

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 says that there is not much to report regarding the church in Barrie because they have been shut down for the last few months. The government tried to open things up but had to shut them down again. Please pray for Jacob, who lost his wife to COVID-19. The church was able to have a funeral for her in February with just a few people in attendance.

Mr. D'Addurno requests prayer that fear will not set into the hearts of God's people but that they will trust in the living God to fulfill His purposes in these days of the pandemic. Pray also for Frank D'Addurno as he continues his GRS studies online.

REV. PHIL OWEN
Berean Free Presbyterian

**Boston,
New York**

The congregation of Berean FPC enjoyed its annual bowling outing. They rented the whole alley along with another like-minded church, Armor Presbyterian.

Please pray for the conversion of relatives of those who attend the church. Pray also for revival in the district, for additions to the work, and for the Lord's help in evangelizing the lost. Finally, please pray that they will soon be able to resume their ministry in the seniors' home.

REV. PAUL BACKHURST
Calgary Free Presbyterian

**Calgary,
Alberta**

Rev. Paul Backhurst says that Alberta is still under a number of restrictions because of the pandemic; however, the church-building is still open, for which they are thankful.

A number of members have had successful surgical procedures in the last while. They thank the Lord for blessing and healing. One of the sisters has broken her kneecap, which will take a while to heal, delaying her prospective move to British Columbia to be near family.

The men's meeting has recommenced with its first meeting being a small group. They pray that as the weather improves, more will be able to come out. The ministries among the ladies and young adults have also recommenced and are getting good numbers with some visitors from outside the congregation. They are planning to commence the children's Sabbath school in September and are therefore in need of members to become teachers and/or willing teachers to become members.

Two candidates for baptism are about to start the baptism classes in preparation for the administration of this gospel sacrament later in the year. They are both new attendees since last August.

Please remember all the above points in prayer, as well as the continuing COVID situation. Mr. Backhurst says there are noticeable signs of stress and fatigue in the congregation, both among those who are able to attend and those who aren't.

REV. IAN GOLIGHER
Cloverdale Free Presbyterian

**Cloverdale,
British Columbia**

After thirty-seven years since the commencement of the church's witness in Greater Vancouver, Rev. Ian Goligher is retiring from the pastoral ministry. On March 14, Pastor Goligher will preach his last messages from the pulpit. He will continue to serve the session of Cloverdale church from behind a microphone, however, continuing to produce programs to air locally and in various cities across Canada. For over twenty years half-hour radio programs have been aired twice daily on weekdays plus full-hour programs on Sunday mornings. Over the years most visitors attended the Cloverdale church after listening for a considerable time to the radio ministry. Your prayer support is much appreciated for its continuation, in the will of God.

At its October meeting, the presbytery appointed Rev. Larry Saunders to serve as the interim moderator during the Cloverdale church's pulpit vacancy. Please pray for Mr. Saunders as he works with the elders to provide pulpit ministry and to guide the congregation through the process of calling a new minister to care for the flock.

Rev. Ian Goligher and his wife, Beulah, plan to live in Barrie, Ontario, and attend the Free Presbyterian church under the ministry of Rev. Anthony D'Addurno.

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

Over the past couple of months the Columbia church has not been able to webcast due to some problems with the equipment. After attempts to fix the problems failed, it was decided that the church needed a new computer. Mr. Thomassian is very thankful to Benjamin Thomas for his help in the matter and for installing the new computer so that the church can recommence recording sermons and live-streaming services.

Continue to pray for the congregation.

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

Faith FPC thanks the Lord for healing those in the church who contracted COVID-19. The congregation is grateful that it has been possible to lift some of the self-imposed restrictions that were in place to protect people. They pray that soon there will be no need for any restrictions and that all of God's people will be able to gather freely and without fear of the virus. They have greatly missed the older members of the congregation who have needed to be cautious.

On March 6 the church family enjoyed its annual workday. Over eighty people gathered to spread mulch, do some spring cleaning inside the building, and to complete other projects on the grounds. As always it was a good time of fellowship as they worked together and then ate lunch.

On March 7 at its celebration of the Lord's Supper the church welcomed Levi Myers into membership. Levi is a recent graduate of Bob Jones University who has taken a job in Greenville.

Planning is underway for vacation Bible school, which is to be held in person June 14–18, the Lord willing. It is hoped that an online version will be available sometime after those dates for those who might be interested.

Please continue to pray for Mark Allison and Kim Wagner and their families.

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

The Indianapolis church family is most grateful to Christ that up to now there have been no COVID cases in the church family. Pray that the pandemic will continue to lift and that the entire church family will soon be able to meet in person again at the church.

Please pray that the Lord will empower the preaching of His Word and that souls will be drawn to the church and then drawn to Christ. Pray that the Lord will bless and expand the church's live-stream audience. The church continues to conduct prayer meetings with people at the church and others joining in through Zoom. Rev. Ron Barnes has been teaching a series on the kings of the Old Testament. The class is held in the evenings and meets through Zoom.

Pastor Banister would appreciate the prayers of God's people as he prepares to teach a modular course at Geneva Reformed Seminary later in March. The course is entitled Theological Systems and will consist of a study of some of the major cults as well as Roman Catholicism. Pastor Banister plans on being on site for most if not all of the two-week period.

The Banisters are grateful for some needed renovations on their house. Danny Worpell has overseen the renovations, which included a completely remodeled bathroom and a new and updated electrical panel box in the basement.

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

Please keep the Malvern church in prayer as the Word of God is preached week by week. Continue to pray for the senior members, many of whom are still joining the services online or via an audio link.

Please also keep the church's radio ministry in prayer. Messages are broadcast in Philadelphia and York each weekend. These broadcasts are also shared as podcasts online.

The church hopes to recommence more of its additional ministries in the coming weeks. Please pray that the Lord will bless the Sabbath school and other ministries and that He will watch over the health of the congregation. They have commenced a new online time of fellowship called "Puritan Pages." It is a book club held on Zoom. Several members meet every two weeks sharing what the Lord is teaching them as they read a book together.

Please pray for a special outreach to a thousand homes around the church. One year on from the first effects of COVID-19 being felt in the area, the church is sending letters to these neighbors telling them that it is open to meet with them and to share Christ, the only comfort and hope in life and death. The letters will also tell people about the church's webcasts.

Dr. Pollock would appreciate prayers for wisdom as planning continues for youth camp in July, the Lord willing. He is also teaching a two-week seminary module in April on contemporary issues.

REV. JASON BOYLE
Iglesia Cristiana El Redentor
(Redeemer Christian Church)

**Mexico City,
Mexico**

February 25 to March 2 Rev. Jason Boyle and his family visited Pastor Wenceslao and Pastor Pepe, their families, and their churches in the remote mountains of Queretaro and San Luis Potosi. Even though the whole family except Jonathan got sick on the trip, they enjoyed the opportunity to fellowship with and encourage the pastors as they continue to teach their churches about the doctrines of grace and the FPC distinctives. The generosity of these men and their people, despite their poverty, was very touching. The Boyles were happy to take them hymnals, Bibles, and books for the churches and toys for the children.

The Boyles' own church in Mexico City continues steadfast, which is a great encouragement to them. Advancement continues to be made with translating Geneva Reformed Seminary courses, and the translation of the *Book of Church Order* is nearing completion.

Please pray that Jonathan's adoption process would be completed soon without any more hang-ups and that advancement might be made in making the church a religious association. Also pray that God would raise up elders for the church in Mexico City and men for church planting.

DR. STEPHEN POLLOCK
Interim Moderator
Orlando Free Presbyterian

**Orlando,
Florida**

Dr. Stephen Pollock praises God for the dear people of the Orlando congregation. It will soon be four years since Rev. Derrick Erwin returned to Northern Ireland, and the people have been resolute in their faithfulness to Christ and His church. They have faced disappointments with a calmness that manifests their trust in the Lord. Naturally, they were saddened to hear of Rev. Thomas Laverty's decision to withdraw his acceptance of the call to be their minister, but they are understanding of the situation and pray that the Lord will lead Mr. Laverty in his life and ministry.

Please do pray that the Lord will speak to the people as they watch the webcasts, and pray that they will know great blessings on those Lord's Days when there is a man in the pulpit.

REV. DAVID MOOK
Phoenix Free Presbyterian

**Peoria,
Arizona**

On January 24, Rev. David Mook preached on the Phoenix church's motto text for 2021, John 14:1: "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me." It is a message of great comfort to the congregation in this year of transition in the church.

During January, Kelsey Morrow, a member of the church, and Stephen Seibert, who belongs to another church, announced their engagement. Kelsey is the older sister of the recently married Kara Sassa and was also a member of the ministry team that visited Mexico during 2019. They plan a late April wedding in the same location, the property of Kelvin and Kelly Morrow, where the Sasses exchanged their wedding vows on January 1.

After a one-week postponement, Rev. Craig Vosekalns had successful cataract removal surgery on March 1 on his right eye. The surgery on his left eye was scheduled for March 8.

The congregation is concerned for the welfare of one of its most senior members who has been battling a buildup of fluid in the chest recently. That member has experienced other similar episodes, and the church asks prayer for recovery.

Please pray for the congregation regarding the various decisions that it and the presbytery will have to make in the coming months.

REV. REGGIE CRANSTON
Port Hope Free Presbyterian

**Port Hope,
Ontario**

Rev. Reggie Cranston is glad to report that the COVID restrictions regarding the number of people being allowed to gather in the Port Hope church for services has been eased a little, going from ten to thirty-five.

Some contacts have been made through the Sabbath Day services going out over Facebook Live. One family has made positive enquiries about the church. Mr. Cranston asks for prayer for this family that they will indeed attend the services soon and become part of the work.

Mr. Cranston is sad to say that because of the pandemic the Easter Bible Conference has had to be cancelled.

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

**Toronto,
Ontario**

The Toronto church is hoping to be back with public services on Sunday, March 14, the first time this year. It will be good to meet in fellowship with God's people again.

The Whitefield Christian Schools were able to reopen in mid-February, much to the relief of staff, students, and parents, who found that online teaching places a considerable burden on everyone. The bi-annual governmental school inspection was passed successfully on Thursday, February 25. They thank God for answering the much prayer that went up for this.

The Lord has also answered prayer for a number who have been sick Please keep on praying.

REV. MYRON MOONEY
Trinity Free Presbyterian

**Trinity,
Alabama**

The Trinity congregation thanks the Lord for His faithfulness to them during the cold, dreary days of winter. The services continue with the gathering of the congregation as well as broadcasting on Sermonaudio. The people continue to grow in love to God and toward His people. Rev. Myron Mooney is preaching through Mark's gospel on Sunday mornings while covering the Larger Catechism questions on prayer during the evening services. Please pray for the children's Sunday school classes, which are beginning a series on the Ten Commandments. Pray that the Lord would save precious young souls.

The church people are thankful for new video camera equipment recently installed to upgrade the quality of Sermonaudio broadcasts.

Mr. Tim Yarbrough and Mr. Ernie Yarbrough spoke at recent services when Pastor Mooney was recovering from oral surgery. Levi Frank is recovering well from another eye surgery.

The church is hosting a monthly father-and-son fellowship to reach and encourage men and boys from other churches with a time of fellowship and prayer. A ladies' breakfast is being planned for April 17.

Pastor Mooney continues to enjoy teaching the Westminster Confession of Faith to Mr. Richard Craig in Jamaica via Skype. He also teaches second-year New Testament Greek at a homeschool co-op. Please pray for the church's ministries.

REV. IAN GOLIGHER
Interim Moderator
Victoria Free Presbyterian

Victoria, B.C.

Little has changed for the group in Victoria since the last prayer bulletin. Due to COVID-19 there are no meetings in the church and the people tune in to the webcast ministry of the Cloverdale church.

Pray for Rene Gullich, who is to have a hip replacement on March 11, and for the safety of the seniors in the church during the pandemic.