

# 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 reports that the weekly Zoom prayer meetings held with eight other ministers and missionaries of the denomination have been a great encouragement. The shared burden for the work has been expressed by men with a united purpose in prayer.

The numbers at in-person services, both times on the Lord's Day, have continued to be smaller than before COVID-19 arrived. However, the congregation has rejoiced in several visitors coming in recent Lord's Days. It is their prayer that this trickle will become a flood in days to come.

The internet ministry via Facebook Live and the audio sermons on Sermonaudio.com have shown some fruit recently. Some now regularly support the work in prayer and financially because of the online ministry. Sermons uploaded to the internet from the Lehigh Valley church are being used in Liberia on the radio station operated by Rev. David DiCanio. A daily program called "Straight Talk," which airs twice per day, utilizes Mr. Hamilton's sermons.

A new sign has been erected on a prominent wall of the church that can be seen by all traffic passing in that direction. Pray that God will use this simple effort to draw new people in.

Pray for wisdom for Mr. Hamilton as he takes up the role of interim moderator for Phoenix FPC soon. The challenges of such a position are obvious given the vast distance between Pennsylvania and Arizona, as well as the difficulty in obtaining pulpit supplies in the present circumstances.

Finally, the Hamiltons are rejoicing in the safe arrival of their third granddaughter, Charlotte Louisa Verdin. Both she and her mother, Rebekah, are well. Mr. Hamilton says, "The Lord be praised for this new gift to our family."

**REV. PHIL OWEN**  
Berean Free Presbyterian

**Boston,  
New York**

Rev. Phil Owen says the seniors' home where the church has ministered for over thirty years is still not allowing services. It will permit only a visit to one resident and requires seeing a social worker first. Please pray for open doors there or perhaps at another home.

Please pray earnestly for the salvation of lost family members of church attenders. Pray also for additions to the flock and that the church's elder, Dan Breindel, would be able to attend the weekly prayer meeting. That would necessitate a shift change at General Motors, which up to this point has been an impossibility.

Rev. Ian Goligher was able to secure a 9 a.m. Sunday spot for "Let the Bible Speak" on WDCX, a popular Christian station in Buffalo that also reaches Toronto, Barrie, and Port Hope. Please pray that the Lord would use it to bring in souls to Berean FPC from western New York.

**REV. PAUL BACKHURST**  
Calgary Free Presbyterian

**Calgary,  
Alberta**

Alberta has just entered into a new lockdown with the result that services at Calgary FPC are limited to fifteen persons. In order to accommodate those wishing to attend in-person services, the church has increased the worship services to three on the Lord's Day. The weekly Bible study and prayer meeting and the fellowship meetings are still able to continue, for which the people are very grateful. Please pray that these extra measures will be short-lived.

Isaiah Struck is safely back home after a number of months in East Timor for his employment. The church family is pleased to see him back again. Lewis and Marissa are hoping to get married in September. They have just recently commenced a marriage preparation course. The baptism classes are also continuing. Please pray that restrictions will be sufficiently lifted for both the wedding and the baptism services so that enough witnesses can be present.

In the last few months the congregation has seen many prayers answered as they pray together at various moments throughout the week. It has been very encouraging to observe their merciful God caring for them.

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**DR. LARRY SAUNDERS**  
Interim Moderator  
Cloverdale Free Presbyterian  
**Cloverdale,  
British Columbia**

The Cloverdale church dearly misses its retired pastor, Rev. Ian Goligher, but is resolved by the Lord's grace to press forward in serving Christ. Due to COVID lockdown restrictions in British Columbia, there are no in-person services, which means that all preachers communicate over Zoom and Sermonaudio. Although not ideal, it has given the congregation an opportunity to hear many more men. Please pray that God will place a burden on the heart of the right man to take up this pulpit and lead the church and that the people will know the mind of God.

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

The small Fredericton congregation is continuing to meet and enjoys fellowship with each other under the capable ministry of Neil Sampson each Sunday morning. Neil is a great help but does not seem to desire a more permanent ministry. The people therefore are still praying for a permanent pastor. The church has a building that would hold about sixty people and is financially viable. Do join them in prayer that soon the Lord will touch the heart of some man to take up the challenge.

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

The Greenville church mourns the loss of Dr. Mark Allison, who went to be with the Lord on April 26. A thanksgiving service for his life was held at the church on Saturday, May 1, with many Free Presbyterian ministers and other friends and colleagues participating. Rev. Armen Thomassian summed up Dr. Allison's life with Philippians 1:21: "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." The church thanks the Lord for Dr. Allison's many contributions to Faith FPC over many years and to the FPCNA denomination, particularly through the Mission Board and at Geneva Reformed Seminary. Join them in praying for Charlene and Hannah and for his brother-in-law, Larry Killian. Pray also for the salvation of his unsaved family members for whom he was burdened.

The church has enjoyed having a steady stream of visitors in recent months and has rejoiced to have some new members join its number. It congratulates a number of couples who are getting married soon and looks forward to welcoming some new babies over the next few months.

Please pray for the Lord's blessing on the in-person vacation Bible school coming up June 14-18. Pray also for youth camp to be held July 17-24. Finally, please pray for a number in the church who are dealing with serious illness, especially Kim Wagner as she nears the time of her homegoing.

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

The Indianapolis church was saddened to learn on Sunday, May 9, that Russell Yonts (age 93) had received his heavenly call to glory. It was providential that his three sons had been in town for the Mother's Day weekend and had spent a couple of days with their dad before he died. Please remember his wife, Minerva, in prayer. She has been holding up very well, but the days ahead will be a big adjustment for her.

Rev. Geoff Banister and his wife recently attended the funeral of Sherry Slavin, the mother-in-law of their son, James. Sherry died after a two-year fight with cancer. She professed faith in Christ right about the time her battle with cancer began and told her daughter that her cancer was actually a blessing because it led her to Christ. Please keep the Slavin family in your prayers.

The Worpells are happy to have Caleb home from Bob Jones University for the summer. Caleb is looking forward to being an assistant counselor at the FPC youth camp in July. He is also interested in signing up for the mission project in Orlando.

The Indianapolis church continues to enjoy good seasons of prayer on Wednesday nights. Please pray that the Lord will answer prayer by drawing souls to Christ and by drawing others to the church.

The church has been in prayer for Amanda Hardebeck. Amanda and Zach's third child is due to arrive in October.

The church has scheduled its annual meeting for May 28. They did not have an annual meeting last year due to COVID, and it has been delayed until May this year. This year's event will mark the first pitch-in gathering for the church since the whole COVID matter broke in March of last year.

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

Dr. Stephen Pollock requests prayer for the children and young people of the Malvern church. The Sabbath school has resumed, and the youth fellowship is now meeting every Sunday evening for a short time of Bible study. Please pray that the Word will find good soil.

Pray also for the planning of the youth camp, that the Word preached there will be a word in season for all our young people.

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The church family has been glad to see several of their senior members joining with them again in person. Pray that the Lord will use them to bring encouragement and challenge to the younger members.

Dr. Pollock says, "As always, we desire prayer for the preaching of the Word. We long for seasons of blessing when the Spirit of God comes down in power."

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

**Mexico City,  
Mexico**

The Mexico City congregation is praising God for the presentations of two covenant children, Jonathan and Esteban. The Boyles enjoyed a visit from Rev. Derrick Bowman in April. They traveled together to visit Pastor Lalo Peña in Cordoba, Veracruz, where Mr. Bowman preached at the midweek meeting. They then traveled two hours to Tehuacán, Puebla, to visit with Pastor Jair, his wife, Melicet, and baby Madian. They enjoyed a lot of good fellowship and were able to be an encouragement to them and to other families in their congregation who are going through difficulties. On the Sunday, Mr. Boyle spoke at the Sunday school class, and Mr. Bowman preached during the worship service and baptized Madian.

Mr. Boyle had a meeting with a lawyer to start the process of becoming a legal entity in Mexico. The lawyer gave him some clear steps to get things started and two optional routes to take for the long term. The church session will be discussing the two options to decide what is best for the church.

Mr. Boyle has begun looking at temporary places for the church to rent. He will take two deacons with him on a Sunday to consider two places that are near each other in order to see whether either place is affected by the nearby open-air market held on Sundays. Please pray for continued progress in raising funds for the purchase of land and for a temporary meeting place that fits the congregation.

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

**Orlando,  
Florida**

Dr. Stephen Pollock requests prayer for two matters regarding the Orlando congregation. First, pray for the ministry of GRS student Rev. John Kelly, who is scheduled to preach for six Sundays from the end of June through July. Please pray that this time of consecutive ministry will be used of God to encourage the people and that God would bring in visitors under the Word.

Second, pray for the team of workers being sent to Orlando by the Mission Board under the oversight of Rev. Derrick Bowman the first week of August. Pray that this visit will be a blessing and that all the various challenges in planning will be overcome.

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**REV. DAVID MOOK**  
Phoenix Free Presbyterian

**Peoria,  
Arizona**

On April 24, the Phoenix congregation joined many other guests at the property of Kelvin and Kelly Morrow for the outdoor wedding of Kelsey Morrow and Stephen Seibert. Like her parents and grandparents, Kelsey is a member of the church. Mr. Mook read the Scriptures and Rev. Craig Vosekalns was the officiating minister. The following day, Dick and Clara Bleyenbergs from Iowa, joined the congregation for public worship. The Bleyenbergs, who used to winter in the Phoenix area and attended the church in those days, traveled to Arizona to attend the wedding. They also wished to bid farewell to the Mooks ahead of Mr. Mook's retirement from the pastorate at the end of June.

On April 26, Mr. Mook informed the congregation of the death of Dr. Mark Allison, a very dear friend of the church throughout its history. The people of the church rejoiced in Dr. Allison's entrance to heaven, but they sorrow with his family and grieve for the great loss to the denomination and the seminary. Mr. Mook was able to speak at the funeral on May 1 through a pre-recorded video.

On May 2, the session announced to the congregation that the presbytery has appointed Rev. Stephen Hamilton of the Lehigh Valley church as the interim moderator for the Phoenix church, effective July 1, 2021.

The session also announced on May 2 its plan to resume holding evening services, under some limitations, on May 16. The morning service each Lord's Day and the midweek prayer meeting have continued without interruption since early December 2020.

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**REV. REGGIE CRANSTON**  
Port Hope Free Presbyterian

**Port Hope,  
Ontario**

Rev. Reggie Cranston reports that because of government restrictions, only ten worshippers are permitted to be present at any church service in Port Hope. While this has been disappointing, yet the Lord has been pleased to use the preaching of the Word each Sabbath day as it has gone out over Facebook Live.

Please pray that those who have recently made enquiries about the church will attend the services when the restrictions have been lifted.

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Mr. Cranston is thankful for the faithfulness of all in the congregation who have attended the Sabbath day services and the midweek prayer meetings during these difficult times. It has been very encouraging.

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

## **Toronto, Ontario**

The Toronto church is allowed to hold public services but with a maximum of ten people because of the pandemic restrictions. But despite the limitations, they are pressing on with new means of outreach. Daniel and Rebekah Sima'an are putting on a bi-weekly children's program called "Behind the Wall." It goes out on alternate Sundays on Sermonaudio.com at 2:00 p.m. There has been a good response from near and far (the next one is May 16).

Rev. Ian Goligher, who is now in Ontario, has been fortunate to pick up the radio slot vacated on WDCX 99.5-FM by the late Ravi Zacharias. "Let the Bible Speak" is now being broadcast each Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m.

A third outreach is the work of Rev. Larry Saunders. It is called "Connect Fellowship" and is geared towards young adults. It goes out monthly on Zoom (Saturdays at 7:00 p.m.). The link can be obtained at [info@torontofpc.ca](mailto:info@torontofpc.ca). Please pray for these three programs, that souls of all ages will be reached with the gospel message and that believers will be strengthened.

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**REV. MYRON MOONEY**  
Trinity Free Presbyterian

## **Trinity, Alabama**

The Trinity congregation joins the FPCNA family in sending its condolences to the family of Dr. Mark Allison and assuring them of its ongoing prayers. Dr. Allison's many-faceted labors for Christ through the Free Church have impacted young people and adults alike.

The church is grateful to the Lord for His many blessings and provisions. The ladies' breakfast in April brought about forty women and girls together for a delicious meal, sweet fellowship, and a devotional focused on divine love. The men and boys have begun a monthly get-together when they learn new skills and crafts as they capitalize on the various gifts among them. Of special delight to Mr. Mooney is a recent new member, a co-worker from his ConAgra days, who has supported the work through the years and whose circumstances now enable him to join the fellowship. They are thankful for another couple who has begun attending on Sunday evenings. Recently, ten-year-old Lily Frank began playing the piano for the Wednesday evening prayer meetings. There seems to be an urgency to seek the Lord regarding the sin abounding in the land.

Please pray for several families who have physical needs: the Garretts, the Heberts, and the Blacks. Also pray for the salvation of precious souls, especially the children who seem to be listening attentively in the services.

In June and July, the congregation plans to hold a car wash for the purpose of building relationships with the local community. The annual For God & Truth Conference is scheduled for August 4-7.

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

## **Winston-Salem, North Carolina**

The Lord continues to bless the work and influence of the church in Winston-Salem in various ways. Recently, Rev. Derrick Bowman was able to travel to Mexico City to visit several of the churches there. He had the privilege of performing a baby dedication for Jason and Danielle's son Jonathan and an infant baptism for the daughter of Jair and Melicet Aguilar. Jair is the pastor of a mission work in the city of Tehuacán under Rev. Jason Boyle's oversight. Mr. Bowman was also able to visit with Rev. Lalo Peña and enjoyed his fellowship. Mr. Bowman was greatly encouraged to be able to see firsthand the amount of growth experienced in recent months in the churches in Mexico.

The young people in the Winston-Salem congregation are excited about being able to go to the youth camp this year. The parents and other adults in the congregation recognize the importance of this week in the spiritual lives of their teenagers. They are praying that the Lord would do a work of grace in each heart.

Mr. Bowman is organizing a denomination-wide mission/work team that will be heading to the Orlando church in August. Several folks from the Winston-Salem congregation will be participating. There has already been much prayer for this endeavor. Please pray for the group as they continue to organize for this trip.

Please pray for several members of the congregation who are battling chronic health problems. They especially ask prayers for one of their retired elders, Mr. Greg Munger.

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