. Heather Downey.

A good number of post-lockdown visitors have become regular congregants, which is encouraging. The adult Bible class has seen a good growth in numbers as they continue working through the Westminster Shorter Catechism. The young adults' fellowship is planned to restart in November. Please pray that the new congregants would settle well and continue to grow in faith and knowledge and that they would become convinced Free Presbyterians. The church has also had the privilege and joy of welcoming three congregants into full communicant membership.

Isaiah Struck has been posted to East Timor until the New Year; please pray for protection for body and soul and for a safe return to Calgary. Also, please pray that the Federal Bill C-6 (Anti-Conversion Therapy), which essentially bans Christian counselling to those living in gender and sexual confusion, at whatever age, would be defeated (Proverbs 14:34).

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

Rev. Ian Goligher reports that to date no one in the Cloverdale congregation has contracted COVID-19, although community spread of the virus has increased in recent days. The church is restricted to fifty people who may attend Sunday services. Many continue to attend faithfully while others attend periodically, and some have chosen not to attend in-person services during the pandemic (they join in by webcast).

Pray that the Lord will be pleased to use His Word to radio listeners. Presently, the radio ministry is the main outreach of the church with radio messages going out six times a week in Greater Vancouver and Vancouver Island. Numbers joining by webcast remain steady. Zoom prayer meetings continue to encourage some who could not otherwise attend in person.

Pray for the children in the church. While Sunday school is on hold, Pastor Goligher continues to bring messages to the children during Sunday morning services.

On the Sunday evening of November 8, the congregation viewed a video recording of Dr. Alan Cairns preaching on Romans chapter one. This was done as a tribute to the life and ministry of Dr. Cairns, who went home to be with the Lord on November 5. Through the years Dr. Cairns had ministered in the Cloverdale church many times with great blessing. The church extends sympathy to his dear wife and family and to all who mourn his passing.

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

Over a year has now passed since Rev. John Wagner stepped down from Covenant FPC. Rev. Armen Thomassian reports that while the future is very much uncertain, those that promised to support the work continue to attend and hope for the best. GRS students Logan Elder and Benjamin Thomas have been taking a Sunday school once a month, while John Kelly preaches at the Sunday morning services. This, along with the ministry of Faith FPC on Sunday and Wednesday evenings via webcast, is sustaining the Lord's people. Your prayers are much appreciated.

REV. ARMEN THOMASSIAN
Faith Free Presbyterian
**Greenville,
South Carolina**

During October, Rev. Armen Thomassian presented a series of Reformation Month sermons that commemorated the 400th anniversary of the Pilgrims' arrival in New England and reflected upon God's providence in bringing about the formation of a system of government and a society like none before them.

The church enjoyed a visit on October 25 from Lalo Peña, his wife, Liz, and their two youngest sons. Lalo, who has a small church in Cordoba, Mexico, and is under care of presbytery, gave his testimony about how the Lord saved him and brought him to the FPCNA. He then preached on Psalm 11.

On Friday, October 30, the church family witnessed the baptisms of three young people, Sam Gardner, Kole Poole, and Bonnie Rowe, and on Sunday morning, November 1, the baptism of the three youngest children of John and Crystal Kelly. The people were stirred as they learned how the Lord has been working in the young people, and they were encouraged to pray for the salvation of the Kelly children.

Along with the rest of the denomination, the congregation was heartbroken to learn of the home-going of the Lord's servant, Dr. Alan Cairns (minister emeritus of Faith FPC) on November 5. His influence was instrumental in very many lives and ministries. The Lord is so kind to have blessed the church with such a rich ministry and his loss is deeply felt. May God greatly comfort Mrs. Cairns and Frank and his family.

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

The Indianapolis church thanks the Lord for His provision for the much-needed repair on the steeple of the church building. Water leakage had been a constant problem because of the steeple. When the workers began to dismantle it, they discovered the deterioration beneath the surface was much worse than previously known.

The church has begun to meet again on Sundays for its morning and afternoon services with lunch in between the services. Please pray the Lord will bless these meetings and keep everyone safe. Russell and Minerva Yonts are not able to attend the services because of the risk for folks their age. Even though they do not have internet service in their home, they are able to join using their speaker phones for the morning service. They turn the volume all the way up on their two phones and are able to hear the service clearly. Mr. Banister thanks the Lord that they can join in through this means.

Brenda Richter continues to suffer chronic pain and her bones are very fragile. She has applied to move into an assisted care facility. Her acceptance is contingent on her being able to qualify for the financial aid she has applied for. Please keep this matter before the Lord.

The church has resumed its prayer meetings at the church and is working on using Zoom to bring in people who can't make it to the meetings. Mr. Banister thanks the Lord for Henry Nymann, who figures out the microphone and speaker challenges they face in making this possible.

The church enjoyed a Friday night fellowship hosted by the Worpells. The fellowship time was outdoors, with several fire pits providing warmth on a cool but pleasant evening.

The church is planning an outing to the Creation Museum for the museum's Christmas light display. It's a very impressive display and is free of charge (except for parking). The church would like to invite anyone who is able to join them for the weekend of December 4. Anyone who is interested should get in touch with Pastor Banister.

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

Dr. Stephen Pollock says the Malvern people are still going week by week feeling the impact of coronavirus. They greatly miss several of their members who have not yet ventured back to the services. Also, most of their regular visitors have not returned. Each time they plan to recommence the church's additional ministries, something comes up to push that back. Dr. Pollock says, "We need wisdom. We need patience. We need to be content with and thankful for the services we are able to hold. We need the power of God in our meetings and a burden to humbly besiege the throne of grace. As a denomination we need the Lord, and I'm thankful for this opportunity to bring our church before the people to request their prayers for God's blessing on the ordinary means of grace."

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

Mexico City has seen a rise in COVID cases, so the city is on alert and some of the restrictions that had been lifted may be reinstated. Nineteen-year-old Emiliano Ramirez was diagnosed with COVID with some serious symptoms, including chest and lung problems and pain. He is in quarantine. On the Sunday following his diagnosis church attendance was down by a third, all people who had been in contact with him. Please pray for Emiliano's complete healing and that the Lord would use this for good in his life.

Jason is beginning to look to the future to when he might possibly be able to travel, both to the US and Canada as previously planned, but also to catch up on the regular visits to the Latin American works (for encouragement and teaching as these churches take steps to join the FPC). The Lord willing, in January he will travel to Tehuacán, Puebla, for the baptism of Pastor Jair's baby girl, Madian. Jason foresees a heavy travel schedule when restrictions are lifted. The Boyles are trusting the Lord to supply the pulpit in Mexico City when the time comes. They ask for continual prayer for local elders to be raised up and elected and that the Lord might call other laborers to the work to join with them in the new opportunities for church plants.

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

Please pray much for the work in Orlando. The people continue to meet, usually watching a webcast from one of the other FPC churches. Interim moderator Dr. Stephen Pollock says that while this is not ideal, meeting physically does give the people the opportunity to pray and to encourage one another. The burden of their hearts is that the Lord would open the way for Rev. Thomas Laverty to come over and commence his work as pastor. Please pray for God's grace to be known in the immigration process.

The church has enjoyed Mr. Chris Barnes visiting to preach in recent weeks. Dr. Pollock hopes to visit at the end of November to hold a communion service.

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

The Phoenix church joins all of its sister congregations around the world in thanking the Lord for the life of the late Dr. Alan Cairns. His steadfast example over the decades of his ministry provided encouragement for the people of the Phoenix church. Several times over the years, the congregation had the privilege of hearing Dr. Cairns in person, the last such occasion being in September 2005. For the Mooks, the death of Dr. Cairns on November 5 represented a profound personal loss. Mr. Mook benefited from Dr. Cairns's personal instruction in the seminary classroom and from his supervision when Mr. Mook was a pastoral intern during the 1984-85 academic year. Mrs. Mook served as the church secretary during the same year.

The church has been able to maintain a regular schedule of morning worship services and midweek prayer meetings, with the latter meetings resuming September 16 under somewhat different arrangements. But with the present surge in coronavirus infections in Arizona, the session has continued its cautious approach in an effort to maintain its reduced meeting schedule for now. The church session has welcomed some of the church's most senior members back to the services.

During October Mr. Mook concluded his series of messages that arose out of the coronavirus pandemic and then brought Reformation Month messages on the life of William Tyndale and the Reformation's Anthem. During November the church will consider several aspects of the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the Pilgrims in the New World.

REV. REGGIE CRANSTON
Port Hope Free Presbyterian

**Port Hope,
Ontario**

Rev. Reggie Cranston reports that it was disappointing to have to cancel Port Hope FPC's 27th-anniversary services because of COVID-19, but Lord willing, the services will be held next year.

Please pray that the Lord will use the word preached each Lord's Day, especially as it goes out over Facebook Live and Sermonaudio. Mr Cranston has been encouraged with the number of contacts made through the Facebook webcasts, and the congregation is praying that contacts will be made with local people who will be interested enough to visit the church. Mr. Cranston and the congregation request that you join them in praying for six new families to be added to the church.

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

**Toronto,
Ontario**

The first week of November was a challenging one for the Toronto church. They were stunned by the sudden death of Georgina Brown. She and her husband, Wilfie, were long-time and well-liked members of the church. She was 74 and died from a major stroke. Then came the sad news of the death of their dear friend Dr. Alan Cairns, whom they remembered at a special evening service on November 8. Sisters of Sandra Brown and Muriel Crothers also died during this period. Dr. Frank McClelland says, "It was a tough week."

On top of all this is the ever-worsening situation with COVID-19 in the area. They are blessed that the Lord has protected both the church and school from infection. It is good to know that "God is still on the throne." Despite the pandemic the church services are doing well although some of the older ones do not yet feel comfortable attending live services. Much prayer is needed on all fronts.

REV. MYRON MOONEY
Trinity Free Presbyterian

**Trinity,
Alabama**

The Trinity congregation thanks the Lord for His ongoing faithfulness to His people through the good times and bad. At the beginning of October, Rev. Myron Mooney had the joy of distributing gospel tracts at a reenactment near the Alabama/Tennessee state line. He also preached there on the Lord's Day morning, the church family joining the reenactors along with other visitors.

Pastor Mooney's series of Reformation messages recounted the lives of Christians who recanted their faith but later repented and returned to Christ: Thomas Bilney, Thomas Cranmer, Ralph Gemmell, and Jerome of Prague. The annual Reformation quiz was won by eleven-year-old Ridley Yarbrough!

The annual ladies' lunch, which was cancelled in the spring, was re-planned as a ladies' breakfast on Saturday, November 7. Although the breakfast was purposely downsized, the Lord's blessing was evident as the ladies studied the attribute of God's goodness from the Scripture.

The congregation has been encouraged by the attendance and enthusiasm of an older couple who are delighted to be coming and who desire to join the church. National concerns have prompted the church leaders to open the church building each weekday from 12-1:00 p.m. for prayer for the nation.

The Trinity congregation, saddened by the passing of Dr. Alan Cairns, recounts their great debt of gratitude for his encouragement and support in the founding and establishing of Trinity FPC. Three of the church families also grieve the recent loss of loved ones. May the Lord comfort all who grieve in these days. Please pray that the pressure in Levi Frank's eye will normalize, that Hannah Stephen's ankle will heal from surgery, and that Ginger Garrett's further tests will be successful.

REV. IAN GOLIGHER
Interim Moderator
Victoria Free Presbyterian

**Victoria,
British Columbia**

The remaining group of faithful believers in Victoria do not presently meet for services. They view the Cloverdale services by webcast, and some join the midweek prayer meeting by Zoom. Pray for their encouragement and for grace to wait on the Lord for the pandemic to pass and for a new start to their local witness on Vancouver Island.