

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 welcomed its newest attendee some eight weeks ago: baby Ezekiel Allen Fritz. They are thankful to God for his safe arrival and that he and mother Michelle are doing well.

Mrs. June Hamilton, who has suffered with Grave's disease, had surgery to remove her thyroid on August 30. Thankfully all went well and Mrs. Hamilton is recovering at home. Pray for a full return to health for her and that the medication for thyroid function will work well. The prayers of God's people in many of our churches have been greatly appreciated by the Hamiltons.

The congregation greatly enjoyed the visit of Rev. Marcus Reyes and his family at a midweek service. There was a good attendance and the ministry of Mr. Reyes was very challenging. Rev. Stephen Hamilton says it was good to hear of what God is doing in the work in Mexico.

The Lehigh Valley church will celebrate its second anniversary in the Walnutport building on October 13. The preacher at that occasion will be Dr. Stephen Pollock from Malvern FPC. Pray that God will bring in visitors to that special service.

Mr. Hamilton is looking forward to taking part in the American Council of Christian Churches Conference at Faith Free Presbyterian Church in Greenville in October. He will be speaking on the topic "True Protestant Living."

An air-conditioning system was recently installed in the church by two of the men in the congregation. The two window units that previously provided the air conditioning were inadequate and costly to operate. Mr. Hamilton says, "We are thankful for this practical aid to worship!"

REV. PHIL OWEN
Berean Free Presbyterian

Boston, New York

Berean FPC is thankful to the Lord for sending good weather and people from the surrounding area to the free car wash/lunch the church held in August. Rev. Phil Owen says, "Good and ongoing contacts were made."

Please pray for Meghan and Ed Domer. Meghan, who is the daughter of Dan and Lisa Breindel, is expecting their first child. The baby's twin went to be with the Lord. Pray for a safe delivery of the surviving baby. Pray also that Ed will be able to find a job sufficient to support his family.

The congregation recently enjoyed the ministry of a missionary from Myanmar who oversees a church and orphanage. Kima is beginning to experience persecution and would appreciate prayer. Missionaries from the Marshall Islands (the Utters) and Mexico (the Reyeses) are due in September.

The Owens thank God that their son-in-law Brett has returned safely to the U.S. after ten months in Syria. Please pray for their other son-in-law, Drew, as he is being considered to be a New York State Trooper.

REV. ARMEN THOMASSIAN
Calgary Free Presbyterian

Calgary, Alberta

Please continue to pray for the work in Calgary, particularly that the newer families and individuals that have come in over the last twelve months would show an increasing commitment to the witness. Rev. Armen Thomassian says, "We would love to see the exhortation Paul gave to Titus to 'ordain elders' come to pass, but right now the great need is for God to provide men who will simply prove their commitment to the work by attending the meetings and joining the membership."

The church is looking forward to welcoming Dr. Alan Cairns to minister October 13-17. Please join them in praying much that the visit of the Lord's servant will be used to strengthen the church there. They are also looking forward to the arrival of another Thomassian at the beginning of October (the baby is due October 4).

Finally, those who have visited the Calgary work may remember Howard and Julia Ainslie. Howard has been weakening for over two years and this week was informed he has cancer that has spread to the bone. Please pray for the Ainslies.

REV. IAN GOLIGHER
Cloverdale Free Presbyterian

**Cloverdale,
British Columbia**

Rev. Ian Goligher reports that the summer months in the Cloverdale church have gone well with encouraging attendance at the morning services. Prayer meetings have also kept up. On August 27 the Lord blessed Mr. Alan Samuel, an elder in the church, and his wife, Shiena, with the birth of a healthy baby boy whom they have named Titus.

On September 3, Dr. Larry Saunders ministered the Lord's Word. He was in the area preaching at a local church camp. Please pray for the pulpit ministry of other guest preachers including Rev. Andrew Foster during September while Mr. Goligher and his wife, Beulah, visit family in Northern Ireland.

Plans are in place to hold a Reformation conference November 3–5, when Rev. David Mook will be the preacher. In the weeks to come, lessons on Luther and teaching on the five "Solas" of the Protestant Reformation will be part of the church's ministry.

REV. JOHN WAGNER
Covenant Free Presbyterian

**Columbia,
South Carolina**

Duaine Hamilton, one of three elders recently installed in Covenant FPC, passed into glory on Saturday, August 26. On Tuesday evening of that week, a couple of shoplifters knocked him to the concrete floor in the Sears department store where he worked. His fall resulted in severe brain trauma that led to his death several days later. Duaine was a quiet and gentle man of 81 years of age, who had been a faithful member of the church for over ten years. Rev. John Wagner says, "The last time I spoke to him was on Monday evening of that week when we held our first session meeting with the newly-elected elders. The next time I saw him was about 24 hours later in the ER. He was already unconscious at that point and never came to again." A large number of people gathered for the funeral service on Wednesday, August 30, which turned out to be a time of rejoicing over Duaine's entrance into glory rather than a time of mourning his entrance into the grave. Mr. Hamilton is survived by his wife, Margaret, and four children, one of whom, Amy, still lives at home.

Kim Wagner was approved for treatment with a drug that has had some success in inhibiting the growth of tumors such as she has. She has had two of the monthly injections so far. Please pray that the side effects will not be problematic and that the drug will be effective. The Wagners are presently in Northern Ireland where Mr. Wagner is preaching at the Reformation Bible Conference being held at Ballymena Free Presbyterian Church September 16–22. It will be webcast on Sermonaudio.

Fredericton Free Presbyterian

**Fredericton,
New Brunswick**

For the Fredericton congregation 2017 has been a year of lows and highs. The low point came when Eugene Craig, one of the main men in the church, died on May 18 of an apparent heart attack. His death was great blow to the people. Eugene did a lot of work around the church building, and it is only now, when others have had to take up the slack, that Eugene's true value has been appreciated.

The high point is that the congregation for the first time is going to host the Ministers' Week of Prayer in October. This is a big challenge for the people, but they have entered into the project with enthusiasm. It will also mean that the FPCNA ministers and elders will see the Fredericton work firsthand and will be able to pray more effectually that the Lord will send them an under shepherd to take up the work. The church has a nice little building, is debt-free, and there are good prospects for growth. Do join the people in praying that the Lord will soon send them a minister. Neil Sampson has done a good job in ministering to the people in a temporary capacity. Sadly, he has been bereft recently of both his father and mother. Pray the Lord will comfort him in this time of double loss.

DR. ALAN CAIRNS, emeritus
Faith Free Presbyterian

**Greenville,
South Carolina**

Faith FPC said its goodbyes to Rev. Colin and Mrs. Heather Mercer at the end of July. A special dinner was held on July 28 to honor them and to thank them and the Lord for their faithful ministry. The church wishes them every blessing in the Lord as they take up the work to which He has called them in Omagh in Northern Ireland.

Dr. Mark Allison has been appointed by the presbytery to be the interim moderator for the Greenville church. Since the Mercers left, the congregation has been grateful on the Lord's Days for the ministries of Rev. Derrick Bowman, Mr. Steve Ludwig, Rev. Reggie Kimbro, Rev. Armen Thomassian, Rev. Marcus Reyes, and Dr. Alan Cairns. Dr. Cairns, who is the minister emeritus of the church, had been scheduled to be in Greenville to teach in Geneva Reformed Seminary. The church family is glad he can help out with preaching in the church as well. The elders have been leading the prayer meetings. On Wednesday, September 13, elder Steven Lee reported on his recent

trip to South Korea, during which he visited Rev. Seongkyu Lee and the church Mr. Lee is seeking to plant in the outskirts of Seoul.

Please pray for continuing outreach efforts on the radio and the internet, at the Generations Boys' Home, and through English as a second language classes. The church has welcomed the returning college students and is continuing its ministry of providing supper for them after the services on Sunday evenings. Finally, please pray with the church for the Lord to lead them to the man of His choosing to take up the ministry at Faith FPC.

REV. GEOFF BANISTER
REV. RON BARNES
Indianapolis Free Presbyterian

Indianapolis, Indiana

Rev. Geoff Banister says the Indianapolis church is contemplating webcasting over SermonAudio.com. Henry Nymann has done extensive research into what it would take. A hefty investment up front would be required for the needed equipment. Please pray that if it be God's will He will provide the needed funds.

The church family thanks the Lord for the safe arrival of Erica Lysie Davis, born to Tim and Jessica Davis. Amanda Hardebeck is due to give birth in a couple of weeks. Please pray that all will go well for Zack and Amanda and that the Davises and Hardebecks will know the Lord's blessing and guidance in the raising of their children.

The Reforming Families Conference will be held September 28–30. Pray that the Lord will bless the speakers, that His presence will be manifested, and that Christ will be glorified.

DR. STEPHEN POLLOCK
FPC of Malvern

Malvern, Pennsylvania

The Malvern church rejoices in some recent encouragements. The Lord was pleased to bless its baptismal service with good weather and with His presence as ten candidates were baptized. The church also received thirteen into membership on the first Lord's Day of September.

Please pray for outreach efforts in the area around the church. Special meetings are planned for the last weekends of September and October. At three meetings in September they will look at how the gospel impacts how we live in the midst of some of life's difficulties. Then in October they plan to hold three meetings looking at the ongoing relevance of the Reformation to humanity today. Rev. Stephen Pollock says, "It is our desire that these meetings be evangelistic in thrust. We really appreciate and covet the prayers of God's people."

Orlando Free Presbyterian

Orlando, Florida

The Orlando congregation has been blessed by the Lord's providential protection during the destructive and deadly Hurricane Irma. Thankfully, the huge trees around the meeting house are still upright. Please remember to pray for the recovery of this area, and indeed all of Florida, after the devastation of the hurricane.

The congregation felt the great loss with the Gary Thomas family at the tragic death of their twenty-three-year-old son, Riley. Rev. John Wagner ministered at the funeral. Dr. William McCrea of Northern Ireland filled the pulpit during the first half of August while Mr. Peter Banfe, a Geneva Reformed Seminary student, preached during the latter weeks. Rev. Ryan McKee from Ulster is ministering for the Lord in Orlando during September. Mr. Chris Barnes, Rev. Stephen Hamilton, Dr. Stephen Pollock, and Dr. Larry Saunders are scheduled to fill the pulpit in October. Please continue to pray for the Thomas family and for the Lord to direct the right man to the congregation.

REV. DAVE MOOK
Phoenix Free Presbyterian

Peoria, Arizona

On September 7, Earl Aydelotte, Jr., whom the Phoenix congregation called Winky, died at his home at the age of 60. His mother, Inge, is a charter member of the church and has been part of the work for twenty-four years. Winky, who was born with Down's syndrome, lived with his parents from his birth. After his father's death in 1998, Winky continued living at home with his mother, whose nursing training helped her in providing for his care. He battled numerous health problems and never advanced enough mentally to attend any kind of formal education. Still, until the last few years, he was a regular attendee at the church services. Please pray for the funeral and burial services scheduled for September 18.

On August 13, the congregation rejoiced in the report of the delegation that attended the youth camp in Pennsylvania July 15–22. They welcomed Steve and Carolyn Rohrer and their four children to the services on July 30 and the prayer meeting on August 2. With the prospect of somewhat cooler weather in the not-too-distant future, the congregation looks forward to the beginning of the new year in the Sunday school on September 17.

REV. REGGIE CRANSTON
Port Hope Free Presbyterian

Port Hope, Ontario

Mr. Cranston reports that over the summer months his congregation enjoyed the company of many visitors who vacation each year in the Port Hope area. The burden of Mr. Cranston's heart is that the Lord will be pleased to add six new families to the church. He and his congregation continue to pray to that end, claiming the promise of Matthew 18:19: "That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven."

Mr. Cranston requests prayer for Rev. Kenneth Elliott, who will be the guest preacher at a week of meetings planned for October 22–27 to mark the 24th anniversary of the church. Mr. Elliott is minister emeritus of Bethany Free Presbyterian Church in Portadown, Northern Ireland.

Heritage Free Presbyterian

Prince George, British Columbia

Mr. Aaron Fitzsimons, accompanied by his wife, Anna, and baby son, Jonah, ministered to the congregation for eight Sundays from June to August. It was a difficult time for many due to the threat of forest fires raging in many parts of central British Columbia. Thousands of people have been on high alert to be ready to vacate their homes should fires be driven in their direction. They are thankful for the safety of the Lord's people so far and for the Fitzsimonses' safe return to Northern Ireland.

Please pray for Mr. John Hallam, who serves as a deacon in the church. He has been diagnosed with cancer and faces some difficult decisions regarding treatment. Pray for the Lord to grant His blessing upon the people during their weekly services so they will stay encouraged in His grace.

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

Toronto, Ontario

Please pray for long-time Toronto members, Koshe and Sara Matthew. Koshe was cleaning the eaves of his house when he fell from the roof. Unfortunately, he fell on his wife and she sustained severe back injuries. She is immobile in the hospital and suffering acute pain from a number of broken vertebrae. The Matthews are very faithful servants of the Lord. They need much prayer just now.

Rev. Larry Saunders, along with several family members, was in Los Angeles for the marriage of his son David to Rachel Leigh on August 25. The wedding was conducted by the groom's grandfather, Dr. Frank McClelland. Dr. Saunders then travelled from California to British Columbia to speak at a Bible Presbyterian church camp.

In Toronto the Whitefield Christian Schools got off to a good start for the new school year with about 240 students. During the summer almost 10,000 pieces of gospel literature, including *A New Beginning*, were distributed in the area near the church. Please pray that this faithful sowing of the seed will result in a God-glorifying harvest.

REV. MYRON MOONEY
Trinity Free Presbyterian

Trinity, Alabama

Trinity FPC is thankful for the Lord's blessing and help during what have been very busy weeks. God richly blessed the For God & Truth Conference with a wonderful sense of His presence during the meetings as well as during the fellowship times. This year's conference, whose theme was prayer, challenged everyone to a greater understanding and practice of both private and corporate prayer. Many young adults attended and enthusiastically participated in the discussions and singspirations.

Luke and Hannah Mooney welcomed their second son, Silas Robert, on Saturday, August 26. Hannah and Silas are doing well. The Reenactment Outreach at the Point Mallard Park at the beginning of September seemed to be especially good. Mr. Mooney was thankful for cooler weather and for great interest among the people, who were willing to talk with him and to take tracts. A good crowd came to the church service on Sunday morning.

The Trinity congregation was saddened to learn of the death of Duaine Hamilton, the newly-ordained elder of Covenant FPC. They offer their deepest sympathy to Mrs. Hamilton and to the church. They also continue to pray for the Thomas family in Orlando. Please continue to pray for several in the Trinity church who have ongoing health problems and for the weekly prison Bible study.

Victoria Free Presbyterian

Victoria, British Columbia

Attendance has been steady at Victoria FPC over the summer months. Mr. Aaron Fitzsimons ministered to the people on Sunday, August 27. Pastor Mok and his wife, Carol, who are members of Cloverdale FPC, plan to move to Victoria in October and to attend the church during the next year while he completes his pastoral training by distance learning. If Pastor Mok preaches even once per week, his ministry to the people will be much appreciated. Please pray for the whole group as they seek to hold forth the gospel in the community.