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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 folks at Lehigh Valley FPC continue to seek the Lord for blessing and for an increase in the work. Visitors are few but the church prays on.

Mr. Hamilton completed his three-week teaching of the Geneva Reformed Seminary class on the Pentateuch in April. Six men completed the module by Zoom.

Mr. Hamilton preached at the church in Malvern on a recent Lord's Day when Dr. Stephen Pollock visited Orlando. Dr. Pollock returned the favor when Mr. Hamilton preached in Phoenix at the beginning of May. Mr. Hamilton hopes to attend the upcoming Week of Prayer in South Carolina.

REV. ANTHONY D'ADDURNO Barrie Free Presbyterian

Barrie, Ontario

The church in Barrie continues to have some cases of COVID that affect the attendance. Around Easter some tracts were given out at some of the homes across the street from the church. Pray that the Lord will bless the outreach.

Continue to pray for Frank D'Addurno as he comes to the end of his seminary studies. Pray also for the LTBS radio ministry as the gospel is preached across Canada. Pray for the salvation of souls and for those who visit the church.

REV. PHIL OWENBerean Free Presbyterian

Boston, New York

Rev. Phil Owen requests prayer for wisdom for the session of Berean FPC. He thanks God for an increase of love in the body of Christ. Please pray that there would also be a deeper reverence for God and more sincere obedience to the Lord.

Pray for strengthening of marriages and consistent family worship in the home, for the salvation of family members, and sanctification of the young people. Finally, please pray for the power of the Holy Spirit in preaching and evangelism, for opportunities to witness, and for additions to the church.

REV. PAUL BACKHURST Calgary Free Presbyterian

Calgary, Alberta

Rev. Paul Backhurst reports that the church in Calgary has recently been encouraged by the privilege of welcoming three attendees, Miss Bailey and Mr. and Mrs. Marshall, into communicant membership. Two of them are additions to the congregation in the last two years.

Others have shown an interest in being baptized themselves or in having their infants baptized. Mr. Backhurst says, "It is always wonderful when a congregation is blessed by such gospel ordinances."

On a less joyful note, the church is having to say farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Sirois, who are moving to their retirement address three hours away from Calgary. They have been faithful members and will be sorely missed.

Please remember the church's elderly in prayer as they face the challenges of their twilight years in this estate of sin and misery.

DR. LARRY SAUNDERS Interim Moderator

Cloverdale Free Presbyterian

Cloverdale, B.C.

The Cloverdale congregation is very thankful for the ministers, students, and elders who have supplied the pulpit in person and on Zoom. Please continue to pray for the Lord to send a pastor to the church. The church is looking forward to the ministry of Jonathan Eccles, a second-year ministerial student from Northern Ireland, who is coming for five weeks in the summer. Also, Mr. Frank D'Addurno will be preaching for three Lord's Days in July and August. Thank you all for your faithful praying.

REV. ARMEN THOMASSIAN Faith Free Presbyterian

Greenville, **South Carolina**

The next couple of months will be busy ones at Faith FPC, first, with the Ministers' Week of Prayer and Presbytery Meetings May 9–13. Pray much that the Lord's presence will be signally felt and that He will direct in all that is done for His glory. Rev. Samuel Murray and Rev. Raymond Robinson, who will be representing the Ulster presbytery, will be preaching at the Lord's Day services on May 8.

June will begin with the Geneva Reformed Seminary graduation ceremony on Friday, the third. This year's graduates are Logan Elder, John Kelly, Frank D'Addurno, and Benjamin Thomas. Please pray for these men as they complete their work and enter their internships. Continue to pray for more men to be raised up to preach the Word.

The church will hold its vacation Bible school June 13–17. Registration is filling up rapidly as preparations are underway. The theme is "The Early Life of Paul: Saved to Serve." The FPCNA Youth Camp will be held July 16–23. Pray that the Lord will use these efforts to bring many children and young people to Christ and that many will be set apart for special service to His glory.

REV. GEOFF BANISTER REV. RON BARNES

Associate Minister Indianapolis Free Presbyterian

Indianapolis, Indiana

Rev. Geoff Banister requests prayer for a man by the name of Daniel, who contacted him a few weeks ago about his need to "have God in his life." Daniel comes from a very rough background but has responded well to the preaching of the gospel. He faces a number of trials and temptations. Pray that the love of Christ will transform his life.

Brenda Richter's daughter Lisa Ruth has arrived from Oregon. Pray that the Lord's blessing will be upon Lisa as she tends to her mother. The two will be moving soon out to the west side of the city to be closer to Brenda's son and his family. Pray that their move will go well.

The church family was blessed to have the Bowman family visit recently. Rev. Derrick Bowman preached in both services on Sunday. Plans were also made for the Bowmans to lead a team of young people in late July and early August to help on the grounds of the church in Indianapolis as they did in Orlando last year.

DR. STEPHEN POLLOCK FPC of Malvern

Malvern. **Pennsylvania**

Dr. Stephen Pollock thanks people for praying for his family's immigration status. As mentioned in the previous bulletin, permanent residency was approved for him, Cherith, and their eldest children. In the last couple of weeks, the younger children all received their approvals. He says, "We are encouraged that the Lord has worked, enabling us to stay and be part of the FPCNA. We are also thankful that this development allows us to leave—just for a few weeks! We are planning to return home [to Ulster] at the end of June." Rev. John Wagner will supply the Malvern pulpit while the Pollocks are away. Please pray that his ministry in Malvern would usher in a time of refreshing from the Lord.

Please pray for the children and young people connected with the work in Malvern. In addition to the regular Sabbath school program the church has enjoyed the recommencement of monthly family nights. Dr. Pollock says he is thankful for parents who want their children to know about the Lord. Please pray that the children would be taught of God. Please also be in prayer for preparations for the youth camp in July.

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

Mexico City,

Mexico

The Boyles praise God for the completion of Jonathan's adoption. During the hearing they saw several specific answers to prayer. As a result of the adoption's being finalized, the Boyles have been able to begin making plans for their furlough and deputation for the fall of 2022 into the beginning of 2023.

The congregation in Mexico City has a membership class starting in May with eleven to sixteen persons planning to participate. Two babies are due in June. Pray for the salvation of one of the moms. The unsaved husband of a church member named Paty has been diagnosed with cancer. Pray that this might be the hour of his much-prayed-for salvation. The Boyles give God all the glory for Pablo Ramirez's (19) recent salvation. Pray that he might grow in the Lord.

Jason and Pablo Enciso (a prospective GRS student) look forward to attending the Week of Prayer in Greenville in May. Please pray that the Lord would guide Pablo's steps regarding his ministry preparation.

DR. STEPHEN POLLOCK

Interim Moderator
Orlando Free Presbyterian

Orlando, Florida

Dr. Stephen Pollock visited the Orlando church in April and was encouraged again by the faithfulness and prayerfulness of the people. They have been pressing on despite a very prolonged vacancy. The regular ministry is supplied via webcast from Malvern with some of the people also joining the Malvern prayer meeting via Skype. Join with them in special prayer that the Lord would put this work on a man's heart. There is great opportunity to evangelize an ever-expanding area with the support of a praying people.

REV. STEPHEN HAMILTON

Interim Moderator
Phoenix Free Presbyterian

Peoria, Arizona

The Phoenix congregation is doing well and has been greatly encouraged over recent months by visiting ministers and student ministers. They greatly enjoyed the ministry of Rev. David Priestley from Northern Ireland for five weeks in January. In March, student minister Logan Elder was able to come with his family for a week. He preached two Lord's Days, which were a real blessing. On May 1, Rev. Stephen Hamilton was also able to preach, and on May 8 they look forward to having Rev. David Mook preach.

The church family rejoiced with Kaleb Morrow at his recent graduation from Grand Canyon University and the Lord's provision of a new job for him.

Overall, they feel the Lord's blessing in unity and with His presence in both Lord's Day meetings and in the Wednesday evening prayer meeting. They covet your prayers that the Lord will provide a minister who walks with the Lord and whom He has called to the work in Phoenix.

REV. REGGIE CRANSTON Port Hope Free Presbyterian

Port Hope, Ontario

Rev. Reggie Cranston reports that Rev. John Wagner was unable to preach at the Easter Bible Conference. Rev. Ian Goligher consented to stand in at short notice, which was very much appreciated. The services were well attended, with a number of visitors from the area in attendance.

Shortly after the Easter meetings, Mr. Cranston travelled to Northern Ireland to preach at the Ballymena Bible Conference and in a number of the other Free Presbyterian churches there. Two elders from our Toronto congregation conducted the Sabbath Day services in Mr Cranston's absence.

REV. ANDREW SIMPSON Heritage Free Presbyterian

Prince George, British Columbia

Heritage FPC is thankful for the lifting of all restrictions that had been affecting the church. The Lord has continued to keep His hand upon the church over these past several months. There has been an small increase in Sunday school attendance with more parents having an interest in catechizing their children. The weekly radio ministry continues with some people getting in touch to say they have been listening for several years. The church is planning an election of deacons in July, for which they would ask much prayer that God would raise up men for the work.

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

Toronto, Ontario

The Toronto church was happy to receive four new members into fellowship on May 1. The congregation is gradually building up again after the pandemic lull of the past two years. The triannual election of deacons and the annual general meeting are planned for May 18. Please pray that the people will be guided to vote for the men of God's choosing.

The Toronto church is planning another national day of prayer for the Canadian churches on Sunday, May 22, at 4:30 p.m. It will be focused on the needs of Canada and will be carried on Zoom (a link will be available soon). It is hoped that a good turnout of Canadians will avail themselves of the opportunity to engage in special prayer for their needy country.

REV. MYRON MOONEY Trinity Free Presbyterian

Trinity, Alabama

Trinity FPC is very thankful for God's grace and mercy to them in recent weeks. They are especially thankful for wonderful prayer meetings recently. They rejoice in the confession of faith and baptism of Andy Tai, a college student and former US Marine.

The children made spring baskets of fruit, sweets, and notes of encouragement for the elderly in the congregation as well as for two widow neighbors. The congregation was blessed by meeting two missionaries to Uganda, Godfrey Kyazze and Eric Holmertz, and hearing about their work. They thank the Lord that baby Mitch Miller is breathing well and is being weaned off the G-tube as he learns to take a bottle.

Please pray for these requests: for Levi Frank's eye pressure to lower and stabilize; for Andy Tai, who is on a mission to help in Ukraine; for Ernie Yarbrough, who is campaigning for Alabama state representative (the primary is on May 24); and for several elderly couples.

REV. IAN GOLIGHER Let the Bible Speak Canada

Rev. Andrew Simpson reports that their Sunday morning radio program continues to be aired in the Prince George area. In recent weeks and months, more people have intimated that they are listening, with some having been listening for years. In the last few weeks two people called for prayer and to talk about the messages they heard.

Rev. Paul Backhurst reports from Calgary that seven days per week the LTBS broadcasts are aired in southern Alberta. Phone calls have come into the Calgary church to show appreciation and a few listeners have attended various church services. While listening to a series on Genesis, a lady who lives south of Calgary was impressed by messages on divine wrath. She wished to have CDs of a particular message for friends in Edmonton. A listener who attended the church services in its early years was anxious about his own salvation and invited the minister to pay him a visit in hospital.

Rev. Andy Foster reports from Penticton that he continues to prepare three programs per week to be aired in the Prince Albert area of Saskatchewan on a community radio station. The programs run without cost to the church because the station operator has a personal burden to spread the gospel in that rural area.

Attendees of Fredericton FPC have stated that they listen to the Sunday morning programs in their area before they attend their own church service. The programs were of particular support during the pandemic.

Rev. Ian Goligher reports that a caller from Abbotsford, B.C., wanted to know if there was an FPC church in his area since the church he and his family attend has adopted a modern form of worship. The caller stated that he and his wife have been listening to the local LTBS program for many years. A lady from Prince Edward Island called expressing her appreciation for the Sunday morning programs. Please pray for the Lord's blessing on His word as each program is aired.

Recently, the weekday programs have been focused on the marvel of Bible inspiration to be found in the types of Christ in the Old Testament. This amazing revelation of Christ in typology teaches that there is one gospel of salvation from the garden of Eden until the day of Christ's return. To add interest to the programs, the main messages are followed by hymns and short stories. Please pray that through the ministry of *Let the Bible Speak* Canadians will hear the great truths of the gospel that will guide them away from spiritual darkness to the knowledge of the Lord so that they are brought to worship Him in spirit and in truth.