

# 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 has once again taken on the full load of weekly services after a period of preaching only once per week. His care of Mrs. Hamilton was more intense for a couple of months, but now he is able to leave her at home alone while he attends the church services. She continues to make slow but steady progress physically and is now walking without the aid of a walker or rollator, and she is able to do basic tasks with a little help. Progress is slow, but from where she was several weeks ago to where she is now, it feels significant. The prayers of God's people have been a great encouragement to both Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton. Please pray on for her recovery. She will have numerous consultations with doctors in coming days.

Over some weeks the folks in Lehigh Valley were blessed to join with others from Orlando and Malvern for weekly Zoom prayer meetings. Those times were appreciated. One or two visitors have attended church services in Walnutport of late, though not on a steady basis.

The church's motto text for 2023 is Psalm 143:10: "Teach me to do Thy will, for Thou art my God." They pray for an increase in every aspect of the Lord's work as they seek to do His will.

**REV. ANTHONY D'ADDURNO**  
Barrie Free Presbyterian

**Barrie,  
Ontario**

Rev. Anthony D'Addurno reports that there has not been much change in the Barrie church in recent days. Continue to pray for the few visitors that have come out to the services in recent weeks. Some have tremendous needs which only the Lord can supply.

Continue to pray also for the Let the Bible Speak radio ministry as Rev. Ian Goligher continues to minister God's Word through the means of radio. Please also remember in prayer some of the elderly folks who are feeling their age. Finally, please pray for the D'Addurnos' daughter Melissa, who will soon give birth to their fourth grandchild.

**REV. PHIL OWEN**  
Berean Free Presbyterian

**Boston,  
New York**

At Christmastime members of Berean FPC sang carols and distributed literature at the doors in a neighborhood near the church and in a seniors' apartment complex. This was the thirty-fifth year of this ministry. The annual holiday fellowship was held at the manse. Elder Dan Breindel brought a devotional on the incarnation of the Lord.

The congregation thanks those who prayed for them during the blizzards at the end of 2022. People had one to five feet of snow depending on their location. The church had to cancel only one midweek service and one morning service. They thank the Lord for safe travels and warm homes.

Please pray for conversions and additions to the church. The new year begins with a fresh study on creationism in the Sabbath school.

Some folks have asked about the Owens' granddaughter Aria. Aria had been receiving an antibiotic through a PICC line and it seemed to be working, so the doctors postponed doing a biopsy. She was without pain for a while and was walking normally. However, since the PICC line was removed, Aria has started to have pain again. The family is waiting to see what the doctors recommend next. Thank you for continuing to pray for Aria and her family.

**REV. PAUL BACKHURST**  
Calgary Free Presbyterian

**Calgary,  
Alberta**

Rev. Paul Backhurst begins his report with sad news: ten-year-old Chanson Schmidt, who had a terrible head injury and for whom we had prayed regularly, finally succumbed to his injuries and passed away near the end of 2022. His parents had the comfort of knowing that their son had professed faith in Christ for many years.

The Calgary church has received three more membership applications, which is a source of joy for minister and session alike. Please pray for continued and steady growth in the congregation.

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The church's gospel outreach continues every month in Southern Alberta in an area that has large hyper-Calvinistic congregations. Attendances are still very encouraging. Please pray that the truth of the gospel will break through the barriers of twisted doctrine that people in these churches have endured for many years.

Congregant Merle Fox, who suffers from episodes of excruciating pain and attends faithfully when his health permits, is to undergo a serious operation. Please pray that the operation will be successful.

The church is hoping to hold elections for deacons this year. Please pray that the congregation will be well prepared and know the Lord's leading in nominating suitable candidates for election.

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**REV. JOHN KELLY**  
Church Planter

**Fort Kent,  
Maine**

The Kellys are greatly encouraged that they were able to meet in the town library on January 15 for the first time. Those who came filled the new meeting space with little room left over. They are expecting a couple more families and singles to begin attending soon. Please pray for a consistent group of attenders and for the salvation of sinners.

The Lord worked in a miraculous way to bring one lady into the services. The Kellys had had contact with this woman, Betty, when they lived in Fort Kent over two years ago. They had given her a tract with information on it about their church at that time. Just recently that tract fell out of her Bible and she read it again. Shortly after that, a lady who attends the Kellys' present church gave Betty an invitation to church. She was shocked to see John Kelly's name on it. Happy to learn the Kellys had returned to Fort Kent, Betty recognized that her finding the tract again was not a coincidence. She said she gets nothing from the Roman Catholic services she has been attending and knows she needs something more. Mr. Kelly says of course that something is salvation! Please pray for Betty's salvation.

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**DR. LARRY SAUNDERS**  
Interim Moderator  
Fredericton Free Presbyterian

**Fredericton,  
New Brunswick**

Neil Sampson, who assists in the ministry of the Fredericton church by preaching most Sunday mornings, is a horticulturist in addition to having a pastoral background. He has just published his second book, *Lanterns on the Nashwaak*, which is a collection of stories inspired by the people, homesteads, and landscapes of the Nashwaak River Valley, where Neil says, "It is impossible to walk with the dogs and not think." Dr. Frank McClelland, who has read the book, comments, "Without giving too much away, [I would say the book] will probably not be popular with atheists and evolutionists." *Lanterns on the Nashwaak* can be obtained at [info@westminsterbooks.com](mailto:info@westminsterbooks.com).

Please continue to pray that the Lord will soon send a full-time pastor to the faithful little congregation in Fredericton.

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**REV. SANGHOON HAN**  
Korean Free Presbyterian

**Greenville,  
South Carolina**

Rev. Sanhoon Han requests prayer that the hearts of the members of Korean FPC may be enlivened with the zeal of God through the Word of God. Pray also that there will be enthusiastic participation in the Wednesday prayer meetings and Saturday early morning prayer meetings. Finally, please pray that Jaewoo Bae's visa problem will be resolved so that he can serve the Lord in the church.

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**REV. ARMEN THOMASSIAN**  
Faith Free Presbyterian

**Greenville,  
South Carolina**

The Greenville church people were glad for opportunities to minister the gospel over the Christmas holidays. Please pray that the gospel given out will yield much fruit and for continued open doors in the new year.

The church family said their farewells to Logan, Amelia, and Obadiah Elder at the end of December before the Elders left for Orlando FPC where Logan is now serving as the new minister. As with the Kellys in October, it was a bittersweet time. The church thanks the Lord for the privilege of sending men out into the ministry, but at the same time, they miss the fellowship of the Elders.

Classes are back in session at Geneva Reformed Seminary. Pray for the students and their instructors. Pray much that the Lord will add many to their numbers.

The church's annual meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 27, with a church dinner beforehand. That will be followed by a day of prayer on Sunday, January 29.

Please pray for families in the church who have recently lost loved ones as well as for those who are dealing with chronic illnesses and the debilities of old age. Finally, please pray for the safe arrival of babies expected in the coming weeks and months.

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

The Malvern church started the new year by considering the confident declaration of Peter in 2 Peter 1:3: “His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness.” Rev. Stephen Pollock says, “It is my burden that our people live in 2023 with the assurance that they will lack nothing they need to live for God. Please pray for the Word to continually strengthen the faith of His people.”

Dr. Pollock is thankful for encouraging Lord’s Days ending 2022 and commencing 2023. The congregation held fellowship lunches together and had a good season of prayer on January 1. They also held an open-air outreach event on December 18 with singing, preaching, and giving out calendars at a local shopping precinct. Please pray for God to bless their outreach efforts.

Dr. Pollock enjoyed traveling to Orlando and the Dominican Republic over the weekend of January 13–15 to participate in the special services in those places. Please pray for him as he teaches New Testament Introduction via Zoom for Geneva Reformed Seminary from January into March.

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

The Latin American Week of Prayer for the ministers and their families will begin on January 30 in Mexico City. Please pray for God’s blessing and direction as plans are made to form a Latin American FPC denomination. There is much to do and progress is slow since most of the men work full-time jobs in addition to pastoring their churches and some are still completing seminary courses.

Pablo Enciso, one of the GRS students in the church, just got engaged and plans to marry by the end of the year. Ruben Ramirez, the other GRS student, hopes to be married at the end of the year as well. Pray for provision for their material needs as well as for their studies and guidance for their future ministries. Please pray that God would continue to raise up men to be trained to serve as elders and pastors in all parts of Mexico. Too many churches have been led astray and people hurt by the mismanaging of churches by untrained pastors.

The Boyles are scheduled to do deputation in Northern Ireland in September and October of this year. Mr. Boyle says God’s blessing and favor is much needed for a trip of that magnitude with a slate full of meetings. Pray that delays with Jonathan’s visa and citizenship status will soon be worked out so that the Boyles can finalize plans for doing deputation in the US.

The Boyles praise God that the church building fund is now around \$100,000 US (that includes what the church has raised itself and the funds that came in during the Boyles’ deputation in Canada). Little by little they are getting closer to being ready to make an offer on the \$1,000,000 property they are looking at for the church. Mr. Boyle notes that the listed price is average for inner-city Mexico City, one of the largest cities in the world, where space is a commodity.

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**REV. LOGAN ELDER**  
Orlando Free Presbyterian  
**Orlando,  
Florida**

A new chapter has begun for the Orlando FPC congregation with the ordination of Rev. Logan Elder and his installation as the minister of the church on January 13, 2023. Rev. Armen Thomasian, minister of Mr. Elder’s home church, Faith FPC, led the meeting. Mr. Steven Lee (elder, Faith FPC), Dr. Larry Saunders (Toronto FPC and deputy moderator of the FPCNA), Rev. Myron Mooney (Trinity FPC), Dr. Stephen Pollock (Malvern FPC, clerk of presbytery, and interim moderator of the Orlando church), Rev. Geoff Banister (moderator of the FPCNA), and Mr. Ken Walters (elder, Orlando FPC) also participated. A large delegation from Faith FPC attended as well.

Mr. Elder and the congregation give thanks to the Lord for answering prayer and giving the church a minister after five and a half years without one. Please pray that the Lord will grow the entire congregation in unity in Christ. Pray that the Lord will sustain Mr. Elder and give him help as he enters into his new labors. Pray also that the Lord will give great wisdom to the church leadership that they will know how the work should move forward. Pray that souls in the surrounding area will become interested in the things of God and come to hear the preaching of the Word. Finally, pray that the witnessing efforts of the congregation will be owned of God in the conversion of souls.

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

Rev. Reggie Cranston would like to thank all who prayed for him during his recent illness. Thankfully his health is improving, and in the will of the Lord he hopes to be in his pulpit again within the next couple of weeks. In the meantime, brethren from the Toronto church filled the pulpit each Lord’s Day in Mr. Cranston’s absence, and their ministry was very much appreciated by the congregation. The church’s motto text for 2023 is Isaiah 41:13: “For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.”

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

The church in Prince George is thankful for God's continued blessing. Several babies are expected in the new year. The Simpsons look forward to welcoming their second child in July.

The congregation is focusing much this year on prayer, both personal and public. The church is seeking to improve and revive the practice of public prayer, which is sadly lacking these days.

The opening service in Williams Lake was well attended. Rev. Andrew Simpson is glad to report an increase in attendance at the meetings. Mr. Jonathan Eccles, a third-year student from the Whitefield College in Northern Ireland, will minister to the congregation in July and August. Please pray for the Lord's blessing upon his ministry.

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**REV. RAMON SOSA**  
Palabra de Vida IPL  
(Word of Life FPC)  
**Santo Domingo,  
Dominican Republic**

The newest Free Presbyterian congregation was constituted on January 15, 2023, at the same time that its minister, Ramón Sosa, was ordained as a Free Presbyterian minister. Dr. Larry Saunders (Toronto FPC and deputy moderator of the FPCNA), Dr. Stephen Pollock (Malvern FPC, clerk of presbytery), and Rev. Geoff Banister (moderator of the FPCNA) along with Rev. Jason Boyle (Mexico City) all traveled to the Dominican Republic to participate in the special occasion. Pray for the Lord's richest blessing on this work and its minister as they seek to take a stand for Christ in Los Frailes, a section of the city of Santo Domingo.

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

The Toronto congregation had a lovely Christmas Day. After the morning service they enjoyed fellowship over an international meal provided by the members of the multi-national congregation. After the beautiful meal, they met for a praise service singing Christmas carols.

The congregation is looking forward to its annual week of prayer at the end of January. Spending time together in prayer always gives a good start to the new year.

The Whitefield Christian Schools have restarted after Christmas. Please pray for the staff, students, and parents and for the safety of all in this desperately wicked world.

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

The Trinity FPC congregation is grateful for the Lord's blessings upon them. In December they enjoyed an evening of singing to the elderly and a presentation of the children's Sunday school classes. They are thankful for new visitors coming to the services in answer to prayer. Simmy Frank is recovering well and is sleeping a little better at night. The motto verse for 2023 is Luke 2:10: "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."

Please join the Alabama church in prayer for the following needs: 1) Ernie Yarbrough as he and several others endeavor to stand for righteousness and truth in the Alabama state house; 2) Andy Tai Huynh as he adjusts following his time in Ukraine; 3) Deborah Yarbrough, who has done well with her chemo treatments; she begins a new round soon; 4) two older ladies with dementia; 5) two homes with chronic illnesses; and 6) a deteriorating marriage. Finally, pray that the good tidings of great joy will sound forth week by week in 2023.

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

In January Rev. Reggie Kimbro represented the North American Presbytery at the Week of Prayer in Northern Ireland. He was also able to preach on one Lord's Day and at several churches' mid-week meetings. He enjoyed renewing fellowship with many whom he has known for several years.

Several in the congregation have suffered physical hardship recently. Please pray for Angie Bauguss as she recovers from knee surgery. Pray for a former member, Mr. Tom Booth, who moved away about two years ago. He has been diagnosed with cancer and has had several related health complications. Mr. Greg Munger continues to decline as well. The Winston-Salem church has been mentioning him in these prayer bulletins for over a year now. He is continuing to get weaker physically. As you pray for him, remember also his wife, Bonnie, as she cares for him. Pastor Kimbro has often rejoiced in how the Lord has given the people in the congregation a heart to pray for and rally around the needs of others. It is the Lord's goodness and a beautiful thing to watch.

Please remember the young people of the congregation in your prayers. There are nine young adults in the congregation who are in a pivotal, transitional period of life, nine teenagers, and seventeen children under the age of thirteen. The congregation prays constantly that the Lord would protect them from the temptations and dangers of this world and that He would preserve them for His own glory.