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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 says the Lehigh Valley church has been encouraged by a couple of recent visitors, contacts from Mr. Hamilton's soccer fraternity. Some encouragement has come from the internet ministry, as new Facebook Live watchers have gotten in touch. One lady who professed faith over thirty years ago while the Hamiltons were ministering in Scotland has begun watching online.

The recent exposure of the false "revival" at Asbury College brought a lot of attention to the Lehigh Valley online ministry. Many appreciated that message and the following series on true revival. Mr. Hamilton says, "May God visit our churches and nation with a true move of the Spirit."

Mrs. June Hamilton has been receiving chemotherapy treatments for her cancer. Prayer is much appreciated. She strongly believes that the prayers of God's people have borne her along thus far.

REV. ANTHONY D'ADDURNO Barrie Free Presbyterian

Barrie, Ontario

The church in Barrie remains steady in attendance despite a few sick elderly folks. Rev. Anthony D'Addurno requests prayer for the elderly as some are feeling their age and need encouragement.

Please continue to pray for a sense of the Lord's presence in the church services. Also remember to pray for the church's website as they do receive occasional inquires.

Remember also the LTBS radio ministry as God's Word is preached over the air to many provinces of Canada. Pray for Rev. Ian Goligher as he oversees that work. Pray for him also as he ministers in the Phoenix church during the month of March.

REV. PHIL OWENBerean Free Presbyterian

Boston, New York

Rev. Phil Owen reports that on the first Sabbath of March the New York church enjoyed its annual community service appreciation ministry to New York State troopers, sheriffs, fire departments, hospital, nursing homes, and the school bus garage. The church distributed baked goods, fruit, chocolates, and other candy with a thank you card, tract, and gospel of John. This year they also gave baskets to families who recently moved into the area and to a widower who has visited the church. Please pray that the Lord will bless His Word and awaken souls.

The church asks for prayer for restoration of backsliders, for additions to their number, and for the conversion of family members and local people, especially a 90-year-old neighbor, George, who was recently visited and urged to seek the Lord. Pray also for the salvation of the mail carrier, Natalie.

Mr. Owen is in a rotation to pray before the Boston town meetings and would covet prayer to be a witness for Jesus as he interacts with the leaders and town residents.

REV. PAUL BACKHURST Calgary Free Presbyterian

Calgary, Alberta

Rev. Paul Backhurst says that winter is still upon them with snow and ice as their daily companions, but there are signs that summer might soon break through. Apparently, Alberta sometimes ignores spring and goes straight to summer!

They are blessed to have a "baby boom" in the congregation with some of the mothers awaiting their first scan and others hoping to give birth within a few weeks. Please pray for parents and babies, that all may go well and that the Lord will be pleased to convert these young souls early in life.

With deacon elections coming up, Dr. Stephen Pollock has agreed to go to Calgary and preach a short series of sermons on the diaconate. Please pray for journeying mercies for him and that the church members will know the leading of the Lord in making nominations and voting on the selected candidates.

A young married man named Ryden, who has a number of crushed/damaged vertebral discs which cause him much pain, is just starting a new job. Please pray that despite his handicap he will be able to carry out this new job.

DR. LARRY SAUNDERS
Interim Moderator
Cloverdale Free Presbyterian

Cloverdale, B.C.

A congregational meeting was held at Cloverdale FPC on February 5 to vote on a new minister. The members extended a call to Rev. Andrew Fitton, who is currently living in Calgary and attending Calgary FPC. Mr. Fitton has accepted the call, and the congregation is very encouraged and thankful to God for His provision.

Pending final arrangements, the presbytery hopes to have the ordination and installation of Mr. Fitton sometime in June. Please pray for all the details of relocation for Mr. Fitton and his wife, Hannah, and that God's blessing will be upon his ministry in Cloverdale.

REV. JOHN KELLY Church Planter

Fort Kent, Maine

The Lord has blessed these past couple of months in Northern Maine. Rev. John Kelly reports that the people in the church are hungry for a genuine moving of God's Spirit and are ready to do door-to-door work as winter winds down. Please pray for God's blessing on these endeavors. Pray also that the Lord would bring in families with children.

The people are thrilled to have the FPCNA mission team coming to Fort Kent this summer. While the mission team is there, the plan is to reach every home in the town with gospel literature and to hold outdoor gospel meetings in the evenings. Please pray for the hearts of people to be prepared to hear the gospel. They are praying for lost souls by name and trusting the Lord to save.

Pray also that the Lord would make the church in Fort Kent a sending church. Mr. Kelly says there are many needy areas all around them and across the border in New Brunswick. Ask the Lord to raise up men that could one day be sent to these areas to plant churches for the glory of the God.

DR. LARRY SAUNDERS Interim Moderator Fredericton Free Presbyterian

Fredericton, New Brunswick

Student minister Mr. Frank D'Addurno, who is finishing his internship in Toronto soon, has spent the last few weeks in Fredericton with his wife and son ministering to the faithful folks there. He was supposed to be there for only three weeks, but due to weather problems, his return flight was cancelled, and he had to stay another week. The people were happy to have him longer because they enjoyed his ministry. Frank grew up in Fredericton when his father, Rev. Tony D'Addurno, was minister there. The congregation continues to seek the Lord for a full-time minister.

REV. ARMEN THOMASSIAN Faith Free Presbyterian

Greenville, South Carolina

The Faith FPC church family had its annual workday on March 3. Over eighty people joined forces to spread fresh mulch and do cleaning projects around the church. They enjoyed a time of well-earned food and fellowship afterwards.

The congregation thanks the Lord for the safe arrival of baby Steven on January 28 to Daniel and Eileen Burns and his five siblings. On March 12 they participated in the dedication of baby Lance, son of Ivan and Gracie Williams. Both occasions were reminders of the solemn duty all have to pray for the children of the congregation.

The church will host its second annual family conference on March 18. The theme is "Growing in Christ," and Dr. Joel Beeke is the special speaker. Dr. Beeke will also preach at the church services on the following Sunday. Rev. Reggie Kimbro will preach at Faith FPC on March 26.

Preparations for this summer's vacation Bible school (June 19–23) and FPCNA youth camp (July 15–22) are well underway. Pray that both events will be greatly used of the Lord to save souls, to strengthen our young people in their walk with the Lord, and to set apart some for mission work and the ministry.

REV. GEOFF BANISTER Indianapolis Free Presbyterian

Indianapolis, Indiana

Rev. Geoff Banister requests prayer for Barbara, the mother of Corinne, a regular attendee in the Indianapolis church. Barbara is being treated for cancer and needs the Lord's presence and grace. She is a believer in Christ. Pray that the Lord will lead and provide wisdom to her medical team.

Please pray also for Debi, the mother of another regular attendee, Brandy. Debi's cancer has returned and adjustments are needed for her treatment. Debi is also a believer in Christ. Pray that the Lord will draw near to her and that her treatment will be effective.

Joanna, who is in her mid-twenties, also needs prayer. She is the niece of Elsie, the wife of Henry, the ruling elder at Indianapolis FPC. Joanna's cancer had completely vanished but now has come back. Pray that the Lord would give great grace to this young Christian lady.

The church has been encouraged in recent weeks with an increase of visitors. Pray that this increase may continue and that visitors will come back. Pray for the webcasts and internet outreach of the church that they may reach many people and draw them to Christ.

DR. STEPHEN POLLOCK

Malvern, Pennsylvania

Dr. Stephen Pollock says the Malvern church would appreciate prayer at this time for its outreach efforts. In addition to their regular services, they have a weekly radio program aired in the wider Philadelphia area. They also have a nursing home ministry on the third and fifth Lord's Days of the month. These visits have been a blessing and relationships are being developed with the residents.

The church people hope to engage in local outreach efforts in the spring, endeavoring to bring the Word to their neighbors. Dr. Pollock says the members are also faithful in sharing the Word in their families and neighborhoods. Please pray that unconverted family members would attend their services on Easter Sunday. It is the church's earnest prayer that the Lord would grant them a gracious season of harvest.

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

Mexico City, Mexico

The church in Mexico City started a sermon series on Malachi a few weeks ago. From the beginning, Rev. Jason Boyle was burdened to have extra nightly prayer meetings for the church with the purpose of praying for the sermon series and for a revival of their hearts and of the church. The prayer meetings are every night except Thursdays and some Sunday nights. They have experienced moments of blessing and unity as a church as they seek God's face together. They plan to continue the special prayer meetings until the series is over in April (about two months total).

Mr. Boyle went to visit Pastor Pepe and his church in San Luis Potosi on the weekend of March 10–14, with special meetings on the Saturday to teach on Free Presbyterian doctrines and distinctives. Please also pray for the church's evangelism efforts on the third Saturday of every month.

REV. LOGAN ELDER Orlando Free Presbyterian

Orlando, Florida

Rev. Logan Elder reports that by the grace of God, the Orlando congregation is doing well. He and his family are getting comfortable in the area and have continually felt a very warm embrace from the congregation. Currently, for the Lord's Day services, they are going through Ephesians in the morning and various major questions in the Bible in the evening. On Wednesday nights before prayer, the congregation is going through the Westminster Larger Catechism questions 178–196, which deal with the subject of prayer. Please pray that all of these studies will be owned by God in the building up of His people and in the conversion of lost souls.

The Orlando congregation has a new website and church cards that can be used for outreach. Please pray that the Lord will use them to draw people from the community to visit the church.

On February 26, the church had its first communion service with Mr. Elder as its minister. The congregation is thankful to the Lord for the return to the monthly observance of the Lord's Supper.

There are many physical needs at this time in the Orlando congregation as many of the members are getting older. Please pray for the Lord to protect each one from injury and illness. Please pray for the Lord to enable Mr. Elder to minister adequately from the pulpit and from house to house to the various needs of everyone in the congregation.

REV. STEPHEN HAMILTON
Interim Moderator
Phoenix Free Presbyterian

Peoria, Arizona

Mr. Herb Tschappler, elder of Phoenix FPC, reports that Rev. Ian Goligher and his wife, Beulah, are visiting in Phoenix during March, and the church is greatly enjoying Mr. Goligher's preaching. On Wednesday evening, Mr. Goligher spoke from 1 Thessalonians 5:24: "Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it." Mr. Tschappler says God truly has been and continues to be faithful to His people in Phoenix and is meeting their every need.

They are grateful for all the men who have supplied the pulpit in recent months. Rev. Gordon Ferguson was there for November, and Rev. John Wagner preached for two Sundays in December. Rev. David Mook has preached a number of times, and Rev. Stephen Hamilton preached on February 5, a special Sunday for the church as they received Kara and Isaac Sassa into church membership. Mr. Tschappler says the Sassas have been a real blessing to the work there. On February 26 Mr. Mook preached again as they remembered the 37th anniversary of the church's founding.

Sadly, they had to say goodbye to a family that had been coming for over a year but that decided to go elsewhere. Mr. Tschappler says, "We appreciate the encouragement they were to us during that time, but ask the Lord will provide us with more families." He continues, "It is an encouragement to us to see the Lord's provision for Orlando and Cloverdale so we pray all the more the Lord will not forget us and provide the proper man here for Phoenix. We appreciate your prayers to that end. We also need the Lord to increase our numbers, bringing in families that have a heart for the preaching of the Word. Also pray the Lord would increase our desire for Him, working that reviving in our hearts that is so needed."

REV. REGGIE CRANSTON Port Hope Free Presbyterian

Port Hope, Ontario

Rev. Reggie Cranston reports that he has been enabled to preach again in his pulpit after his recent illness. He thanks God's people for their prayers and the Lord for His help.

The Lord has been pleased to bring a number of visitors to the services in recent weeks, which has been very encouraging. Another encouragement has been the receiving into fellowship of two new members whom Mr. Cranston led to the Lord last year.

Please pray for the Easter Bible Conference planned for the Port Hope church. Pray especially for Rev. John Wagner, who will be the guest preacher, that he will know the help and power of the Holy Ghost as he preaches God's Word.

REV. ANDREW SIMPSON Heritage Free Presbyterian

Prince George, British Columbia

Rev. Andrew Simpson requests prayer for a monthly children's outreach that the church in Prince George is attempting to start. They have requested to use a local public school gymnasium, but no reply has been received as of yet. Please pray that they will get the facilities needed and that the Lord's blessing will be upon the outreach to the children.

Please also pray for the Simpson family as they make their visa renewal application. Pray that they would receive an extended period of residency.

With the coming of spring, various outdoor ministries will be recommencing such as market outreach, open-air preaching, and street ministry. Pray for God's blessing on these works.

REV. RAMÓN SOSA Palabra de Vida IPL (Word of Life FPC)

Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Rev. Ramón Sosa thanks the Lord that they have had several visitors to the church in the last few weeks. So far, the visitors have not returned after their initial visits, but Mr. Sosa knows God will keep His word to build His church.

Mr. Sosa is also thankful for the first virtual meeting of the church session, for God's financial provision for his family in difficult circumstances, and for protection from the snares of the enemy.

Please pray for the Lord's help for Mr. Sosa in sermon preparation and in preaching of the Word and for wisdom and discernment as he pastors the church and directs its activities. Pray that the Lord will bring in more visitors, especially men who will commit to the work, and that He will bless the online Bible studies Mr. Sosa presents.

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

Toronto, Ontario

The Toronto church is looking forward to hosting the Ministers' Week of Prayer and Presbytery Meetings May 8–12. A good number have signed up already, and the church people are happy the COVID travel restrictions have been removed for US citizens entering Canada. The Ulster presbytery will be represented by Rev. John Armstrong and Rev. John Greer.

A conference for young adults is planned for August 2–6 in Toronto. The speaker will be Rev. Andrew Simpson. For fuller details write to office@torontofpc.ca.

Toronto FPC appreciates the continued prayers for both the church and the Whitefield Christian Schools in these difficult times.

REV. MYRON MOONEY Trinity Free Presbyterian

Trinity, Alabama

The Trinity congregation thanks the Lord for all His provisions and encouragements, including several visitors. A local widow, whom the young people helped with her yard, has been attending on Sunday mornings. The prayer meetings and worship services are especially blessed times.

In January, Rev. and Mrs. Myron Mooney were pleased to attend the ordination and installation of Rev. Logan Elder in Orlando FPC. They are praying for the Lord to do mighty works there.

The church's young people and the young-at-heart are enjoying monthly game night gatherings for food and fun. In addition, the young people and children continue to share Bible verses and artwork in gift baskets to the elderly. The church men recently upgraded the church building's breaker box and kitchen ovens for which the ladies are grateful.

The church was saddened by the March 8th passing of Mrs. Ginger Garrett, a long-time attender, whom Pastor Mooney met over thirty years ago. She loved the Lord and supported the work for many years. That she is safely home in heaven where no physical difficulties bother her anymore is very comforting. Pastor Mooney preached a clear gospel message at the funeral on Saturday, the 11th, and the church served a meal to the family.

Please continue to pray for Deborah Yarbrough, who is almost through her second round of chemotherapy and radiation. Also pray for little Simeon Frank and his cranial recovery, especially that his sleeping at night will be better. Please also remember the Ward, Marshall, and Hebert families.