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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

During the period after Mrs. June Hamilton's passing, the pulpit at Walnutport was supplied by several preachers: Rev. David DiCanio, missionary to Liberia; Mr. Chris Killen of Northern Ireland; and Rev. Stephen Hamilton's brother-in-law Rev. David Priestley of Northern Ireland. The funeral was very well attended and was a God-glorifying occasion. Numbers of unconverted heard clear gospel messages brought by Mr. Priestley at the church service and by Dr. Stephen Pollock at the graveside in South Carolina. Rev. John Wagner brought greetings and expressions of sympathy on behalf of the presbytery, Dr. Pollock led the church service, and Mr. DiCanio read the scripture. Mr. Hamilton brought a tribute to his late wife referencing her missionary service in Scotland where he first met her in 1978; her godly, humble, and quiet spirit; and her considerable gifts in teaching and music. He expressed gratitude for over 42 years of happy marriage to one who was a true helpmeet and faithful support in the ministry. The congregation has been deeply affected by the passing of the much-loved wife of its pastor. Her empty place at the piano is a constant reminder of one who is greatly missed. May God answer her faithful prayers for the work of God offered over many years.

ARDENS-SED-VIRE

Pray for Mr. Hamilton as he seeks to continue on in the work without his dearest friend and support in the ministry. The entire Hamilton family expresses its gratitude for the cards, letters, messages, and expressions of love and sympathy from so many. Most especially the prayers of God's people have been such a comfort to all the family in a sad and difficult time. Mr. Hamilton has returned to the pulpit and asks that folks keep the work before the throne of grace continually.

REV. ANTHONY D'ADDURNO Barrie Free Presbyterian

Barrie, Ontario

The church in Barrie continues to go forward trusting in the Lord. Rev. Anthony D'Addurno says some visitors have come to the services and have shown some interest in the work. One man, after visiting the church several times, has now brought in his teenage children. Pray that the Lord will save them as they come under the sound of the gospel. The church was blessed in August with the visit and ministry of Rev. Milos Solc from the Czech Republic.

Continue to pray for elderly folks in the church who are feeling their age. Pray for Frank D'Addurno and his family as they move to their place of ministry in Fredericton, New Brunswick. The senior D'Addurnos will be helping them move at the end of September.

REV. PHIL OWEN Berean Free Presbyterian

Boston, New York

Rev. Phil Owen thanks all who prayed for their annual free car wash and hot dog lunch that was held on August 26. About 25 vehicles stopped as well as many people who were walking by, and the gospel of Christ was given verbally and visually. Several said that they would visit the church.

Please pray for Mr. Owen as he begins his twentieth year of driving a school bus. He will have daily interaction with about fifty students, their families and teachers, as well as colleagues at the bus garage. Please pray for wisdom to include the gospel in his contacts throughout the year.

Community visitation is ongoing, including former patients of a physical therapist in the church, some of whom have attended the services. Do pray for the Lord's power to save. Unsaved family members have also visited. Pray for an awakening of all their lost and backslidden loved ones.

REV. IAN GOLIGHER
Interim Moderator
Calgary Free Presbyterian

Calgary, Alberta Rev. Gordon Ferguson, who is well known to the Calgary congregation due to his prior visits and ministry, is ministering the Lord's Word there in September. Please pray for the Lord's guidance to be granted to the members on September 19 as the congregation meets to elect deacons. Pray for Mr. Chris Barnes and Rev. John Wagner, who will minister to the congregation in October, for Rev. Derrick Bowman, who will be there for part of November, and for Rev. Ian Goligher as he visits in December. Pray for the Lord to provide His man to become pastor of the congregation in the near future.

REV. ANDREW FITTON Cloverdale Free Presbyterian

Cloverdale, B.C.

Rev. and Mrs. Andrew Fitton are thankful for the Lord's help as they settled into the Cloverdale area over the summer months. Mrs. Fitton wil be teaching first grade at a local Christian school.

The church conducted services at a local care home for many years. Pray for the Lord's blessing on this important monthly ministry that has just now been allowed to resume after the pandemic.

Continue to pray for the radio ministry in the greater Vancouver area. The Lord's Day morning worship service is broadcast on the following Sunday morning giving the local ministry a much wider audience. Rev. Ian Goligher continues to provide the weekday broadcasts.

The children's and adults' Sunday schools recommence in September. Please pray for the Lord's blessing to be upon every teacher and child and that the Lord would graciously increase the Sunday school. Pray also for one of the deacons, Verne Hanson, who has had health concerns in recent times. He is presently recovering from an infection and is awaiting several medical tests.

REV. LALO PEÑA Coram Deo FPC

Cordoba, Mexico

The Rev. Lalo Peña reports that since the constitution of the Coram Deo church in Córdoba in July, they have had some visitors who attended regularly for awhile but who have been absent the last two weeks. The church began holding Sunday evening meetings in August. Please pray for the Lord's blessing on the worship services.

Sister Mary Estevez is on an evangelistic and aid mission in Haiti, a country in a ruinous state. Pray that God will protect her and make her efforts prosper and return her safely to Córdoba.

Lalo Peña, Jr., will be on a trial month for a job in Mexico City with a brother in Christ. The job would open the possibility for him to move with his entire family and join the church under the care of Rev. Jason Boyle. It would, however, mean a significant decrease in the number of people attending the church in Córdoba. Lalo says, "May God do His good will."

REV. JOHN KELLY Northwoods FPC

Fort Kent, Maine

Rev. John Kelly says the summer was quite busy for them in Northern Maine. In June they had a month of gospel meetings in St. Francis. In July the mission team arrived to the great blessing and encouragement of the church. The team distributed literature to about a thousand homes in Fort Kent and had many good gospel conversations with people. It was very apparent, however, that Roman Catholicism continues to have a death grip on the community.

Mr. Kelly says they have now started bi-weekly cottage prayer meetings at which they are particularly praying for revival and awakening for the St. John Valley and the tearing down of the stronghold of Roman Catholicism. Please pray with them for fruit from the labors of the summer, for the destruction of Roman Catholicism, and for the advancement of God's glorious cause.

DR. LARRY SAUNDERS Interim Moderator Fredericton Free Presbyterian

Fredericton, New Brunswick

The Fredericton congregation is rejoicing that its patience is finally being rewarded. The church went many years without a pastor, but Rev. Frank D'Addurno, will take up the ministry later this month. He will be joined by his wife, Clarissa, and son, Franco. Pray that the D'Addurno family may quickly settle into their new home and that Mr. D'Addurno may be given zeal and power to see the work built up.

REV. ARMEN THOMASSIAN Faith Free Presbyterian

Greenville, South Carolina

The Greenville church was saddened with the recent homegoing of two of its older members, Mary Avila and Cam Chamberlin. Mary had been a shut-in for some years, but Cam had been faithfully attending all the services until quite recently. Her sweet, encouraging presence is sorely missed, but the church family rejoices that both ladies are safe with their Saviour.

The congregation greatly enjoyed the visit of Mr. Stephen Greer and his family from the end of July through August. Mr. Greer preached on Sunday evenings and at other times when Rev. Armen Thomassian and his family were on vacation. His ministry was a great blessing. The church prays for God's richest blessing on Mr. Greer as he finishes his training at the Whitefield College of the Bible and then seeks God's will for his future ministry.

The fall trimester of Geneva Reformed Seminary began on August 28. Pray for the men who are studying, some in person and others online. The Lord willing, two of them—Bobby Rowe and Ruben Ramirez—will finish their studies this year. Pray also for the Lord to raise up more men with the gifts and calling of God to serve in Free Presbyterian churches in North America.

The church will hold an election for deacons on September 20. Please pray for the Lord to direct and that the men elected will serve in the power of the Lord to the great blessing of the church.

REV. GEOFF BANISTER Indianapolis Free Presbyterian

Indianapolis, Indiana

The Indianapolis church is thankful for a number of visitors in recent days who travel great distances to be with the church family on Sundays. Two of these visitors also attend the prayer meetings through Zoom.

In August, the Banisters moved out of the house owned by the church into a house that was purchased by their son, James, as an investment. The move sets the stage for Rev. Geoff Banister's eventual retirement and opens the way to put the church house to other uses, especially as a guest house for visiting preachers. The Banisters' new address is 5333 Twin Bridge Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46239.

Pastor Banister turned seventy on September 3. He thanks the Lord for His grace in extending his years this long and is grateful for generally good health with only a few signs of old age.

The church family is thankful for the work of Spectrum Landscapers on the church property. Improvements were made to the property in follow-up to the work of the mission team a year ago.

DR. STEPHEN POLLOCK FPC of Malvern

Malvern, Pennsylvania

Dr. Stephen Pollock begins his report with a note of praise as September started with the joyful occasion of a baptismal service when four young men were baptized upon profession of faith in Christ. September also sees the recommencement of some of the additional ministries of the FPC of Malvern: the ladies' and youth fellowships as well as the online book club, Puritan Pages. Please pray for these times, that all who attend will grow in grace and enjoy blessed times of Christian fellowship.

Dr. Pollock would also be grateful for prayer for the regular pulpit ministry. He is commencing three new series: the doctrine of God in Sunday school, the life of Elijah in the morning service, and Romans 9–16 in the evenings.

REV. LOGAN ELDER Orlando Free Presbyterian

Orlando, Florida

Rev. Logan Elder requests prayer for a new outreach that, Lord willing, the Orlando church will be starting soon: a weekly children's outreach at the church similar to the Moms and Tots outreach done by some sister churches in Northern Ireland. Pray that the Lord will give wisdom to know how to rightly execute this and that His blessing will cause it to be fruitful.

Please continue to pray for June Brooks, who is still in a rehabilitation facility after falling two months ago and injuring her shoulder. Please ask the Lord to help her recover from this fall so that she may be back among the Lord's people. She greatly desires this and will appreciate your prayers.

Lastly, please pray as always for the Lord's blessing upon all their witnessing efforts week by week. Mr. Elder says, "We need to see the Lord bring people in and save them."

REV. JOHN WAGNER Interim Moderator Phoenix Free Presbyterian

Peoria, Arizona

Attendance at Phoenix FPC has been low in recent weeks with a number of its members on vacation. They did, however, have one man visit a couple of times from the neighborhood where the church is located.

Except for the first Sunday in July when Rev. David Mook preached, the congregation has been watching videos for its services (since the Phoenix church is in a different time zone from the other FP churches, it is not able to utilize live-streamed services). Rev. Craig Vosekalns preached on September 3. Throughout September and October, they will have a live preacher every other Sunday. Rev. John Wagner, the church's interim moderator, will visit in December.

Please pray earnestly that the Lord will raise up a man to take on this work. Humanly speaking, the prospects are very challenging, but there is nothing too hard for the Lord.

REV. REGGIE CRANSTON Port Hope Free Presbyterian

Port Hope, Ontario

Rev. Reggie Cranston reports that he and his congregation have been encouraged lately with summer visitors attending the services. He says it is good to see more chairs occupied with worshippers.

Mr. Cranston requests prayer for an upcoming week of meetings in October to mark the thirtieth anniversary of the church. The guest preacher will be Rev. Gordon Ferguson from Northern Ireland. Pray that the Lord by His Spirit will bring in people to the meetings from around the town of Port Hope.

Also, please pray with the congregation that God would be pleased to send a breath of revival with an outpouring of the Holy Spirit in Port Hope and the surrounding areas.

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

Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Rev. Ramón Sosa says the church in Los Frailes is maintained by the mercies of God. They continue to have good attendance at the Sunday services and Sunday school, but are praying for an increase on Wednesdays. On August 20 they began holding evening services on the first and third Sundays of each month.

Mr. Sosa will begin Bible studies for those interested in formalizing their membership in the church. He is also sharing the booklet *A New Beginning* with friends and neighbors. A new family has started visiting the church after they heard about the work through the internet. Please pray for them because they live far away from the church.

On September 5, Mr. Sosa participated in the inauguration of a monthly meeting for pastors and other church leaders from the province of Santo Domingo and the Dominican capital. He has been invited to facilitate the meetings for the next ten months. Pray that this fellowship will be used of God to strengthen the gospel ministry in that land.

Finally, please pray for awakening and revival in the church and that the Lord will keep Mr. Sosa in good health and provide the financial resources for the support of his family and the church.

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

Toronto, Ontario

The summer was a blessed time for the Toronto church. The youth conference was a success with about fifty young people from the Czech Republic, Mexico, Canada, and the United States. The church people also had a blessed time with the Solc family from the Czech Republic.

Now it is time to move on to the work of the fall program. Sunday school and the Bible classes are resuming. The Whitefield Christian Schools began a new year on September 5 with 275 students. They are also looking forward to the coming of Rev. Gordon Ferguson who is currently visiting other Canadian churches. Much work lies ahead. Please be much in prayer for the Lord's blessing upon it.

Dr. Frank McClelland spent seventeen days in the hospital culminating in the insertion of a heart pacemaker. He is making good progress and is very thankful for the many prayers and good wishes on his behalf.

REV. MYRON MOONEY Trinity Free Presbyterian

Trinity, Alabama

Rev. Myron Mooney enjoyed being in Mexico for the constitution of Rev. Lalo Peña's church and his ordination and installation. Three church young people and two of their friends along with three staff were blessed to attend the youth camp in Pennsylvania. Some of these young people shared that their time at youth camp was life changing. August brought the annual For God and Truth Conference where the many attendees were challenged to faithfully serve Christ and the needy souls around them. The following week Joy Black and Andy Huynh (who had gone to Ukraine) were married in a lovely service at the church. The Labor Day weekend brought the annual reenactment outreach where the gospel was powerfully preached at the well-attended Sunday morning worship service. Finally, on Labor Day evening, Pastor Mooney, who turns seventy on September 9, was celebrated at a surprise party. Please pray that every opportunity to build relationships with people will be used by God to draw them closer to Himself.

Please pray for Simmy Frank, who is scheduled for a sleep study later this month. He will then have a checkup with his surgeon in Texas in October. Also, pray for Mrs. Barbara Ward, who continues to rally although doctors said seven months ago that she had only two weeks to live. Deborah Yarbrough continues to slowly gain strength and is grateful for your ongoing prayers for her.

REV. REGGIE KIMBRO REV. DERRICK BOWMAN Associate Minister Grace Free Presbyterian

Winston-Salem, North Carolina

The Winston-Salem church is grateful for the Lord's help in a ministry-filled summer. It was a great blessing for Rev. Reggie Kimbro to take part in the ordination services for both Andrew Fitton in Cloverdale and Lalo Peña in Cordoba. It was encouraging to see the Lord's work in both places. Rev. Derrick Bowman was kept quite busy with his many responsibilities in both the church camp in Pennsylvania and the summer mission team in Maine. Please pray for continued fruit for all of those labors.

The church looks forward to hosting the Fall Ministers' Week of Prayer October 2–6. The church will take the opportunity to celebrate its 35th anniversary during the week as well. A special banquet is scheduled to mark the occasion.

Regular Sunday school classes will resume on September 10. Mr. Kimbro resumed his work in Geneva Reformed Seminary at the end of August. Please pray for all the men who will be teaching in the seminary this year. Rev. Geoff Banister, Rev. Reggie Kimbro, and Mr. Steve Ludwig are teaching classes this trimester.