

PRAYER BULLETIN

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



REV. STEPHEN HAMILTON
Lehigh Valley Free Presbyterian

**Allentown,
Pennsylvania**

The people in the Lehigh Valley congregation are mourning the loss of Mr. Paul Welwood, their only remaining charter member. Paul became associated with the work when Rev. John Greer first held exploratory meetings with a view to commencing a congregation in Lehigh Valley. He was a faithful man and will be sorely missed in every service of the church. He battled illness for the last number of years and went to be with the Lord recently. At his funeral the gospel was preached, as Paul had desired, from the text in 1 Samuel 20:18: "Thou shalt be missed, for thy seat will be empty." Pray that fruit will be borne from the Word preached.

Rev. Stephen Hamilton says the need is great for an increase in the attendance at all services. Please pray that the outreach on the internet will be used in drawing folks into the work. A sign for displaying Trinitarian Bible Society gospel texts will be erected soon on the front wall of the church building. Pray for the seed sown in this way to prosper in hearts.

Mr. Hamilton has now taken up the role of interim moderator for Phoenix FPC. Prayer for wisdom and direction would be greatly valued.

REV. ANTHONY D'ADDURNO
Barrie Free Presbyterian

**Barrie,
Ontario**

Barrie FPC has finally opened its doors after being shut for two months due to COVID-19. The churches are allowed fifteen percent capacity, but that will soon change to twenty-five percent. Rev. Anthony D'Addurno requests prayer that the Lord will put them "back on track" with their attendance. They have resumed their Sunday morning and evening services but have their midweek prayer meeting on Zoom at the moment.

Pray for growth and a revival based on the Lord's promise, "I am in the midst of thee." Pray also for some of the elderly folks who are now in nursing homes.

REV. PHIL OWEN
Berean Free Presbyterian

**Boston,
New York**

The Boston church asks prayer for souls coming to its annual car wash and hot dog lunch on Saturday, August 27. Last year they had double the average vehicles come through. Pray that the response will be good again this year and that they will have many opportunities to witness to those who come.

The Monday morning men's prayer meeting with a Reformed church nearby continues and intercession for forgiveness, for lost souls, and for revival remain its focus.

The congregation covets prayer for lost family members, for conversions in the community, for additions, and for more laborers.

REV. PAUL BACKHURST
Calgary Free Presbyterian

**Calgary,
Alberta**

After fifteen months, Alberta has finally ceased most lockdown measures, which for public worship means that all restrictions are now lifted. The people in the Calgary church are grateful to the Lord for this relief and for His hand of protection over them. Many younger people who began attending last summer are still faithfully attending. Two of them are now candidates for baptism.

The congregation has been praying for the nine-year-old son of a Christian couple in Calgary. His skull was crushed, and he has been comatose in the weeks since. Please pray for a miracle to restore little Chanson and for wisdom and comfort for his parents.

The church is planning to restart Sunday school for children in the fall and would like to invite parents and children from the surrounding neighborhoods. Please pray for open doors and hearts.

Rev. Paul Backhurst says, "We value your interceding at the throne of grace. May the Lord bless you for it."

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

The work in Cloverdale has continued with online services via Zoom and Sermonaudio due to the COVID lockdown in British Columbia. Just recently the churches reopened with a maximum of fifty and soon will be completely open. Rev. Andrew Fitton, who is living in Calgary, will be preaching in Cloverdale for three weeks in July and Rev. Paul Backhurst for three weeks in August. Please join the congregation in prayer for God to touch the heart of a man to take up the ministry in Vancouver.

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

Rev. Armen Thomassian reports that things in the Columbia church continue with little change. The same people attend, and they are incredibly grateful for the ministry of the students from Geneva Reformed Seminary. But for the work to have a future, it will need a man with a desire to go there and begin again. Pray for God's provision for the witness.

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

Kim Wagner went to be with the Lord on June 10 following a fifteen-year battle with brain tumors. She lived out her days bringing honor and glory to God and finished her course with joy. Her funeral service was held on June 19 at Faith FPC with a number of Free Presbyterian ministers participating, including Rev. John Greer, who gave a video tribute from Northern Ireland, and Rev. Stephen Pollock, who preached the message. Kim was a great blessing to many and is sorely missed. Please keep Rev. John Wagner and his family in prayer. Pray especially for the unsaved who heard a clear gospel message at the funeral.

The church welcomed two new babies into its family in June. Obadiah was born to Logan and Amelia Elder on June 8, and Leah was born to Pastor Armen Thomassian and Melanie on June 15. Both babies and their mothers are doing well, and their families rejoice in God's good gifts to them.

The church thanks the Lord for opportunities to reach children in the community at its VBS June 14–18 and at a three-day Bible club held in a Hispanic community the following week. Please pray that there would be much fruit from these efforts. Pray also for an outreach being held in downtown Greenville on Saturday afternoons. The church is glad that the outreach at the Juvenile Detention Center has reopened and prays that the one at Generations Boys' Home will soon be reopened as well.

Please pray much for youth camp July 17–24. Pray for safety and good fellowship. Above all, pray that souls will be saved and that all the young people will learn to love the Lord with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength.

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

The Indianapolis church family enjoyed coming together for its July 4th picnic. The event was cancelled last year so it was a blessing to be able to have it this year complete with food, games, and fireworks.

Please continue to pray for Amanda Hardebeck as she carries her third child, which is due in October.

Rev. Ron Barnes has been able to return to Crown Pointe senior care facility to minister to the elderly there. A number of new people have begun attending the Bible study, and those who have attended in the past have been thrilled to have Ron back among them.

The church is looking forward to taking the largest group of young people to camp that has ever gone from Indianapolis. All told, ten campers, one assistant counselor, and Rev. Geoff Banister, who will preach on Sunday morning, will be in attendance. Pray that the spiritual needs of these campers will be met and that good friendships will be forged.

Pastor Banister had the privilege as the new moderator of the FPCNA to attend the retirement dinner for Rev. David Mook in Phoenix. Mr. Banister greeted the people on behalf of the presbytery and presented a watch, a plaque, and a cash gift to Mr. Mook from the presbytery. He was also able to attend the Sunday services to hear Mr. Mook preach to his congregation for the final time as their pastor. It was an emotional time for those in attendance, and now they begin to wait on the Lord to raise up the next undershepherd of His choosing. Remember the church in Phoenix and the Mooks as they entire this new chapter of their lives.

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

The Malvern church is very thankful that its services are essentially back to pre-COVID times. It looks forward to its additional ministries recommencing in September: the Bible club, the ladies' fellowship, and the men's preaching class.

Youth camp begins July 17. Please pray for the young people who plan to attend. May the Lord use His Word unto salvation and sanctification.

Please pray that people who were regular visitors prior to the onset of the pandemic would return. Please also pray that the church would begin to see new visitors from the local area.

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

The church in Mexico City will meet for its first service in the new location on July 11. Much work needs to be done before and after that date to make it more suitable for church use. A baptism service is scheduled for July 18. In June Jason enjoyed a weekend trip to Ciudad Juarez to preach four times in a couple of different churches and at a shelter for displaced immigrants.

Please pray as the Boyles do psychological tests and a home study for Jonathan's adoption. They will have three or four such appointments in the month of July.

Please pray for Ruben as he commences studies at Geneva Reformed Seminary in September. Pray for him also in August when he will preach three Sundays in a row so that Jason can have a four-day vacation and also go to the Dominican Republic. The Boyles are praising God for His goodness because Ramón Sosa, who ministers in the Dominican Republic, is getting ready to be ordained and his church to be constituted as a Free Presbyterian church.

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

The Orlando congregation is thankful for the ministry of Rev. John Kelly from mid-June through July. Rev. Stephen Pollock says John's being there for six weeks highlights the church's need for a pastor. Regular pulpit ministry is essential for the health and progress of the local church. Please continue to make this a matter for urgent prayer.

The Mission Board team is scheduled to arrive in Orlando on July 31. The congregation is grateful for the hard work already done by Rev. Derrick Bowman and Mr. Gary Thomas. Please pray that the work on the building will proceed smoothly. Pray also that the team will enjoy good times of fellowship to their spiritual benefit.

Dr. Pollock also asks that people continue to pray for Orlando member Benjamin Thomas as he enters a new season of seminary studies at GRS in Greenville.

REV. STEPHEN HAMILTON
Interim Moderator
Phoenix Free Presbyterian
**Peoria,
Arizona**

With the retirement of Rev. David Mook, the presbytery has appointed Rev. Stephen Hamilton to serve the congregation as interim moderator. This is a challenging role for Mr. Hamilton since he is operating at such a distance from Arizona. Also, the restrictions on travel from some areas, namely Canada and the United Kingdom, make it more difficult to obtain suitable pulpit supply. Pray that this situation would soon change and that men from various places might be available to come to Phoenix to preach. Some brethren within North America have already shown a willingness to supply the pulpit in coming months, and this is very much appreciated. Pray that the man of God's choosing will soon be found to permanently occupy the Phoenix pulpit and to carry on the faithful work and service rendered by Rev. David Mook over several decades of ministry.

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

Rev. Reggie Cranston reports that a number of visitors have attended the church services lately, with one woman coming on a regular basis. Please pray for her husband and two children, who are not saved.

Also, please remember a member of the congregation who in recent months lost the power in her legs and has just been informed that she will not be able to walk again. Please pray the Lord will continue to give her much grace to accept her situation.

The congregation is looking forward to the regular summer visitors attending the church services, trusting there will be no restrictions because of the pandemic with regard to the number permitted to attend.

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

**Toronto,
Ontario**

July 4 is an important day in the history of the USA, but it is also important for Toronto FPC. It was on this day forty-five years ago that the first Free Presbyterian church service was held in Toronto amidst a maelstrom of media and ecumenical opposition. The Lord, however, was good and the church continues to this day witnessing to both small and great. This is the Lord's doing.

The church is happy to be back in public service again after a lengthy absence due to the pandemic. They are thankful to have been able to keep the services going with Sermonaudio and Zoom.

Daniel and Rebekah Sima'an recently started a twenty-minute bi-weekly children's program on Sermonaudio called *Behind the Wall*. For the summer it is a weekly series on the Ten Commandments (Sundays at 2:00 p.m.). Pray for the Sima'ans as they seek to reach the young in this lawless age.

REV. MYRON MOONEY
Trinity Free Presbyterian

**Trinity,
Alabama**

The Trinity congregation continues to rejoice to see God's hand at work among them. Mrs. Ginger Garrett, mentioned often for prayer, has found a caregiver who can bring her to church, which has turned into a mutual blessing since he is enjoying the services. Mr. Tim Yarbrough was uninjured when a nearby vehicle hydroplaned into his, totaling both vehicles, on his recent trip. One local woman who stopped by to have her car washed in June continues to welcome church people into her home weekly. Recently, the Sunday school children recited the Ten Commandments from Exodus 20:1–17, as they concluded their study of God's law. The annual church picnic on Saturday, July 3, was enjoyed by the church people as well as by friends who had been invited.

The Trinity congregation offers its sincere condolences to Brother John Wagner on the homegoing of his dear wife, Kim. They continue to pray for Mr. Wagner and his family. Please pray for Brother Jerry Frank's family as they remember Amy's homegoing a year ago in a drowning accident. Also pray for Kelly Frank, Katie Frank Miller, and Elizabeth Frank Carpenter, who are all expecting babies.

Please pray for Rev. and Mrs. Myron Mooney as they travel to the youth camp. Finally, pray for the annual For God & Truth Conference scheduled for August 4–7. Information about the conference can be found at forgodandtruth.com.

The Trinity congregation adds its hearty congratulations to Rev. and Mrs. David Mook on their retirement and its sincere commendation for their service for Christ's honor and glory. They assure the Mooks and the Phoenix congregation, as well as Rev. Stephen Hamilton, of their ongoing prayers.

REV. IAN GOLIGHER
Let the Bible Speak

Canada

Having retired as pastor of Cloverdale FPC in March of this year, Rev. Ian Goligher is thankful for the opportunity to continue in radio ministry across Canada. All Sunday and weekday programs continue to be aired. In recent months, ministry has focused on calling all Canadians back to the Bible. Segments on each program deal with the inspiration of Scripture declaring that the Bible has the answers to life's questions, which can be answered nowhere else.

Pray for listeners on their daily drive to and from work—daily programs are aired at drive times in Vancouver, Calgary, and the Maritimes, including Prince Edward Island. Pray for listeners at home on Sunday mornings looking for ministry and for listeners living in remote areas where they cannot attend a Bible-believing church.

Pray for wisdom for Mr. Goligher as he responds to phone calls and emails from radio listeners. Some contacts have been built up over the years while some are newer listeners. The needs vary from mothers weeping over wayward children to men with addictions.

Pray for further opportunities to present radio programs in other parts of Canada including First Nations communities. For a full schedule of radio programming throughout Canada visit www.ltbs.ca.

Pray for Sunday programs aired on Taiwan International Radio reaching Southern China and Hong Kong and for daily programs aired in Liberia on the Free Presbyterian station operated by Rev. David DiCanio.

Pray the Lord may be pleased to use His Word on each radio program to reach people with the gospel and to add them to His church in Canada.