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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

The Free Presbyterian church in Barrie enters the new year trusting in the Lord. Rev. Anthony D'Addurno says its motto text for 2024 is Hebrews 13:6: "So that we may boldly say the Lord is my helper."

Please continue to pray for hurting folks in the church. Some are feeling their age and have some serious issues. They need God's help and comfort. Please also continue to pray for new families. They thank the Lord for the ones that have come in this past year, but new folks are still needed. Pray also for those that attend the church services but are unsaved. Pray that God would speak to them and save them this year along with other unsaved loved ones.

REV. PHIL OWEN
Berean Free Presbyterian

Boston, New York

The Boston, New York, church was able to continue its annual caroling in December. Residents of a senior apartment complex seemed appreciative.

The flock is thankful for a few new believers who are attending. Please pray for a couple of unsaved souls who have been coming regularly.

The congregation was pleasantly surprised by a docile December which was helpful for driving; however, visiting grandchildren were saddened not to be able to play in the snow!

REV. IAN GOLIGHER Interim Moderator Calgary Free Presbyterian

Calgary, Alberta

As you know, 2023 was a year of great change for the Calgary congregation. The pulpit became vacant in April. New deacons were elected in September, and each month different visiting preachers filled the pulpit. During that time, the weekly attendance was smaller but steady with some repeat visitors.

The congregation is thankful for the ministry of Mr. Chris Barnes for a number Sundays in December, January, and March. Rev. Andrew Fitton was able to minister on December 31.

With the New Year comes the growing challenge to pray for a new minister to care for the flock. Pray for direction in how to give ministers some exposure to the congregation and the witness of the church in Calgary. Pray for the Lord to lay a definite burden upon that man whom He would call to this ministry. Pray the people will have patience and unity recognizing God's leading. In the meantime, pray that each week the gospel will be preached in both church and on radio, that sinners will hear the gospel call and be converted, and that God's people will be built up in the faith.

REV. LALO PEÑA Coram Deo Free Presbyterian

Cordoba, Mexico

Rev. Lalo Peña reports that the congregation in Cordoba maintains relatively consistent attendance, with occasional absences. Please continue to pray for the blessing and presence of the Lord upon the worship services on Sundays, especially as they begin evening services each week beginning January 7, 2024. He says, "May God grant zeal for the Word of God in the brothers."

They are preparing to begin the remodeling of their facilities in mid-January and will continue from month to month to the extent that the funds raised for this purpose reach them. The improvements will especially help to make the elderly people who attend the worship services more comfortable now that it is so cold.

In February, Mr. Peña will begin expository preaching from the book of Romans on Sundays and from Philippians during weekday services.

The Peñas thank God that Pamela and Abdiel are expecting another baby in August in answer to prayer. Please pray that all will go well.

Please continue to pray to God for new men and families, as well as for the financial situation of the families in the church.

REV. JOHN KELLY Northwoods Free Presbyterian

Fort Kent, Maine

Rev. John Kelly says they are anticipating great things this year from God in the work in Maine. The Lord has been good by bringing visitors to the gospel meetings in St. Francis every Lord's Day evening. On the first Lord's Day in January a new gentleman visited the church.

On New Year's Eve Mr. Kelly focused on Isaiah 54:1–3 and encouraged the congregation to heed the words of that great missionary William Carey: "Expect great things from God. Attempt great things for God." Please pray that they would see the mighty transforming power of God sweep through the St. John Valley and that God would "increase them with men like a flock, as the holy flock" (Ezekiel 36:37–38).

REV. ARMEN THOMASSIAN Faith Free Presbyterian

Greenville, South Carolina

The Greenville church enjoyed several activities over the holidays that were occasions for sweet fellowship and outreach. Pray that those witnessed to at the mall, in the neighborhood where the Bible club is held, at the boys' home, and at family gatherings will be moved to seek Christ.

On the last Sunday of 2023, the church held a day of prayer, a fitting way to end the old year and bring in the new. On the first Sunday in January Rev. Armen Thomassian preached on 1 Corinthians 15:58, the church's motto verse for 2024: "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

The church will have its annual family conference March 9–10. Scott Aniol will address the subject of family worship.

REV. SANGHOON HAN Korean Free Presbyterian

Greenville, South Carolina

Rev. Sanghoon Han requests prayer that the grace of the filling of the Holy Spirit will come abundantly to the Korean church and its members in the new year (Acts 4:31). Please pray that members will be able to participate more actively in Bible reading and prayer meetings in the new year.

Please also pray for the sick in the church. Brother Chung-ryeol Choi is currently hospitalized after undergoing surgery for liver and stomach problems. Please pray for him to recover well.

REV. GEOFF BANISTER Indianapolis Free Presbyterian

Indianapolis, Indiana

The Indianapolis church family rejoices with Kevin and Amanda Laureano who welcomed their first child, Kaylee, on December 6. The Laureanos have recently begun attending the church.

Luke, Rachelle, and Alycia Nymann hosted a fellowship for young adults in their home in December. Among those that were able to attend was Bobby Rowe, who was up from Greenville, and John Fitzsimons from Winston-Salem. John was born in Indianapolis when his dad, Rev. Paul Fitzsimons, was the pastor there. It was John's first trip back since he was very young.

The church was blessed to have Bobby Rowe preach at the Sunday morning service recently. His message was well received by all.

Please pray for the health of the church family in Indianapolis. There has been a great deal of sickness going around.

DR. STEPHEN POLLOCK FPC of Malvern

Malvern, Pennsylvania

On the last Lord's Day of 2023 Dr. Stephen Pollock preached on two separate motto texts that reflect his burden for the Malvern church this year. He would be glad if people could join in praying with him. The first text is Philippians 4:5: "Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand." It reflects our calling to act in a Christlike fashion in the world. The other text is John 12:21: "We would see Jesus." Dr. Pollock says, "This indicates the burden that our corporate worship services lead us to Christ."

Please pray for the recommencement of the youth fellowship gatherings in Malvern. For various reasons these have been intermittent, but they hope to start meeting more regularly in the coming months.

REV. JASON BOYLE Iglesia Cristiana El Redentor

Iglesia Cristiana El Redentor (Redeemer Christian Church)

Mexico City, Mexico

Rev. Jason Boyle says his main prayer request for the work in Mexico City is for God's blessing and guiding in their elder election which will be on February 4. Also, please pray for the Lord's blessing during the Latin American Ministers' Week of Prayer the last week of January. It is to be held in Tehuacán where Jair Águilar pastors.

Pray for God's guiding hand in pursuing and assessing interest in the Free Presbyterian denomination from men in Guatemala and Peru. Mr. Boyle will likely visit Guatemala in the spring.

Finally, please pray for wisdom regarding dealing with problems at their present meeting place. They have been having trouble with the power going out, which affects live transmission of the services and also the Sunday school classes.

REV. LOGAN ELDER Orlando Free Presbyterian

Orlando, Florida

Rev. Logan Elder reports that some significant events are coming up at Orlando FPC for which they would appreciate prayers. On January 20–21 they will be celebrating the 35th anniversary of the congregation's being established. Rev. John Wagner will be preaching on that Lord's Day for the special occasion.

On February 9 the church will hold a special meeting honoring Mr. Ken Walters for his many years of service as an elder in the church. Dr. Stephen Pollock will be the special speaker on that occasion as Mr. Walters becomes elder emeritus. Mr. Elder says, "This is a great loss and in many ways a sad occasion for the entire congregation, but we are grateful for the many years that the Lord has enabled our brother to serve Him in this way. Please pray for the Lord to raise up more men to faithfully serve as office bearers in all of our FPC congregations."

This year the Orlando church plans to make use of social media a lot more as a tool to get exposure for the congregation. Please pray for the Lord to bless that effort to His glory. A lot of building improvement projects are coming this year as well. Please pray that the Lord will give wisdom as they seek to take care and make use of the property that He has given.

REV. JOHN WAGNER Interim Moderator Phoenix Free Presbyterian

Peoria, Arizona

Elder Herb Tschappler reports that the work in Phoenix is doing well as they meet week by week. Rev. Dave Mook and Rev. Craig Vosekalns have been filling the pulpit as they were able in recent months. The visit of James and Diana Fraser was a real blessing as he filled the pulpit for three Sundays in November. In December Rev. John Wagner visited again for two Sundays. On December 3 while Mr. Wagner was there, the church had the joy of receiving one of its young people into church membership. This was the second time in 2023 that they received someone into membership. Mr. Tschappler says, "Truly the good hand of our God is upon us and we praise Him for it. We do pray for the continuing and growing burden for the Lord to provide a man to fill the pulpit."

REV. REGGIE CRANSTON Port Hope Free Presbyterian

Port Hope, Ontario

Please remember Rev. Reggie Cranston in your prayers as he recently retired from Port Hope. Pray also for the interim session and congregation as they seek God for the future of the work. Student minister Mr. Daniel Sima'an has been preaching in the evening services, and Mr. Andre Lyons, a member of Toronto FPC, has been helping in the morning services.

REV. ANDREW SIMPSON Heritage Free Presbyterian

Prince George, British Columbia

For the Prince George congregation, 2023 was a year of rich blessings. Six new babies were born, three of them within the last two weeks of the year. In November, the church rejoiced at the baptism of four adults. There was sadness when a family who were members moved away to the United States, but the church is praying for the conversion of the lost and for more families to join the congregation.

Rev. Andrew Simpson is beginning membership classes at the end of January. Please pray that many hearts will be stirred to take up membership within the church.

The Williams Lake mission church continues meeting every Sunday evening, and it was an encouragement to see several visitors at the Christmas Eve service. Please pray that in 2024 God will stir a man's heart to minister to the congregation fulltime.

Mr. Simpson says, "Continue to pray for revival and reformation in this part of the Lord's work. Revival is not sent when the church is strong but when she is weak. May the Lord make us strong in the midst of our weakness."

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

Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

The church in Santo Domingo enjoyed a church fellowship meal after the morning service on December 17. Over the Christmas holidays some of the church people travelled to the interior of the country to visit relatives. Pray for the Lord's blessings on opportunities they had to witness of Christ. The preschool and daycare were closed over the holidays to give the employees a rest. Rev. Ramón Sosa used the month also to start a devotional that he has been sharing through social media.

As 2024 begins, please pray 1) for wisdom for Mr. Sosa to be able to correctly teach the Word of God both in the church and in his contacts with other leaders; 2) for wisdom to be able to implement a pastoral program of visits and evangelization of the community; 3) for wisdom to know how to preach the message of the gospel through social media; 4) for spiritual, physical, and emotional health of the brothers and visitors of the church; and 5) for the Lord to provide the church with faithful men who are able to teach others (2 Timothy 2:2).

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

Toronto, Ontario

Dr. Larry Saunders says the month of December in the Toronto church was full with the White-field Christian School Christmas concert and many activities and meetings in church and school. After the morning service on December 24 they had an international lunch at the church when folks brought their culture cuisine. That was followed by an afternoon praise service. The evening service on December 31 was followed by a time of fellowship, testimonies, and a time around the Word to bring in the new year.

The church is looking forward to its congregational week of prayer January 22–26. These have always been special times of fellowship and spiritual growth as they seek the Lord for His blessing on the new year. They are praying for the Lord to deepen the work of grace in all their hearts and to use them for the extension of His kingdom.

REV. MYRON MOONEY Trinity Free Presbyterian

Trinity, Alabama

The Trinity FPC congregation praises the Lord for the safe arrival of Elisha Joel Mooney, born to Luke and Hannah Mooney on Tuesday, December 19, 2023. Caleb, Silas, and Jed are happy to welcome a little brother! Hannah and Elisha are doing well.

Rev. Myron Mooney was thankful for the opportunity to preach at the Orlando FPC on December 9 while the Elders were on vacation. Bro. Paul Abbott preached in Trinity that Sunday.

Mrs. Barbara Ward, who had been on hospice care during 2023, passed at the beginning of December. Please pray for Bro. William Ward and his family to know God's comfort.

The church family caroled around the Trinity area twice in December to widows and the sick. On Christmas Eve, the Sunday school children presented a lovely program about the carol "Once in Royal David's City." Please pray for the elderly and some special needs among others.

The church verse for 2024 is "Let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus" (Hebrews 12:1–2).

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

Winston-Salem, North Carolina

The people in Winston-Salem thank the Lord for several visitors over the past few months. Pray that some will be led of the Lord to join with the work. They also thank the Lord for the arrival of the Cummings family from the Malvern church. The Cummings recently relocated to North Carolina, and it has been a blessing to have them added to the church family in Winston-Salem.

The congregation has been enjoying studying Romans in the morning services and the Minor Prophets in the evening services over the past several months and will continue to pursue these studies into the New Year. Pray for the Lord to continue to bless the regular use of the means of grace. Rev. Reggie Kimbro is also thankful that the mid-week and pre-service prayer meetings of the church are being well attended and there is a good spirit of prayer.

Mr. Kimbro thanks the Lord for the opportunity to teach and oversee the work of Geneva Reformed Seminary. Please pray for the five students currently enrolled that the Lord will greatly prosper their studies. He says, "We are grateful for the opportunities that the Zoom format offers GRS. Not only are we able to include students in both Mexico and Canada, but this also allows ministers to teach without having to spend prolonged periods of time in Greenville."

Pray for Rev. Derrick Bowman as he supplies the pulpit in Phoenix for two Lord's Days in February. He is also planning a trip to Jamaica in February as a scouting mission for the upcoming mission team trip later this summer.

The church thanks the Lord for answered prayer and for a real sense of His presence during some recent times of real physical need within the congregation.