

PRAYER BULLETIN

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



REV. STEPHEN HAMILTON
Lehigh Valley Free Presbyterian

**Allentown,
Pennsylvania**

In October Rev. Stephen Hamilton's wife, June, was hospitalized and then diagnosed with ovarian cancer. Subsequently, on October 22 she had emergency surgery after being rushed to the ER with severe abdominal pain. The surgeons later revealed she had gone into septic shock because of severe infection caused by an internal rupture of some kind. Her abdomen was filled with septic pus and her organs were trying to shut down. The doctors told Mr. Hamilton that his wife had been close to death when the emergency surgery was performed. However, the operation was abandoned part way through as they were concerned that she might not survive further surgery at the time. She was then placed in ICU awaiting the remainder of the surgery several days later. That surgery was performed, and she remained intubated in ICU for about a week. She has since been moved to a regular room, and, although she is weak, is recovering slowly. A stay in rehab will be needed after discharge from the hospital, and in coming months chemotherapy will be required.

The prayers of God's people in many different countries and within the Free Presbyterian Church family are very much appreciated. While Mrs. Hamilton still has a long road to travel, prayers have already been answered in a remarkable way. The guidance of the Lord and His providential leading all along have been very evident. Continued prayer for Mrs. Hamilton would be much appreciated.

Please also pray for the work of the Lord during this trying time. Mr. Hamilton has had to devote most of his time and energy to his wife's care. He has begun to preach again in his own pulpit, but the congregation has had to make some other arrangements for ministry in recent days. He says, "May this entire situation redound to God's glory and be a means of reaching the lost and also encouraging the people of God."

REV. ANTHONY D'ADDURNO
Barrie Free Presbyterian

**Barrie,
Ontario**

Rev. Anthony D'Addurno says the church in Barrie was very much encouraged with the visit of the Boyle family from Mexico in October. For some in the church it was their first opportunity to meet the Boyles and to hear firsthand reports of the works in Mexico.

A few new people who are believers have been attending the services in Barrie and showing great interest. Pray for Rev. Ian Goligher and the Let the Bible Speak radio ministry throughout many of the provinces of Canada, that God's Word would not return unto Him void. Pray also for some of the elderly people in the church who are feeling their age and for Frank D'Addurno and his family, that they would know the Lord's leading.

REV. PHIL OWEN
Berean Free Presbyterian

**Boston,
New York**

The New York church thanks all who prayed for their free car wash/lunch outreach held at the end of September. Over twenty vehicles stopped, and the church people had good interactions with many. One gentleman who recently lost his wife came through the car wash and has since attended two services. Please pray for his soul.

Church elder Dan Breindel needs prayer again that his work shift will be changed so that he can attend the prayer meeting. The Lord has answered that prayer in the past, and the church is asking Him to do it again.

An unlikely visitor from the community came recently and seemed to give good attention to the preaching. Years ago this man had expressed dismay over the Free Presbyterian church's being planted in the town, but now he doesn't like the direction his own church is taking.

Rev. Ian Goligher and his wife, Beulah, were a blessing to the work on October 23 when Mr. Goligher preached and gave a report on the LTBS radio ministry, which includes Buffalo in its outreach.

The congregation is planning its annual Christmas caroling on the streets in December. Do pray for favorable responses.

REV. PAUL BACKHURST
Calgary Free Presbyterian
**Calgary,
Alberta**

Rev. Paul Backhurst says Calgary FPC was privileged to host the fall Week of Prayer. It was a hectic but blessed time, a good opportunity for the minister and congregation to make the acquaintance of and to renew fellowship with the presbyters and other guests. A good number of the congregation, including the young adults, provided lunches. On Tuesday evening, a fellowship meal was enjoyed by the congregation and the guests before Dr. Pollock brought the Word of God.

The congregation was greatly encouraged by the presence of the presbyters, as it reminded them that they are part of a greater body of believers in the Free Presbyterian Church of North America.

Small teams of congregants are going out on Saturday mornings systematically working through the surrounding neighborhoods, inviting people to attend the services, and speaking on gospel matters. The invitation leaflet they are giving out not only lists the days and times of the various activities, but also contains a very clear gospel presentation. Please pray that the Lord would bless these endeavors as the weather permits.

REV. JOHN KELLY
Church Planter
**Fort Kent,
Maine**

Rev. John Kelly says he and Crystal are very thankful for the prayers of God's people regarding their move back to Maine. They have been very busy settling in.

Mr. Kelly is thankful for a couple that have opened their home for a Bible study and also for church meetings. They have met every Lord's Day since they arrived in Maine, and just started a midweek prayer meeting as well. There has been a great spirit in the meetings and times of prayer. Mr. Kelly says the people are excited and expectant for God to work.

Please pray that they will soon find a better meeting space. Mr. Kelly has talked to a couple families that have a desire to come to the services, but their temporary meeting space will not accommodate that many people.

Now that the Kellys have finished their preparations for winter, Mr. Kelly plans to start going to every house in the area to share the gospel and to invite people to the services. Please pray that the strong hold Catholicism has in that area will be destroyed and that the true gospel of Christ will prevail. The Kellys are seeking to live out what William Carey said so long ago, "Attempt great things for God, and expect great things from God."

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

The Greenville church rejoices in answers to its prayers for the Lord to send out laborers into His harvest. At the beginning of October, it said farewell to Rev. John Kelly and his family as they took off for Maine to plant a Free Presbyterian church in the Lord's will. John, Crystal, and their five children will be greatly missed after being part of the church family for two years.

Following the evening service on October 16 Logan Elder was licensed to preach. Rev. John Wagner was commissioned by the presbytery to officiate since Logan was unable to attend the meetings of the presbytery in person in Calgary. Rev. Logan Elder has accepted a call from the Orlando FPC, and he, Amelia, and Obadiah will be headed to Florida after Christmas. They too, will be greatly missed.

Please pray for special outreach efforts during the Christmas holidays including special programs at the boys' home ministry, the neighborhood Bible club, and the local mall. Pray also that the Lord will bring many in for the annual Lessons and Carols service to hear the gospel in song and word.

REV. GEOFF BANISTER
Indianapolis Free Presbyterian
**Indianapolis,
Indiana**

Rev. Geoff Banister was one of three ministers from the United States who were able to make the trip to Calgary for the Ministers' Week of Prayer at the beginning of October. He says it was a great blessing to renew fellowship with the Canadian men who attended.

Pastor Banister and Sandy enjoyed having dinner with Rev. Dave Mook and his wife, Mary, when the Mooks came through Indiana on their way back to Arizona after attending the American Council of Christian Churches meetings in Pennsylvania. Mr. Mook was going on to preach at the FPC of Lees Summit on November 6.

The Indianapolis church family is looking forward to having Sunday school resume. Alan Paulson is going to lead the class in a study of *The Pilgrim's Progress* utilizing the CDs that were created years ago featuring the voices of many people of Faith FPC in Greenville.

Please pray that the Lord will draw people into the church and especially that more local people will discover the church through Sermonaudio.

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

The people in the Malvern church are grateful for those who have prayed for their outreach into the community. They recently held a couple of open-air outreach services at a local shopping area. The Word was sung and preached, and gospel literature was distributed. They plan to continue with these services when possible. Please pray that the Word sown would bear fruit.

Please also be in prayer for the senior members of the church. Several of them are finding it very difficult to attend the services. They are thankful that they can watch online. Please pray that they would know much encouragement in this challenging phase of life. Dr. Stephen Pollock says, "As always, we ask prayer for the Lord's presence in our times of worship and that the Word would be effective in all who hear."

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

The Boyles returned to Mexico from deputation on November 4. While away they were able to visit seven Canadian churches and attend the Week of Prayer in Calgary. That meant lots of driving with little spurts of family time sprinkled in between. Rev. Jason Boyle says, "We were able to report on the work in Mexico, present the need to purchase a property for the church, have family rest time, and hopefully encourage some brethren along the way. We were personally blessed by many people we connected with in the different congregations."

While the Boyles were gone, the fort was held down in Mexico City for four Sundays by three different men who traveled from outside Mexico City to preach, and for the other four Sundays by Ruben Ramirez and Pablo Enciso, the two church members who are GRS students. Mr. Boyle is thankful for God's provision to supply the pulpit in his absence.

The next couple months will be busy with studies, a children's Sunday school Reformation party, the church Christmas fellowship, and the Mexican family Week of Prayer in January. Ramón and Wendy Sosa from the Dominican Republic will be able to join them for the first time and they are praying for provision so that their daughters will be able to attend as well. Mr. Boyle will be traveling to the Dominican Republic in January for Ramón's ordination and the church's constitution.

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

On October 22, the Orlando congregation met and extended a unanimous call to Rev. Logan Elder to be its next minister. The people are very thankful for all the prayers offered on their behalf. Mr. Elder has accepted the call and will, Lord willing, commence his ministry on the first Lord's Day of the new year. His ordination and installation service is scheduled for January 13, 2022.

Please keep the Elders in prayer as they make their preparations to travel to Orlando. Please pray that they will know the Lord's grace in the farewells and that Mr. Elder will commence his ministry full of the Holy Spirit. Please remember the congregation, that the Lord would prepare their hearts to receive the Word. Also, please pray that this new chapter will be blessed of God in the salvation of souls.

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

The Phoenix congregation has been greatly blessed by various visiting ministers. Mr. Logan Elder and his family were with them for three Sundays in September, and Mr. Frank D'Addurno and his family visited for two Sundays in October. Rev. Gordon Ferguson of Northern Ireland is preaching for the month of November. Rev. John Wagner will visit again in December.

Elder Herb Tschappler reports that the church had its annual picnic the first weekend in November. It went very well and was an encouragement to all who attended.

Do continue to pray that the Lord will provide a minister for the work in Phoenix. They feel the great need for a regular minister in these days. One family has recently left the work, so they need the Lord to provide others to come and take its place.

REV. ANDREW SIMPSON
Heritage Free Presbyterian
**Prince George,
British Columbia**

Rev. Andrew Simpson requests prayer for the upcoming Creation Ministries event that will be held in the building of Heritage FPC on Saturday, November 19. Please pray that it will be a means of reaching the unsaved and equipping God's people. A literal six-day creation is foundational to biblical theology, and the prayer is that many new attendees will become well grounded in this truth.

The church is thankful that a door of ministry has opened again at the University of Northern British Columbia. Although the church will have to pay for the use of a booth, it is a worthwhile ministry in a needy place.

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

The Toronto church was blessed recently by the visit of the Boyles from Mexico, and the people were encouraged to hear about the advancement of the work there. They also had a visit from Rev. Brian McClung from Newtownabbey in Ulster and enjoyed his preaching. He was in Canada for special meetings being held in Port Hope. Unfortunately, Rev. Reggie Cranston, the Port Hope minister, was unable to attend all the meetings due to illness. Please pray for him.

The Toronto church has been blessed recently by a number of visitors. They are praying for souls to be saved and for God's people to be built up in their faith.

REV. MYRON MOONEY
Trinity Free Presbyterian
**Trinity,
Alabama**

The Trinity congregation rejoices in much answered prayer. Little Simeon Frank came through his cranial surgery on October 19 and is at home recovering. The Frank family rejoices in the Lord's abundant provision for every need. Jacob and Kelly are overwhelmingly grateful for the greater Free Presbyterian family's generosity and prayers for Simeon. Please pray for Simeon's sleep cycle to be normal again and for the brain tissue to grow properly in his brain and not into the spinal column.

Joshua and Bonnie Mooney welcomed Elsie Leighanne on Saturday, October 22, at 8:29 a.m. She weighed 8 pounds 9 ounces and was 21 inches long. Their family of three is doing well.

On Wednesday, September 21, Andy Tai Huynh, the young man captured by the Russians in Ukraine during June, was released along with other prisoners of war. Andy returned home with much gratitude to the Saudi prince who negotiated the release. He testified that his faith was strengthened during his time as a prisoner. Please pray for Andy as he recovers and transitions to life at home.

During October, Rev. Myron Mooney preached Reformation messages on some Italian Reformers and their contributions to the spread of the gospel. The church family enjoyed an Italian-themed Reformation dinner, and Luke Mooney won the Reformation quiz.

Thank you for your prayers for Ernie Yarbrough's campaign for the Alabama House of Representatives. He won the seat with 78 percent of the vote. Please continue to pray for Ernie's protection, for wisdom, and for his family.

Please continue to pray for Deborah Yarbrough as she undergoes chemo treatments. Also, pray for two shut-in families and some elderly people in the church as they deal with many physical problems.

REV. REGGIE KIMBRO
REV. DERRICK BOWMAN
Associate Minister
Grace Free Presbyterian
**Winston-Salem,
North Carolina**

Rev. Reggie Kimbro says his church enjoyed hosting its annual fall ladies' soup luncheon. Mrs. Jill Saunders from Toronto was the speaker. A group of ladies from Faith FPC in Greenville along with other visiting ladies joined a good group from the Winston-Salem church.

Mr. Kimbro says they had a wonderful evening with Mr. Steven Lee, founder of Sermonaudio, for the church's annual Reformation Night. Mr. Lee presented his burden for "The Vault" project at Sermonaudio and drew comparisons between the Gutenberg Press and the internet.

Mr. Kimbro wishes to thank those who keep the work of Geneva Reformed Seminary in their prayers. He says they had a good opening trimester this school year. Do continue to pray for the teachers and students in this important work.

Please also continue to pray for Mr. Greg Munger as he endures the last stages of cancer.

MR. CHARLES KOELSCH
Let the Bible Speak
United States

As the end of another year of *Let the Bible Speak* broadcasts approaches, Mr. Charles Koelsch gives thanks to the Lord for this open door of ministering Christ to a very needy world. Through the outreach of VCY America Radio Network the programs are reaching people in an increasing number of states. In addition, the website LTBSRadio.com makes the broadcasts available worldwide.

Although it is LTBS policy never to solicit funds on the air, this year has seen remarkable evidence of God's blessing in financial gifts. The ministry is grateful to Free Presbyterian church members and attenders who contribute to the programs. The management of VCY America established a special fund for listeners who wish to support LTBS. During this year also an individual in Japan discovered the preaching of Dr. Alan Cairns and has donated most generously to the ministry.

As the darkness of this world threatens many Christian ministries on radio and internet platforms, please pray that the Lord who is our shield will continue to defend and indeed to enlarge our coasts (1 Chronicles 4:10).