

PRAYER BULLETIN

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



REV. STEPHEN HAMILTON
Lehigh Valley Free Presbyterian

Allentown, Pennsylvania

The Lehigh Valley congregation recently rejoiced in the baptism of four of their young people upon profession of their faith in Christ. It was a time of rejoicing and thankfulness for the grace of God manifested in several young lives in the congregation.

Several regular attenders have expressed a desire to become members of the church. It is hoped to formally receive them into the fellowship of the congregation soon. Pray on for God to raise up office bearers to serve the congregation.

The first anniversary of the church's move into its building at Walnutport was marked by a special service in October. The preacher was Rev. John Greer from Ballymena FPC, who was used of the Lord in the commencement of the work in the Lehigh Valley in the early part of 1998 while he was pastor of the Malvern church. Rev. Stephen Hamilton says it was good to have a number of visitors at the anniversary service, including some from the Malvern congregation. Mr. Greer preached an encouraging word on the necessity of the work of the Spirit of God in the life of the church.

REV. PHIL OWEN
Berean Free Presbyterian

Boston, New York

Rev. Phil Owen requests prayer for the conversion of souls that have visited the church lately and for others reached in the community and at nursing homes.

The church's annual Christmas caroling outreaches will be held in December in places where lonely and depressed people appreciate the singing and who need the gospel of God's incarnation.

Please pray for several in the church who need the Lord's guidance in the search for good jobs. A few couples known to the congregation would appreciate prayer for the Lord to provide children naturally or by adoption. Finally, urgent prayer is requested for the salvation of unsaved relatives of various church members.

REV. ARMEN THOMASSIAN
Calgary Free Presbyterian

Calgary, Alberta

Rev. Armen Thomassian requests prayer for wisdom and favor as he ministers to an increasingly eclectic group of young people coming into the Calgary church, many with charismatic backgrounds, post-modern thinking, and some young married couples with tremendous needs. There is also a need to develop the spiritual maturity of young men in the church. Pray that the Lord will increase their hunger to learn.

The church had a baptismal service at the beginning of the year, but recently there have been a couple of requests from young people about baptism, so they hope perhaps in the new year to have another baptismal service, if not sooner.

REV. IAN GOLIGHER
Cloverdale Free Presbyterian

Cloverdale, British Columbia

Rev. Ian Goligher says the fall season has arrived in Cloverdale and so has the fall program of church ministry. The highlight is a Bible conference November 4-6 with Rev. Colin Mercer as the preacher. The theme for the conference is "Revival, Preaching, and Prayer." Please pray that the Lord will grant His favor upon this special time of ministry and upon the efforts being made to invite people along.

The congregation is encouraged by the regular attendance of a few new families and some individuals. The regular ministry is presently focused on prayer and evangelistic preaching. Thankfully, some unconverted people have come along and heard the gospel, and the congregation is praying for their conversion. Sadly, Jack and Florence Evans, a senior couple who have been prayer warriors and a great encouragement in the congregation for many years, have announced they will soon be moving to the city of Kelowna, which is about a four-hour drive away. They are moving into a retirement home in that area to be near family. Prayer for the whole life of the congregation in Cloverdale is requested, especially for more young families to attend.

REV. COLIN MERCER
DR. ALAN CAIRNS, emeritus
Faith Free Presbyterian

**Greenville,
South Carolina**

In recent weeks, Rev. Colin Mercer has been preaching through the book of Esther. The predominant theme of the overruling providence of God has been an encouragement for many in the congregation. The timing of the messages confirms the theme of them, namely that God is in control of all things and that our times are in His hands.

The congregation at Faith FPC has experienced a number of changes recently with some members moving to other denominations and thus leaving vacancies in the deacon board. This has been a sad development though the Lord continues to sustain and bless the work. Pastor Mercer says, “God oftentimes moves in mysterious ways—mysterious to us but not to Him. He is sovereign and like Christ we must pray, ‘not my will but thine be done.’”

The church celebrated Reformation Month with its annual conference October 28–30. The special speakers were Dr. Ron Cooke of Breckbill Bible College and Rev. John Greer, minister of Ballymena Free Presbyterian Church in Northern Ireland.

In November members of the career group have another opportunity to minister in a boys’ home in Fountain Inn. These opportunities have proved profitable in the past and the group covets prayer for this ongoing opportunity. A special service to mark Veteran’s Day will also be held in early November. December sees the church’s annual outreach at Haywood Mall prior to the annual Lessons and Carols service on December 18. The church is also thankful for an opportunity to purchase a large amount of Christian literature to use as an outreach tool in the run-up to Christmas. Please pray with them that the Lord will richly bless the sowing of the seed.

REV. GEOFF BANISTER
Indianapolis Free Presbyterian

**Indianapolis,
Indiana**

Indianapolis FPC had the privilege of hosting the Ministers’ Week of Prayer October 3–7. A special mission’s meeting was held at the church on Wednesday evening of the week. Jason Boyle reported on the work in Mexico City and Milos Solc reported on his work in the Czech Republic. The church also heard from Ramon Sosa from the Dominican Republic, who had applied to come under care of presbytery. Since Ramon doesn’t speak English, Jason Boyle translated for him. A few folks from the church that speak some Spanish were able to speak to Ramon afterwards. There had been some concern about Ramon being able to make it to and from the Dominican Republic because of Hurricane Matthew, but he made it safely both ways.

On Friday evening, October 28, Zachary Hardebeck and Amanda Nymann were married. The wedding was held at the First Christian Church of Noblesville since more people were expected than what Indianapolis FPC could hold. Amanda (age 24) has been in the church in Indianapolis for more than fifteen years. The Hardebeck family have been more recent attendees who began coming to the church after the last Reforming Families Conference. The joyful occasion became bittersweet when Zachary’s mother, Michelle Hardebeck, learned only days before that her 22-year-old cousin had passed away in his sleep for reasons yet to be determined. The Hardebeck family could use the prayers of God’s people at this time.

Please pray for Sara Elliott as she recovers slowly from a skin rash that has been so bad that she hasn’t been able to sleep at night.

The Banisters would appreciate prayer for Sandy’s mother, Elaine Castor. Elaine suffers from nerve pain in her face. She has had to take strong medications for this infirmity which have brought her sodium level down to dangerous levels, making it necessary for her to be hospitalized. Sandy is in standby mode for going to La Crosse, Wisconsin, to help tend to her mother. Sandy already spent an extended period there earlier in the year. Remember especially Elaine’s spiritual condition. She’s been a Roman Catholic all her life.

FPC of Malvern
**Malvern,
Pennsylvania**

The members of the Malvern congregation met on September 16, 2016, to issue a call to a minister. The congregational meeting resulted in a very strong call being issued to Dr. Stephen Pollock, who presently ministers at Ballymagerny Free Presbyterian Church in County Armagh, Northern Ireland. Mr. Pollock formally received the call at a regular meeting of the Presbytery of Ulster in October and accepted it. The Malvern folks rejoice in a clear and timely answer to prayer as the Lord has directed them in their search for a pastor after Dr. Allison’s move to Geneva Reformed Seminary. Believing it to be the will of God that he come to minister in the Malvern congregation, Mr. Pollock must now undergo the immigration process and move in due time with his family to the United States. Pray that grace might be given for each step in the process and that the move may be made in God’s time.

In the meantime, pray for the congregations in both Ballymagerny and Malvern. Pray that God will raise up a man of His choosing to fill the vacancy in Ballymagerny and that the Malvern congregation will know the Lord's help as they wait for their new minister and family to come. Various men are filling the Malvern pulpit from week to week. Mr. Noel Shields from Northern Ireland, who has filled various pulpits in recent years and served under the Ulster Mission Board in several missionary endeavors, will be supplying the Malvern pulpit during the months of December and January. Mr. Paul Trimble has ministered at many of the weekly church prayer meetings in recent months, and, along with his wife, Christina, has helped with the monthly children's Bible club.

REV. DAVE MOOK
Phoenix Free Presbyterian

Phoenix, Arizona

This year's Reformation Month series in the Phoenix church included video messages by Dr. Edward Panosian and Dr. John McKnight on the occasions when Rev. Dave Mook was out of town. The series marked the launch of the church's commemoration of the 500th anniversary year for the Reformation. Throughout the month, Mr. Mook brought messages on three dominant Reformation themes—the Bible, the cross, and the gospel.

The congregation is looking forward to various events that will occur through the remainder of the year. The church's annual picnic will take place on November 5, and the annual Thanksgiving service will be during the evening worship service on November 20. During December the church will host its annual Christmas singspiration and fellowship after the evening service on December 18 and the annual Lessons and Carols service during the evening service on December 25. The church asks special prayer for the Lord's blessing on these upcoming events.

Mr. Mook attended the Week of Prayer in Indianapolis October 3–7. A week after returning home, he traveled to Maine to attend the 75th anniversary convention of the American Council of Christian Churches. During the convention, Dr. John McKnight, the council's longtime president, retired from that office, and the delegates voted to adopt the Nominating Committee's recommendation that Mr. Mook should be his successor. In a very emotional keynote service on the convention's opening night, the outgoing president of the council bestowed on Dr. and Mrs. Ed Panosian the council's Contenders' Award to recognize and honor their lifetime of service to the cause of Christ. Dr. Panosian was the featured speaker of the convention and Mrs. Panosian joined the proceedings by a live video link.

The members of the Phoenix congregation desire that their brothers and sisters across the denomination would pray earnestly for the Lord's definite intervention in the work in the closing days of 2016 and throughout 2017, the year that will mark the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation.

REV. REGGIE CRANSTON
Port Hope Free Presbyterian

Port Hope, Ontario

Rev. Reggie Cranston reports that the 23rd anniversary services with Rev. John Greer were a great blessing to all in attendance. Mr. Greer's theme for the week was "Contending for the Faith." Please pray that the Word preached will live long in the hearts of those who heard it.

Please remember in prayer Mrs. Benschop, whose husband, Len, a member of the congregation, went home to be with the Lord after a long illness. Mr. Cranston preached the funeral service and the church was filled to overflowing. Please pray, not only for the Benschop family, but for the many unsaved who attended the service, that the Word preached will not only bring comfort to the sorrowing but salvation to lost souls.

Heritage Free Presbyterian

Prince George, British Columbia

Snow has already hit the ground in the Prince George area. Pray for the people in the church to know the Lord's presence and spiritual help in their weekly meetings over the long winter season. The Sunday meetings continue at 10:30 a.m., when they join the Cloverdale church by webcast. After lunch together in the church they hold a 2 p.m. service, when the people listen to an archived sermon on Sermonaudio.

A lady named Ruth, who lives near the church, has been attending the services for a number of months and particularly enjoys singing the traditional hymns. The ladies regularly meet for prayer on Tuesdays. Readers should give thanks to the Lord for the faithful labors of the deacons, Mr. Daryl Wilkins and Mr. John Hallam. After seeing the completion of the renovations to the church building required by damage from a heavy snowfall, they are undertaking to erect some security barriers around the church's parking lot.

DR. LARRY SAUNDERS
REV. LEE STERRITT
DR. FRANK McCLELLAND, emeritus
Toronto Free Presbyterian

Toronto, Ontario

The Toronto church had a blessed time during the fortieth-anniversary celebrations in mid-September. The people enjoyed the preaching of Dr. John McKnight and the Revs. Ian Goligher and Thomas Martin. At the Monday meeting, with a missionary emphasis, Milos Solc brought a report of the work in the Czech Republic, followed by a powerful message by John McKnight. Presentations were made during the weekend to Dr. and Mrs. Frank McClelland, Dr. and Mrs. Larry Saunders, and Mr. George Robinson to mark their faithful service to the church during the forty years of its existence. A plaque was also presented to Rev. Lee Sterritt for his work as principal of the Whitefield Christian Schools, as well as flowers for Mrs. Nicola Sterritt. It was a happy and uplifting time.

All systems are go as the fall and winter programs are now under way. One great encouragement is the growth of the Friday night Good News Club. This ministry is for children mostly from outside the church family and has grown so much that it is now averaging about fifty each week. The work is led by Mrs. Esther Moorehead and her team of enthusiastic workers. Do pray that the children may come to the Lord and also be a means of reaching their unsaved parents.

Major building work is being done as modifications are made to the front of the church. A covered entrance is being erected to allow cars to drop people off at the door while shielded from adverse weather conditions. Mr. John Fraser is coordinating the work with the contractors.

REV. MYRON MOONEY
Trinity Free Presbyterian

Trinity, Alabama

The congregation at Trinity FPC continues to thank the Lord for His mercies to them. Attendance continues to be good with visitors coming often. The desire for earnest prayer seems to be more urgently felt during these days as well. Rev. Myron Mooney is grateful for the hospitality he enjoyed in Indianapolis during the Week of Prayer in October.

Recently, the church manned a table at the Morgan County Fair, where they passed out information and tracts regarding creation. Many people showed an interest in the slide show that was presented as well as in the literature.

The annual Reformation dinner on October 30 featured foods from Germany. Mr. Mooney's messages on the forgotten principles of the Reformation formed the content for their annual Reformation quiz. Jacob Frank and Joseph Bearden tied for first place and both chose books out of the church bookstore for their prizes.

Please continue to pray for one of the older ladies who has been in and out of the hospital because of her heart condition. The children in the Sunday school are excited to be collecting coloring books, crayons, socks, and other items to send to needy children in Mexico. The Bible study in the prison continues. Please pray that the congregation will be a gospel light shining on the top of the mountain in these days.

Victoria Free Presbyterian
**Victoria,
British Columbia**

Rev. Julian Patterson, minister elect to Londonderry FPC in Northern Ireland, is ministering in the Victoria congregation for five weeks ending November 13. He and his wife, Leah, have been a great blessing to the people as they adjust to life without their own pastor. The ladies in Sidney, which is a twenty minutes' drive north of the city of Victoria, meet for prayer each Tuesday, and the mid-week prayer meetings continue in the home of Rich and Mary Ann Mallet. Please pray for a pianist to attend to provide accompaniment and pray for more helpers for the ushers who set up for the services in the hall, which is rented. At present there is no Sunday school and prayer is requested for young families to attend. The pressing need is for the Lord to burden that man of His choosing to minister to the congregation. Please pray earnestly for that miracle to happen.