

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 says the Lehigh Valley church is continuing on with no real change. The Lord is meeting needs, and they are enjoying His presence in the services. Recently, however, there has been considerable sickness in the congregation that has affected attendance.

At the beginning of the year Mr. Hamilton distributed fifty gospel calendars to unsaved men, mostly in the soccer fraternity, including about thirty Spanish-speaking men who received them in their own language.

Mr. Hamilton preached on the church's motto text for 2022: "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men" (Matthew 4:19). He says, "May God bring souls into the kingdom by our efforts this year."

REV. ANTHONY D'ADDURNO
Barrie Free Presbyterian

**Barrie,
Ontario**

Rev. Anthony D'Addurno says he and his family were all sick with COVID over the Christmas holidays but are better now. Please pray for Pina D'Addurno and her family. Pina's mother recently passed away from cancer. Please pray that Pina's siblings will turn to the Lord.

Please pray for the shut-ins in the church family. Some folks still find it difficult to come out to church services during the pandemic. Finally, pray for the Let the Bible Speak radio ministry as it goes out throughout Canada.

REV. PHIL OWEN
Berean Free Presbyterian

**Boston,
New York**

At Christmas the Berean church enjoyed caroling in the homes of seniors and on the streets. One family sent a thank you note and gift and another offered cookies! Do pray for lasting fruit. Rev. Phil Owen says the annual holiday fellowship dinner at the manse was also a memorable time of bonding for the congregation.

Elder Dan Breindel thanks those who prayed that he would be approved for a shift change at GM so that he could attend the prayer meeting and be at home more with his wife and ailing mother-in-law. Dan thanks the Lord that he is now working the third shift.

REV. PAUL BACKHURST
Calgary Free Presbyterian

**Calgary,
Alberta**

Rev. Paul Backhurst reports that the church in Calgary is continuing to meet as a congregation, and they give humble praise to the Lord for this. It is possible that vaccine passports for entry to public worship may still be required. Please pray that this will not be the case and for wisdom and strength for the church's session.

Eight congregants are attending the membership course, and Mr. Backhurst says they look for a number of convinced Free Presbyterians to make application to the session.

A brother, Isaiah, has taken up work in a neighboring province. Please pray that he will settle well in his work and be able to find a good place of worship. A sister, Sharon, is expecting to give birth at the beginning of February. Please pray for a safe delivery and a healthy baby.

Please continue to pray for a miracle for little Chanson Schmidt, who is still in a vegetative state but has started moving his limbs in a controlled way.

DR. LARRY SAUNDERS
Interim Moderator
Cloverdale Free Presbyterian
Cloverdale, B.C.

Please pray for continued stability and even growth in the Cloverdale church while their pulpit is vacant. Pray for God's guidance as they seek a new minister and for wisdom for the interim moderator, Dr. Larry Saunders, and the elders as they care for the congregation.

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

Faith FPC is grateful for the Lord's blessing on its outreach ministries over the Christmas holidays. A good number of visitors attended the annual service of Lessons and Carols on December 19. The special Christmas outreach in the Hispanic community where the Bible club is held has resulted in new children attending the club in January. Pray that souls would be saved and families transformed in this needy neighborhood.

The doors had reopened in December for ministering at the Generations boys' home, but then closed again in January because of an uptick in COVID cases. However, the church was encouraged that the Greenville Juvenile Detention Center opened up in January. Please pray that both places will soon be open and remain open and that the Lord will save souls.

The church family is much in prayer for Ed and Pam Dunbar as they have temporarily relocated to Durham, North Carolina, where, in the Lord's will, Ed will receive a double-lung transplant at some point in the weeks ahead. Please pray that the Lord will superintend every aspect of Ed's preparation, surgery, and recovery and that he will be raised up to serve the Lord for many years to come.

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

Rev. Geoff Banister says sickness has hit the congregation in Indianapolis pretty hard, with a number of people testing positive for COVID. It got so bad at one point, that the church designated one Sunday as livestream only, but it has since resumed its regular services.

The church people have been enjoying having Sunday school again. Rev. Ron Barnes has been teaching on eschatology in the adult class.

Minerva Yonts, one of the elderly members, was admitted to the hospital where she tested positive for COVID. She is doing remarkably well for someone upwards of ninety years old. She recently was moved to a rehab facility where she is being kept on her feet for periods of time. Minerva reports that the therapy is doing her a lot of good, especially in her hip which has been painful since a car accident a couple of years ago.

The church is asking prayer for one of its former members, Pat Thom. Anyone who knows the church family in Indianapolis would remember her. Pat has been admitted to the hospital with COVID, and, unfortunately, the virus has found its way into her lungs. The doctors are not very encouraging in their prognosis for Pat, but her daughter Ann reports slight improvement in her mother's condition as the days continue. Please keep the Thom family in your prayers.

Following a week in Wisconsin, Sandy Banister has extended her visit there to spend more time with her mother. Please keep Sandy in your prayers that she'll be a good testimony to her loved ones in Wisconsin.

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

The Malvern church started the New Year looking at Jude 20–21. Rev. Stephen Pollock says, "Please pray for us as we seek to take personal responsibility for our spiritual well-being, seeking to 'keep ourselves in the love of God.' I believe that the Lord has given Malvern a people who want to walk with the Lord. We look to Him for the grace to live out our desires and know more of Christ under the Word and in the place of prayer."

Please continue to pray for the church's witness for Christ in the locality. They long to be a place where people come to hear the gospel. Please pray for God to bring conviction of sin to those out of Christ.

Several young people in the church are facing decisions regarding their futures. Please pray for the families and for these young people that they would seek first Christ's kingdom wherever the Lord leads.

Please continue to pray for God's hand upon several of the senior members who have chronic health issues.

The Pollocks' immigration status is a matter for urgent prayer. At present, they are waiting for their Green Cards (Permanent Resident Cards) or work permits to arrive. The processing of Green Cards and work permits has been greatly impacted by the pandemic. If Dr. Pollock doesn't receive one or the other by March 31, he will not be able to continue working. His wife, Cherith, and the older children have been already lost their ability to work because of immigration status problems.

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

**Mexico City,
Mexico**

The church in Mexico City celebrated its tenth anniversary on January 2. They studied Lamentations 3:21–33 in the morning service. Rev. Jason Boyle says, “Our hearts were directed to reflect on God’s mercies which are new every morning, and to look to Him and quietly wait on Him for the future. ‘The Lord is our portion, saith my soul, therefore I will hope in him’ (v. 24). Our hearts were knit together in Christian love as we considered this passage and celebrated this anniversary.”

The Boyles have seen some signs of God’s grace in this last month with some of the believers taking stands for Christ and seeking to minister the gospel to others. A number of unsaved families have begun attending the services, two of them regularly. They are grateful that three new people will soon be received into membership. Please pray for the church’s upcoming election of deacons.

God is giving grace to Rubén Ramirez in his online seminary studies through GRS. The Boyles are thankful for him and his help in the church.

In December Jason visited Lalo Peña’s church in Córdoba. As a step towards that church’s eventual constitution, they are considering the possibility of becoming a mission church of the Mexico City church. Jason says the attendance and participation were encouraging. Please continue to pray for Lalo and his family.

The meeting of the Latin American pastors has been changed to January 31–February 4 so that Ramón Sosa has more time to try to get visas for his wife and two daughters. The Mexican consulate was not giving out any more visas in December and then was closed over the holidays. Please pray that they will be able to get visas in January. The meeting will include times of prayer for both the pastors and their wives and times of discussion for the pastors to plan for the future. The Boyles are praying that this time will encourage the pastors and their families, especially the ones that live farther away and have not had much fellowship or rest. They are also seeking the Lord for provision for flights for Ramón and his family.

The court date for Jonathan’s adoption has been set for February 15. Please pray that all would go well with the birth mom being present and all the other details. After the adoption is finalized, the Boyles will apply for a visa for Jonathan to be able to enter the United States. They say, “There are still many steps ahead of us before we can go on furlough/deputation. . . . Our life is a series of endless paperwork, but we know that at the right time the Lord will open the door to travel as a family and we will have the blessing of visiting our beloved sister churches to share in more detail what the Lord is doing here. May God give us grace to wait, trust, and rest in Him.”

DR. STEPHEN POLLOCK
Interim Moderator
Orlando Free Presbyterian

**Orlando,
Florida**

Rev. Stephen Pollock’s planned visit in December to the Orlando church had to be postponed until the fourth weekend of January. Please pray that his visit will be an encouragement to the people. He plans to meet with Mr. Ken Walters (elder) and Mr. Gary Thomas (deacon) to discuss the way forward for the congregation. The prolonged pastoral vacancy has presented many challenges, but the people remain faithful. Please pray that the Lord would put a burden on a man’s heart for the work. The people record thanks to the Lord for the ministry of Rev. Ryan McKee and Mr. Benjamin Thomas at the end of 2021.

Please keep the members in prayer; several have ongoing health needs.

REV. STEPHEN HAMILTON
Interim Moderator
Phoenix Free Presbyterian

**Peoria,
Arizona**

The FP church in Arizona continues to enjoy regular ministry from in-person preachers as well as from some archived video sermons. Rev. John Wagner recently preached a series of messages on holiness during a visit over two Lord’s Days. For five Sabbaths in January and February the pulpit is being filled by a retired minister from Northern Ireland, Rev. David Priestley. On a recent Lord’s Day a local man came in to visit, and this greatly encouraged the flock in Phoenix.

As a result of some special gifts, an outstanding loan was paid off by the church before the end of 2021. This has been another encouragement to the congregation. Pray for the ongoing need of pulpit supply in coming months and that a man of God’s choosing would be called to labor in Phoenix.

REV. REGGIE CRANSTON
Port Hope Free Presbyterian

**Port Hope,
Ontario**

Rev. Reggie Cranston reports that he has been greatly encouraged lately by the increase in the number attending the mid-week church prayer meetings and by the spirit of prayer in the meetings. Although the Lord has been pleased to bring in a few individuals who have been attending the services in recent months, the congregation continues to pray for six new families to be added to the church.

On the first Sabbath morning of the new year, Mr. Cranston preached on the church's motto text for 2022, Joshua 1:9: "Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."

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

**Toronto,
Ontario**

As the new year began the people in Toronto were hoping that COVID would have eased somewhat but it seems worse than ever. The church is now restricted to fifty percent capacity. That is not a problem, but the Whitefield Christian Schools are back to online learning for the next few weeks. This puts extra stress on the teaching staff, the students, and the parents. Please join the church, school staff, and parents in praying that they may raise a generation of young people that know and love the Lord.

The church was blessed over Christmas when the Rev. Ian Goligher preached for three Sundays while Dr. Larry Saunders was visiting family in the United States. The church's annual week of prayer will be held (DV) January 24–28 with a baptismal service on the Wednesday night. Pray that 2022 will be a year of spiritual quickening and reviving.

REV. MYRON MOONEY
Trinity Free Presbyterian

**Trinity,
Alabama**

The Trinity congregation is thankful for the Lord's healing hand during November and December when many of the church family experienced the COVID illness. The church services were canceled for one week. Pastor Mooney was extremely grateful for the many prayers for strength so he could teach the Geneva Reformed Seminary students via Zoom during that time. Thankfully, the COVID cases in the church all seemed to be on the milder side.

The annual Christmas caroling to the elderly was a blessing to both the singers and the four families visited. At the children's annual presentation on December 26th the adults were thrilled to see evidence that the children are learning the Word of God.

The church rejoices that God answered prayer in 2021 by adding several people to the church family. An out-of-town family who have visited several times desire to move so they can easily attend the church. Please pray for the Lord's provision of a home for them.

The motto verse for 2022 is Isaiah 6:3: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory." Pray that in 2022, God's kingdom of power would be known mightily in the earth.

Please pray for these requests: Levi Frank's eye surgery on January 24; two elderly couples where the wives have dementia; and two couples dealing with chronic health issues. Baby Mitch Miller is home now; please pray for his lungs to strengthen and for him to be able to coordinate breathing, sucking, and swallowing.

The church rejoices with Jerry Frank, who is the proud grandfather of another new granddaughter, Amy Jane Carpenter, born December 27, 2021, to Elizabeth and Jeremy Carpenter.

REV. IAN GOLIGHER
Let the Bible Speak

Canada

Each week at 9:30 a.m. in Greater Vancouver, Vancouver Island, the Gulf Islands, and Northwest Washington State, the voice of Rev. Larry Saunders is heard on Radio KARI 550 AM. As Mr. Saunders is the interim minister caring for Cloverdale FPC, which underwrites the cost of the airtime, a pre-recorded message from Toronto FPC is aired. For many people the broadcast is their only Sunday service; for others it is their preparation before attending church. This Sunday morning broadcast has been a staple ministry for Christians for a number of years. Please pray it will call men and women to the evangelistic gospel ministry and the separated witness of the Free Presbyterian Church. While newspaper advertising focuses on a church's name, radio allows listeners to experience the voice and the heart of the preacher as well as the convicting power of the preached Word. Rev. Ian Goligher says, "We believe this is God's means of calling sinners to salvation and of transforming them to serve in His church." Across Canada, eight other half-hour programs are aired on Sunday mornings. Please continue to pray for this ministry.
