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# PRAYER BULLETIN

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

REV. ANTHONY D'ADDURNO Barrie Free Presbyterian

#### Barrie, Ontario

Rev. Anthony D'Addurno says the church in Barrie remains steady with some good attendance at the services. Some nearby folks periodically visit. Please pray that the Lord will add others to the church who are like-minded.

The church in Barrie recently enjoyed the ministry of Mr. Lalo Peña from Córdoba, Mexico. The Peñas were in Toronto to attend the Week of Prayer and drove up to Barrie so that Lalo could minister God's Word.

Pray for some of the elderly folks in the congregation who are beginning to feel their age and who have developed some health problems. Continue also to pray for Rev. Ian Goligher as he ministers God's Word through Let the Bible Speak Radio in Canada. Finally, please pray for Frankie D'Addurno, who was just licensed to preach.

REV. PHIL OWEN
Berean Free Presbyterian

#### Boston, New York

Rev. Phil Owen reports that the folks in the Boston, New York, church are thankful to the Lord for safe travels throughout the winter. Please pray for the salvation of visitors and of relatives of people in the church.

The Owens were looking forward to attending the Week of Prayer in Toronto. It is good to be able to attend in person after many years of absence. Mr. Owen says the Zoom access has been nice, but being able to renew fellowship with the Free Church brothers and sisters was special.

### REV. IAN GOLIGHER Interim Moderator Calgary Free Presbyterian

#### Calgary, Alberta

On Sunday, April 16, Rev. Paul Backhurst announced to the congregation of Calgary FPC his intention to accept an invitation from a fledgling group called Southern Alberta Reformed Gospel Outreach to whom he had been ministering monthly for almost one year. He spoke of his burden to minister to this congregation full time.

Rev. Ian Goligher has been appointed by the presbytery to serve as interim moderator to care for the congregation during this time of vacancy. Thankfully, preachers have come on board to cover the summer months; some prayer meetings will be conducted over Skype. This has given a great measure of reassurance to the congregation. Pray for the people to be encouraged in the Lord as they adjust to these changes and set themselves to pray for a new minister.

In other news from Calgary, Lewis and Marissa Marshall were blessed with the birth of Josephine. Isaiah and Ally Struck, who were married in Australia in March, have set up home in Calgary. Anita Frederiksen's mother passed away in April. A memorial service is planned for July 8 in the church. The congregation will soon be saying farewell to two regular congregants: Rev. Andrew and Mrs. Fitton, as they move to Cloverdale, British Columbia. Mr. Fitton, who has preached on many occasions to the Calgary congregation, is to be ordained in Cloverdale FPC on June 23, D.V.

DR. LARRY SAUNDERS
Interim Moderator
Cloverdale Free Presbyterian

#### Cloverdale, B.C.

The ordination and installation of Rev. Andrew Fitton at Cloverdale FPC is planned for June 23. Please pray that as he starts his ministry there the Lord will encourage and increase the congregation with new believers who are hungry for the Word of God. Dr. Larry Saunders, who served as interim moderator of the church thanks all those who have helped to fill the pulpit during the vacancy.

REV. JOHN KELLY Church Planter

Fort Kent, Maine Rev. John Kelly rejoices in the working of God within the Fort Kent congregation. Souls have been stirred to greater consecration to the Lord Jesus. Since the weather has gotten better, they have been able to go out weekly into the community and share the gospel. They have found many receptive souls.

Please pray for the upcoming gospel meetings in St. Francis, Maine, in June. The meetings will run Monday through Friday for four weeks. The preachers will be Mr. Kelly, Rev. Josh Brewer, Rev. Myron Mooney, and Rev. Armen Thomassian. The people in the church have been praying much for these meetings. Mr. Kelly says, "The Lord has continued to direct me to Isaiah 60:1–5 as we pray for these meetings. We are in an area in which 'gross darkness [covers] the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee!' We are praying that we would 'lift up [our] eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: ... the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee.' What gospel promise! We are claiming it by faith. Please pray the Lord comes in mighty power and blesses this effort along with the mission team the following month."

# DR. LARRY SAUNDERS Interim Moderator Fredericton Free Presbyterian

#### Fredericton, New Brunswick

After praying for many years for a minister, God has wonderfully answered prayer for the people in the Fredericton church. Mr. Frank D'Addurno feels led of the Lord to take up the pulpit there. He is well known and liked by the people having been brought up in their midst when his father, Rev. Tony D'Addurno, ministered there for some years before accepting the call to Barrie, Ontario. Please pray for Frankie, his wife, Clarissa, and baby son, Franco, as they prepare to move to Fredericton.

Toronto FPC, the mother church of the work in Fredericton, is very grateful to Neil Samson, who faithfully supplied the pulpit for a number of years. His labor of love is much appreciated.

### REV. ARMEN THOMASSIAN Faith Free Presbyterian

# Greenville, South Carolina

Faith FPC held a day of prayer on Sunday, April 30. After the morning service, the church people enjoyed a fellowship meal together and then spent the afternoon in prayer especially seeking the Lord for the outpouring of the Spirit upon each believer's life.

The church family looks forward to two weddings in the next two months. In the Lord's will, Marlie Trimble will marry Yousaku Osaki on May 27, and Ghevont Panosian and Anthony Melsom, who both grew up at Faith FPC, will marry on June 15. The congregation thanks the Lord for bringing these young people together and prays for the Lord's blessing on their unions. They also pray for godly spouses for other singles in our churches, that more Christian homes will be established for the Lord's glory and for the advance of His church.

Online registration for VBS and for the FPCNA youth camp is underway. Please pray for the Lord to move in a mighty way in both efforts. Pray also for the ongoing outreach ministries on the streets of Greenville, at the Generations Boys' Home, and in the Hispanic community. In addition to the Bible club for Hispanic children, a new outreach is planned for a couple of Thursday evenings a month to minister to older young people.

### REV. GEOFF BANISTER Indianapolis Free Presbyterian

# Indianapolis,

Rev. Geoff Banister says the Indianapolis church has been blessed by a study of *Pilgrim's Progress* during the combined Sunday school hour. Allen Paulson begins each class by playing a segment of the dramatic rendering created by Steven Lee many years ago and follows that with discussion and Scripture study. They have been focusing on the life and ministry of Elijah at the morning services. Pray that the Lord's power will be manifested through the preaching of His Word.

Please pray for the Banisters' daughter Jennifer. Jennifer is due to give birth to her fourth child very soon. Pray that all will go well. Please continue to pray also for the spiritual needs of Jennifer and her husband and children.

Several relatives of the church family are suffering with cancer. Pray that the Lord will give grace and wisdom to those that are afflicted with this disease. Some of them are beyond treatment but are in the Lord's hands. The church is looking forward to the ministry of Chris Sidwell, who will be preaching at both services on Sunday, May 14. Please pray for him as he brings the Word.

### DR. STEPHEN POLLOCK FPC of Malvern

### Malvern, Pennsylvania

Dr. Stephen Pollock asks for prayer in a few areas that are burdens in the church. First, he says they have had several families suffer bereavement in recent weeks. As you pray for them, please remember also to pray for others who sorrow. Some in the Malvern church lost their spouses many years ago but still feel the losses very keenly. Second, please pray for those who carry very heavy burdens for lost loved ones, not only in Malvern, but also across all our churches.

Third, please pray for the young people in the church. Some college students are returning for the summer, and another year of schooling comes to an end for families with younger children. Please pray for the Lord to touch the hearts of the young people this summer. Pray especially for God's blessing on the preparations for youth camp to be held July 15–22.

The Pollocks are very grateful to those who have been praying for their daughter Rose as she had a flare-up of a chronic inflammatory condition in her eyes. She is much better, but things have not completely resolved, and she has a follow up visit at Wills Eye Hospital towards the end of June.

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

#### Mexico City, Mexico

In April Rev. Jason Boyle visited Wenceslao in the mountains of Queretaro and preached three times on the Lord's Day. Pray for Wenceslao and his family and the people in the work there.

Recently the Lord has provided in surprising ways for personal medical expenses for the Boyles and for some of the people in the church, for which they give praise to the Lord. Also recently, several people have been showing signs of new life in their hearts. Please pray that God would mature them to the point of baptism and membership and that new attendees would join themselves to the church. Please also pray for the salvation of unsaved family members who attend regularly.

The Mexico City church is gearing up for its vacation Bible school July 31–August 4. Please pray for a good turnout. This will be the first time for them to try to reach the children of the neighborhood where they are now located.

Mr. Boyle received word at the beginning of May that the paperwork went through to release him from his "sponsor church" in Mexico, so now they can start paperwork for the church to become a religious association in Mexico. Please pray that this intimidating process would go smoothly (they were given conflicting information in the past). Pray also that God would undertake and provide for all of the physical needs of a church meeting place.

#### REV. LOGAN ELDER Orlando Free Presbyterian

#### Orlando, Florida

The people in the Orlando church would appreciate prayer for the Lord to continue bringing people in to hear the preaching of the gospel. A young man and a young woman have visited twice after being invited by a couple in the congregation. The church is praying that the Lord will bring further fruit from this encounter. Two sets of visitors recently found the church on Sermonaudio and visited while they were in town. One was a man from Holland in town for business, and the other was a couple from Ontario. The visitors said that they were blessed by the services.

The Dekorne families (twelve people in all) have left Orlando for the year. They are beekeepers who live in the Orlando area for four to five months and in Michigan the rest of the time. It is always a difficult time for the small church when the Dekornes leave. Please pray for the Lord to undertake for them in this matter and to keep them encouraged in Him.

Please continue to pray for Rev. Logan Elder. He says, "I feel the need for the Lord's help week by week as I seek to fulfill my responsibilities and continually learn how to be a better pastor."

Please continue to pray for the health needs of the elderly in the congregation. Please pray also for the Lord to bring in and raise up more men who will be eligible to be office bearers.

### REV. JOHN WAGNER Interim Moderator Phoenix Free Presbyterian

#### Peoria, Arizona

Church elder Herb Tschappler reports that the work in Phoenix continues to do well. Rev. and Mrs. Ian Goligher visited in March, and the congregation was greatly encouraged by the ministry of Mr. Goligher. While he was there, Mr. Goligher put together a leaflet which they then passed out in the neighborhood around the church. One man visited for the first time a couple of months ago and is continuing to come consistently.

Rev. Stephen Hamilton has asked to be removed as the interim moderator of the Phoenix church because of his wife's illness. The presbytery has appointed Rev. John Wagner to take his place. Do remember the work in prayer as the need for a new minister is great.

#### REV. REGGIE CRANSTON Port Hope Free Presbyterian

#### Port Hope, Ontario

Rev. Reggie Cranston reports that he has been encouraged by a number of visitors who have attended the services lately. He is delighted with the opportunity to preach the gospel to them. Mr. Cranston requests prayer for his next-door neighbors, who have been inquiring about the church and have promised to attend the services. They are both unsaved.

The congregation was blessed by the preaching of Rev. John Wagner, who was the guest preacher at the Easter Bible conference in Port Hope. It was encouraging to see the meetings well attended.

During his recent illness, Mr. Cranston appreciated the help of Mr. Daniel Sama'an from the Toronto church in filling the pulpit. His ministry was a blessing to the congregation.

#### REV. ANDREW SIMPSON Heritage Free Presbyterian

#### Prince George, British Columbia

Now that spring has arrived in Prince George the church's outreach ministries have shifted to open-air preaching, the farmers' market outreach, and other ministries that are limited in the winter.

Rev. Andrew Simpson is now overseeing the hospital chaplaincy. The position gives him the ability to walk around the wards and speak with patients. He has had several good conversations so far.

Heritage FPC and Williams Lake Mission Church were glad to have Mr. Stephen Crawford preach at their prayer meetings. Mr. Crawford is a licentiate of the Ulster presbytery and serves as a church worker in John Knox Memorial FPC.

The church requests prayer for several unconverted individuals who attend the church. Also, please pray that more within the congregation would embrace the Free Presbyterian distinctives.

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

### Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Rev. Ramón Sosa says the church in Santiago continues to advance. The brethren remain faithful in attending Sunday school and morning worship but aren't as good about the prayer meetings.

The Sosa family thank the Lord for better health. Wendy had medical treatment and is feeling better after her recent illness. At Easter the Sosas traveled to visit Ramón's parents. They had an excellent time with his parents, but the day before returning to Los Frailes, Ramón lost his cell phone, which created a series of inconveniences that kept him from his regular work routine.

At the end of April Ramón was invited to participate in a workshop for church planters and to share a short devotional. He enjoyed participating in the activity.

Please pray for a revival and awakening in the church and that God will add more men to the church who will assume their God-given roles in the church and the family. Pray also that the Lord will provide the human and logistical resources to continue the work that the church is called to do in the city. Finally, please pray for the nursery and preschool that they would have sufficient enrollment and that they would see families won for Christ.

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

#### Toronto, Ontario

The Toronto congregation was happy to host the Ministers' Week of Prayer and Presbytery Meetings May 8–12. They were glad for the opportunity for people in the church to get to meet the ministers and their families who attended. The church family was encouraged recently that one of their young men, Daniel Sima'an, has felt the leading of the Lord into the ministry. He has made application to the presbytery to begin studies and was taken under care during the Week of Prayer.

The church has been blessed with an increased number of visitors recently. Toronto is a multinational city which is reflected in the make up of the congregation. Pastor emeritus Dr. Frank McClelland says, "How refreshing it is to see the people from different countries united in their common love of the Lord Jesus Christ."

#### REV. MYRON MOONEY Trinity Free Presbyterian

#### Trinity, Alabama

Trinity FPC continues to be grateful for God's goodness to them. The annual ladies' brunch was a wonderful time with over fifty attending. In recent weeks a young family and another young couple have attended the worship services. Rev. Myron Mooney rejoices to have another local pastor join the monthly pastors' prayer fellowship. The Mooneys enjoyed a Lord's Day recently with the Indianapolis congregation while Rev. Geoff Banister preached in the Trinity congregation.

Please pray for William Ward, whose wife, Barbara, has dementia and who isn't doing well; Deborah Yarbrough, who has surgery on May 23; Ernie Yarbrough, who continues to serve in the Alabama House of Representatives and to stand for truth; Simeon and Levi Frank with ongoing health issues; and the Marshalls and Heberts.

#### REV. REGGIE KIMBRO

REV. DERRICK BOWMAN
Associate Minister
Grace Free Presbyterian

### Winston-Salem, North Carolina

The church in Winston-Salem is mourning the loss of founding member and long-serving elder Mr. Greg Munger. Greg led the singing in the church from its very first service and for over thirty years until his illness began keeping him from the meetings many months ago. His testimony during many years of teaching Sunday school and serving as an elder was only amplified as he displayed much grace and joyful faith during the months of his physical trial. The Lord quietly took Greg home on April 29 after a long battle with colon cancer.

Please continue to pray for Rev. Reggie Kimbro as he serves in Geneva Reformed Seminary. He looks forward to taking part in the ordination service and installation of Andrew Fitton in Cloverdale, B.C., in June. Pray also for Rev. Derrick Bowman as he will lead the summer mission team to Maine and will also serve on the staff for the summer youth camp again this year.