

# PRAYER BULLETIN

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



REV. STEPHEN HAMILTON  
Lehigh Valley Free Presbyterian

## **Allentown, Pennsylvania**

Please continue to pray for a further increase in the work in Lehigh Valley. Rev. Stephen Hamilton says they are thankful for the occasional visitors who come along. A local couple came in one Lord's Day who stated that they were looking for a church. Since he was raised "Catholic" and his wife "Pentecostal" they were hoping to find a church that might be a good blend of both! Mr. Hamilton says, "I suspect they were not successful in finding such a church that morning! However, they heard the gospel that day, and we pray that it will bear fruit."

Pray that others will come in from the district, even out of curiosity, and hear the words of life. One particular recent blessing was the presence in a morning service of Bill, a friend of Mr. Hamilton's from the soccer league. He came with his daughter particularly to thank Mr. Hamilton and the congregation for their prayers over the last few months. Please pray for Bill, who is being treated for cancer, that he will know God's blessing physically and spiritually. Mr. Hamilton gave him a Bible earlier this year and has encouraged the congregation to pray for him and a number of other soccer players with whom Mr. Hamilton has had good conversations.

There have been several bereavements in the congregation within a short period of time. Two of the folk lost their fathers and one a stepfather. Pray for the Lord's comfort for these families. In one case Mr. Hamilton had visited the father of a church member on several occasions and had very encouraging spiritual conversations. They believe the man died in the hope of the gospel, since he gave clear testimony on his deathbed. Please pray for the blessing of God upon the Word that was preached at the funeral. Several unsaved who were present commented on the message to family members later that day.

The church family is thankful for the arrival of baby Ezekiel Fritz on July 14. His parents are members of the church. He will be well looked after, no doubt, by his 15-month-old sister, Keliiah.

For the first time in some years the church had several young people go to the FPC youth camp. Five of the youth attended for the first time. The church was praying that the week would be a highlight in their spiritual experience.

Finally, the church hopes to install an air-conditioning system very soon. The window units that have been employed up until now are quite inadequate in the dog days of summer.

REV. PHIL OWEN  
Berean Free Presbyterian

## **Boston, New York**

Rev. Phil Owen requests prayer for his son-in-law Brett Moody, who is deployed overseas. Brett is having numerous opportunities to preach and conduct Bible studies. Pray that he would see soldiers saved. Brett and Alyssa would also appreciate prayer that the Lord would grant the desire of their hearts to adopt a child.

The Boston, New York, church will be holding its third annual free car wash and lunch on the last Saturday in August. Pray that the Lord will use it to bring new people into the church. Two present attendees at the services first learned of the ministry through this outreach.

The congregation is eager to host a native Burmese Bible Presbyterian missionary named Kima, who oversees mission churches and an orphanage in Myanmar. He has been persecuted for his faith and would covet the prayers of fellow believers.

The church family is also looking forward in late summer to hosting FPCNA missionary Marcus Reyes (Mexico) and Gospel Fellowship Association missionary David Utter (Marshall Isles).

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REV. ARMEN THOMASSIAN  
Calgary Free Presbyterian

**Calgary,  
Alberta**

Rev. Armen Thomassian is thankful to God for small tokens of His continued kindness towards the work in Calgary and for the appreciative spirit among the people for the Word which is preached. Sunday morning attendance is consistently around sixty now, which is encouraging, but Mr. Thomassian says there is much more work that needs to be done.

July has a fifth Sunday, so as is their practice, July 30 will be a day of prayer. This month, however, such is the need to see the work progress, that they will be adding prayer meetings on Friday night and on Saturday as well. Mr. Thomassian says, "We must see the Lord step in to see souls being won for Christ. Pray for this weekend, for God to use to the radio broadcast, and for the continued pressing need for committed, mature men in the church."

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REV. IAN GOLIGHER  
Cloverdale Free Presbyterian

**Cloverdale,  
British Columbia**

Rev. Ian Goligher reports that the Cloverdale congregation is enjoying an increase in attendance at the Sunday morning services, but Sunday evening attendance is not as good. Pray that God's people will see the importance of attendance at both Sunday services. Several teens and twenties are attending on Sunday mornings. Pray for their conversion and commitment to Christ and to the life of the church. A daily vacation Bible school is being held during the week of July 17. Some local children have been registered for the first time. Pray for many more to attend and that they will receive the gospel message with faith in the Saviour. Rev. Larry Saunders will be ministering in the church on September 3.

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REV. JOHN WAGNER  
Covenant Free Presbyterian

**Columbia,  
South Carolina**

On Thursday evening June 8, the communicant membership of Covenant FPC met for the purpose of electing up to three elders. The meeting was conducted by its interim session made up of Rev. Colin Mercer, Mr. Tim Farr, and Dr. Ed Dunbar. All three men who stood for office—Bryan Barwick, Duaine Hamilton, and Paul Peters—were elected. There will be a meeting on Thursday, July 27, to ordain and install these men in their offices. Pray that God would bless that service with His presence and that He would bless these men with the wisdom, faith, and grace that they will need to carry out their new responsibilities as elders.

Kim Wagner had an MRI in June which indicated that the new meningioma that was discovered in May of last year and which received Gamma Knife (GK) radiation has grown significantly in the last six months. The Wagners met with their radiation oncologist a couple of weeks ago to see if the new tumor could receive another GK treatment to slow its growth. While the doctor said that a second treatment would be scheduled, he wanted Kim to meet first with a medical oncologist to see whether she would be a candidate for a drug that has shown some effectiveness in inhibiting tumor growth in meningiomas. As a result of that meeting, Kim is scheduled to have a series of special radioisotope scans the last week of July to see whether her tumors are susceptible to the drug. If they are, then she will receive a monthly injection of the drug for the rest of her life. The GK treatment will still be administered as soon as the other scans have been completed. The Wagners thank all who continue to uphold them in prayer and simply ask that you pray for God to give them wisdom and grace for the ongoing trial.

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

**Greenville,  
South Carolina**

Faith FPC is thankful for the Lord's blessing on its five-day club ministry to boys and girls in June. In a change from previous years, the church did not host a VBS on the church premises but sought to reach unchurched children in three locations in the community. One five-day club was held in a Hispanic community in the morning with an attentive group of children. Some parents also attended. Another club was held in the evening at the home of a church member. Again, the gospel was faithfully presented to an eager group of children. Please pray for the Lord's continued blessing upon these gospel endeavors.

The youth camp (July 15–22) saw almost seventy campers and thirty staff converge at Rock Mountain Bible Camp in Scranton, Pennsylvania. The theme was the Holy Spirit in the Book of Acts. All are thankful for ministers who were willing to open the scriptures. Pray that the Lord would bless the messages to many hearts. The church greatly appreciates Mr. Brad Carper's labors each year in overseeing the activities throughout the week.

In recent weeks the church has received increased feedback from its radio and internet ministry. Its Facebook presence continues to attract attention and SermonAudio listeners encourage the church with reports of the Lord's blessing.

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The Mercers covet prayer as they return to Northern Ireland. Pastor Mercer notes, “As the time of our move to Northern Ireland draws near, we are more conscious than ever of the close ties of fellowship and friendship that we experience in Greenville. We have been greatly blessed at Faith in so many ways and with so many wonderful saints of God. While I am sure of the Lord’s will, it does not make the transition easy. I pray that the Lord will greatly bless the congregation and meet its every need. He is the nourisher of His church and He will continue to sustain and strengthen it. Please pray for the office bearers and congregation in these days. We value your prayers also.”

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DR. STEPHEN POLLOCK  
FPC of Malvern  
**Malvern,  
Pennsylvania**

The next few months are going to be busy for the Malvern congregation. Please pray for a baptismal service being held on Saturday, August 12. There may be at least ten candidates for baptism.

Rev. Stephen Pollock says they intend to conduct some outreach at the end of the summer in the area around the church. This is in connection with some special meetings planned for the last weekends of September and October. In September three meetings are scheduled to look at the gospel’s impact on how we live in the midst of life’s difficulties. Then in October they hope to hold three meetings focusing on the ongoing relevance of the Reformation to humanity today. Dr. Pollock says, “It is our desire that these meetings be evangelistic in thrust. We certainly covet the prayers of God’s people.”

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Orlando Free Presbyterian  
**Orlando,  
Florida**

The Orlando congregation and the FPCNA are very thankful for the many years of faithful service that Rev. and Mrs. Derek Erwin served the Lord in Orlando. Since their departure at the end of April, the Lord has been good to provide pulpit supply during May and June: Rev. Geoff Banister, Mr. Paul Trimble, Mr. Chris Barnes, Mr. Ernie Yarbrough, and Dr. Mark Allison. Dr. Gordon Ferguson, the principal of the Whitefield College in Northern Ireland, is ministering during July.

Thankfully, preachers from North America and Northern Ireland are scheduled for the remainder of 2017. Please pray that the Lord of harvest would call His man to the congregation as they faithfully gather week by week.

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REV. DAVE MOOK  
Phoenix Free Presbyterian  
**Phoenix,  
Arizona**

On May 21, with the conclusion of the Sunday school year, the Phoenix church recognized students and faculty who helped conduct the classes since last September. It also marked the advent of summer when Sunday school classes don’t meet. During the early part of the summer, various church families travelled away from Phoenix, but the church has also welcomed more than the typical number of visitors.

The congregation has been praying for the 24<sup>th</sup> annual FPC youth camp at which the church had two campers, Kaleb Morrow and Jane Tschappler, and two staff members, Kara Morrow and Sam Tschappler.

The session of the church called for a special prayer meeting on the evening of Friday, June 23, specifically to pray for the revival of the Lord’s work in Phoenix and across the denomination. Those who were able to attend testified of great encouragement in the fellowship of prayer.

On the evening of June 25, the church concluded the first half of its yearlong series on the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation by considering “The Reformation: How?” It was an examination of the great power of the Holy Spirit that impelled the great spiritual revival. Afterward, those in attendance enjoyed another of the informal fellowships that generally occur on the last Lord’s Day of each month.

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REV. REGGIE CRANSTON  
Port Hope Free Presbyterian  
**Port Hope,  
Ontario**

Rev. Reggie Cranston reports that his congregation continues to pray for six new families to be added to the church in Port Hope, claiming the promise of Matthew 18:19: “Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.” He would greatly appreciate it if others would join in this petitioning of the Lord to glorify His name by answering this prayer.

Prayer is also requested for a week of meetings planned for October to mark the 24th anniversary of the church. Rev. Kenneth Elliott, minister emeritus of Bethany Free Presbyterian Church, Portadown, Northern Ireland, will be the guest preacher.

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Heritage Free Presbyterian  
**Prince George,  
British Columbia**

Mr. Aaron Fitzsimons is presently ministering in Prince George. He is accompanied by his wife, Anna, and their son, Jonah. It is early in the summer fire season in central British Columbia, but it has already been extremely bad. Thousands of people have had to evacuate their homes, and many are living on high alert should lightening strikes cause fires close to them. Amid this drama, Aaron is preaching at both Sunday services and conducting outreach in the city. One or two visitors have attended the services. Pray for the Lord's servant as he ministers in Prince George until August 20 and then in Victoria FPC on August 27 before returning home to Northern Ireland. He has one more year of study to complete the ministerial program at the Whitefield College of the Bible.

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DR. LARRY SAUNDERS  
DR. FRANK McCLELLAND, emeritus  
Toronto Free Presbyterian  
**Toronto,  
Ontario**

The Whitefield Christian School held its annual graduation service on June 27 with a total of 44 graduates. Just over half of them were from grade twelve moving to further their education in universities and specialist schools. All were accepted by the institutions of their choice, which speaks of the high standard that Whitefield continues to maintain. One student, from the biblical Nazareth, averaged 97.4 percent for the year. The rest of the graduates were moving up from the junior school (grade 8) to the collegiate (grades 9–12). Enrollment for the next year is well advanced and some reorganization of the school administration is under way for the new school year. Pray with us that the Whitefield Christian Schools will always be a school of Christ where they raise another generation of young people that knows the Lord.

The church is just completing a major distribution of *A New Beginning* and other literature in the Malvern area. Over forty people met to prepare the 10,000 packages, and a small army of workers is delivering them to the community. Their prayer is that the Lord will pique the interest of the recipients, that the packages will not be cast aside lightly, but read, and that souls will be reached for Christ.

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REV. MYRON MOONEY  
Trinity Free Presbyterian  
**Trinity,  
Alabama**

The Trinity FPC congregation is thankful to the Lord for His wonderful provisions for them in recent days. One of the teenagers in the congregation has recently professed faith in Christ and has attended youth camp to hear the preaching of the Word. Visitors have attended services as of late, and the July 4th church picnic was a wonderful time of fellowship. On June 9th, two homeschooled young people graduated from high school: congratulations to Elizabeth Frank and to Joshua Mooney, both the youngest of five homeschooled siblings. Their mothers, Amy Frank and Barbara Mooney, were also honored as they officially retired from homeschooling!

While Mr. Mooney was away at the youth camp, Brother Ernie Yarbrough filled in at home. His messages have been a great blessing to many. Please continue to pray for several needs among the congregation: Kelly Frank and Hannah Mooney, who are expecting babies; an older lady with a heart condition; the weekly prison Bible study; two families in crisis; and the salvation of the many children in the congregation.

The annual For God & Truth Conference is scheduled for August 16–18 on the theme of prayer. The congregation is asking the Lord for His work to be evident among them. For more information and to register, check out <http://www.forgodandtruth.com>.

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Victoria Free Presbyterian  
**Victoria,  
British Columbia**

About ten people remain committed to the life of the congregation in Victoria. Arrangements to provide pulpit ministry during the summer months have been difficult. Rev. Ian Goligher ministers once a month; otherwise, the people view the Cloverdale church's live webcast. Pray for God's blessing on plans for a more consistent ministry to the congregation in the fall.