

PRAYER BULLETIN

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



REV. STEPHEN HAMILTON
Lehigh Valley Free Presbyterian

**Allentown,
Pennsylvania**

The COVID-19 situation continues to present challenges to the work in Lehigh Valley FPC, as it does everywhere. But they are thankful for the privilege of meeting even though numbers are greatly reduced for various reasons. Please pray for Paul Welwood, who continues to receive treatment for cancer. The church rejoices that the husband of one of the church members professed faith recently and is doing well spiritually, showing every sign of a marked change of heart.

Since the early part of 2020, the services have been streamed live on Facebook each week, and God has been using this and the messages on Sermonaudio in a great way. Rev. Stephen Hamilton has received some very encouraging feedback, and several folks at some distance have begun to support the work and are praying for it.

Several unsaved friends logged on to the Facebook services at various times, including the Hamiltons' next-door neighbor. He showed no previous interest in the things of God but has made comments that show that perhaps the Lord is doing a work in his soul. Pray for Mark. His wife professes to know Christ. Mr. Hamilton says, "It would be a joy to see him truly converted."

REV. ANTHONY D'ADDURNO
Barrie Free Presbyterian

**Barrie,
Ontario**

The Barrie church has had to stop its in-person services due to the pandemic. Fines are given out to any church that gathers. Rev. Anthony D'Addurno says that while they were holding services, their attendance was great with some visitors coming in.

Please pray for one of the elderly men in the church, Jacob, who is in hospital at this time waiting for surgery. Please also continue to pray for Frankie as he does his seminary studies online.

REV. PHIL OWEN
Berean Free Presbyterian

**Boston,
New York**

The Berean FP church enjoyed Christmas caroling in December. Due to the pandemic, most people were at home and welcomed the singers and received literature. Please pray for their souls.

The open house at the rebuilt manse on December 5, the anniversary of the fire, was encouraging as many believers and friends came to rejoice with the Owens. Pray that the new home will be a place for hospitality and gospel witness.

The church was blessed by the ministry of prison chaplain Brett Moody as he reported on his work at a correctional facility in Virginia. He needs wisdom to reach inmates and officers for Christ.

Do pray for a spiritual awakening in the church with attendant restorations, conversions, and covenant additions.

REV. PAUL BACKHURST
Calgary Free Presbyterian

**Calgary,
Alberta**

The Calgary church gives the Lord thanks for His sustaining hand in 2020. On November 28, Mrs. Earla McDonald died in the Lord at the age of 101. The gospel was clearly preached to a small group of family members gathered for the funeral service. The New Year began with a partial shutdown in Alberta. The church is still open, but owing to present restrictions and snowy weather, numbers are down. Some have not been out to church since March because they fear infection, because they do not want to cause infection, or for other concerns.

The Young Adults' Fellowship began towards the end of last year and has attracted a small but dedicated group. The Ladies' Fellowship is to recommence in January after a long break. The *Let the Bible Speak* radio ministry continues in Southern Alberta. Some listeners are visiting the services. Rev. Paul Backhurst is thankful for this mode of communicating gospel truths far and wide.

Please pray that the Lord would comfort all that mourn or are fearful, that the need for the restrictions would lift, and also, that the Lord would be pleased to bless all the ministries active or about to recommence in the congregation.

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

Due to COVID-19 restrictions set by the provincial government, the Cloverdale congregation welcomed in the New Year with online Sunday services, prayer meetings, and fellowship times by Zoom. British Columbia has not been the worst part of Canada for infections, but prevention measures to contain the spread of the virus are being practiced within the province. The present health orders are in place until February 5. Please pray that the Cloverdale congregation will be kept in good health and strong in faith through this time without normal church life and the usual means of grace. Rev. Ian Goligher continues to bring Bible stories for children during the morning service. These are posted on the church website along with quiz sheets for the children to work on at home.

Pastor Goligher says, "Pray for the suffering in our nation who continue to be severely ill and pray for the sorrowing who have lost loved ones due to the pandemic. Pray for wisdom and grace to honor the Lord and work together for the safety of all in our communities. Above all, pray that the Lord will work by His Spirit during this crisis to turn Canadians from the ways of sin to seek the Lord's mercy. Pray that the Lord will be pleased to show His power to bring great good out of this present evil. Pray for a reviving of the Lord's church that will be tangible when in-person services resume."

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

Rev. Armen Thomassian reports that things continue in the Columbia church with little change. The same handful of people attend. Although Geneva Reformed Seminary students usually minister to them, on the final Lord's Day of 2020 Mr. Thomassian was able to visit with them and bring them the Word. Continue to pray for the witness.

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

The Fredericton church is still meeting publicly with the usual restrictions of masks and social distancing. The congregation is happy that the Sunday school can continue to function despite the pandemic. Please pray for the children and their teacher, Wendy Sullivan. Prayer continues for a permanent pastor and the people would like others to join them in prayer.

Gerald Ladds has made a good recovery from his surgery and is back to work. Wendy, who is one of the original members, is a welcome visitor each Wednesday at the Toronto Zoom prayer meeting.

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

Over the Christmas holidays the church people in Greenville enjoyed caroling to seniors, a Lessons and Carols service, and special messages by Rev. Armen Thomassian on the texts of scripture used in Handel's Messiah.

Some of the seats left empty by those who are temporarily staying away because of the pandemic are being filled by visitors. In recent days Mr. Thomassian has been emphasizing the need to pray for the salvation of specific souls the Lord has laid on our hearts, to pray for the Lord to raise up more laborers for His harvest, and to pray for wisdom to prepare our children and grandchildren to stand for Christ in the days ahead.

Continue to pray for grace and strength for Mark Allison and Kim Wagner and for their caregivers as Mark and Kim suffer increasing difficulties in their battles with brain tumors. Dr. Allison is undergoing new chemotherapy and radiation treatments that involve high risk.

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

Rev. Geoff Banister reports that on December 20 nearly the entire church family visited the elderly folks who aren't able to get out to services. They stood in people's front yards and sang Christmas carols with the help of Ron Barnes on his trumpet to set the tone and tempo. A number of gifts were left with each family including some crafts made by the children.

The Indianapolis church has been using a hybrid model for prayer meetings: an in-person meeting with others joining through Zoom. With the use of the projector screen the Zoom participants are clearly seen and heard by those that are at the church and vice-versa.

The church has enjoyed having Caleb Worpell home on break. Caleb and other church young people have been trained by Henry Nymann to operate the audio/visual equipment for the services being livestreamed. Henry is the one who set up the equipment and who keeps everything up to date.

Please pray that the Lord will empower the preaching of His Word and bless the Sunday school class taught by Ron Barnes in the evenings on Zoom.

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

The Malvern church continues to meet in its regular public worship services on the Lord's Day and in its prayer meeting on Wednesday evening. The church began to use Skype for its prayer meetings because of COVID-19 and has continued to use it now that they are again meeting in person. They are glad that it allows others who can't be there to join in the seasons of prayer.

Because of COVID cases in the area, the church has not resumed its additional services. They are praying for direction as to when and how to recommence them wisely.

The church family rejoices in the marriage of one of its young men, Isaac Saasa, to Kara Morrow from the Phoenix FPC congregation.

Rev. Stephen Pollock says, "Our burden this year arises out of the words of Daniel 11:32. We want to increase in our knowledge of God that we would be strong and do exploits for the service of the King."

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

In November, the new monthly Bible study for those who live far from the church on the northeast side of the city met for the first time. Since then, meetings have been suspended because of a renewed lockdown. Interest has increased in the class Rev. Jason Boyle conducts for pastors that provides overviews of seminary subjects to fill in gaps in pastoral training or to further training.

Please pray for Emiliano (19), who had COVID-19 a few months ago. Due to complications from the virus he has since suffered a heart attack and a pulmonary infarction. He is requiring further testing to determine what type of treatment will be needed for the rest of his life.

On Thursday January 7 the Boyles visited with two families in Toluca, a city an hour away from Mexico City. These families have been connecting to the Mexico City church services online for the last few months. They desire to establish a work in Toluca under the supervision of the Mexico City FPC. A plan was laid out to have them continue connecting to the services, doing outreach (bringing food to children in poverty), conducting Bible studies, and studying together the materials Jason left them. Another man, Angel, is interested in joining with them. Pray with them that the Lord would call a man to visit on a regular basis to teach them.

Please continue to pray about the church's need for more space. Their two identical morning services are maxed out. They look to the Lord to smooth the way for the purchase of the property they have been looking at the last two years. Pray for the provision needed and for help and knowledge to do the legal process to become a religious association. Above all, pray that God would provide more workers for the harvest in Mexico.

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

Interim moderator Dr. Stephen Pollock reports that this past year has been challenging, but the Lord is preserving His work in Orlando. The need of a pastor is keenly felt. The people have had several bereavements and bouts of sickness when the services of a pastor would have been greatly beneficial. The supply of the pulpit is challenging as well. Please be much in prayer that the door would open very soon for Rev. Thomas Laverty to come and commence his labors. In the meantime, pray that the Lord would bless those who do labor in the Word and that the people would benefit from those times when they watch a webcast.

Please also pray for Benjamin Thomas (member of Orlando FPC and a student in Geneva Reformed Seminary) and his fiancée, Heidi, as they are due to marry in March.

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

Some of the regular holiday events did not take place in Phoenix FPC in 2020 because of changes in procedures that resulted from the ongoing pandemic. On New Year's Day 2021 friends and family members gathered to witness the ceremony uniting Isaac Sassa and Kara Morrow in marriage. Mr. Mook welcomed the wedding guests and Rev. Stephen Pollock officiated at the ceremony. At Mr. Mook's invitation, Dr. Pollock preached on January 3. Some out-of-town visitors who attended the wedding stayed over for Sunday and the congregation rejoiced in their fellowship.

At the communion service on January 10, Mr. Mook announced his plans to retire from the pastoral ministry of the church at the end of June. The Mooks hope to relocate to Southern California to be closer to their daughter and her family but are not certain about the details. Mr. Mook included some basic information about the session's plans to seek, during the spring, the appointment by the presbytery of an interim moderator to guide the church in its search for a new minister.

REV. REGGIE CRANSTON
Port Hope Free Presbyterian

**Port Hope,
Ontario**

Rev. Reggie Cranston reports that despite the restrictions placed on churches in Ontario because of the ongoing pandemic, the Lord has been pleased to bless the church in Port Hope in recent weeks. A lady from the town has been attending the services regularly over the past couple of months.

The Lord continues to use the webcast as the services go out each Lord's Day on Facebook Live and Sermonaudio. The church's motto text for 2021 is found in the words of Paul: "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:58).

Mr. Cranston is thankful to the Lord for His hand of protection upon the congregation during this pandemic, and he and his congregation continue to pray for those who have been suffering from it.

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

**Toronto,
Ontario**

The past few months have been difficult for the Toronto church with a number of deaths and sicknesses. Longtime members Georgina Brown, Lou Johnston, and Louis Fernandes have all gone to their eternal reward. Please pray for the mourning family members. The church also has a number who are sick, including Dr. Ruth Slade. Please pray the Lord will give grace to help all of them in their time of need. Thankfully, the church and school are free from COVID.

Dr. Larry Saunders has started a youth group entitled FPC Connect. It operates on a Saturday once a month and is a platform where young people can meet on Zoom. It is open to youth in all the Free Presbyterian churches near and far, and the response so far is very good. Contact the Toronto church for the necessary links.

The Toronto church normally has a week of prayer in January to start the New Year. This year, the church is closed because of COVID, but special prayer times will be held each evening January 25-27 on Zoom. Links can be obtained from the church if you would like to join in.

REV. MYRON MOONEY
Trinity Free Presbyterian

**Trinity,
Alabama**

Trinity FPC praises the Lord for His continued protection and provision. They have remained free from the virus through the holidays. They praise the Lord that Levi Frank's eye condition has improved and that Brent Hebert's health improved after surgery. The Lord has brought in some visitors to the community prayer time the church began in October. In November, the church welcomed Rev. Larry Marshall and his wife, Nada, into membership. Shortly before Christmas, many of the church people carolled outside several widows' homes. Finally, the Sunday school children presented an excellent program of songs, Scripture reading, and instrumental pieces during the holidays. At the New Year's Eve Fellowship, the church family enjoyed a meal together along with testimonies of God's blessings during 2020.

Please pray for Hannah Stephens' ankle to heal. Pray also for the Lord to save many who hear the gospel preached each week and for much growth in grace in 2021. The church's verse for 2021 is Deuteronomy 11:12: "A land which the Lord thy God careth for: the eyes of the Lord thy God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year."

REV. IAN GOLIGHER
Interim Moderator
Victoria Free Presbyterian
Victoria, B.C.

The little flock in Victoria continues to depend on the webcast ministry of Cloverdale church for ministry and some join the prayer times by Zoom. Pray for the Lord to keep His people in His care and to give them patient endurance.

REV. REGGIE KIMBRO
REV. DERRICK BOWMAN
Associate Minister
Grace Free Presbyterian
**Winston-Salem,
North Carolina**

Rev. Reggie Kimbro reports that those in the Winston-Salem church who contracted COVID-19 have all recovered and are doing well. Continue to remember Mr. Greg Munger's health needs; pray that he would soon be able to resume attendance at the services. Please pray for a woman named Jenny, who is the wife of a nephew of one of the church members. Her husband is a Baptist minister elsewhere in North Carolina, and they have four children. Jenny is battling cancer and a recent MRI has given little hope. Their daughter's wedding has been moved from later this year to the very near future in hopes that Jenny will be able to attend.

Mr. Kimbro is beginning a special Sunday school class over the winter months for several young people who have expressed interest in membership and related topics. Rev. Derrick Bowman is scheduled to travel to Mexico in late February to minister in several of the churches there. Do pray for these special endeavors.