

# PRAYER BULLETIN

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



REV. STEPHEN HAMILTON  
Lehigh Valley Free Presbyterian

## Allentown, Pennsylvania

The congregation in the Lehigh Valley continues to pray for the Lord to build His church. They have had occasional visitors, including one woman who came recently after hearing of the church on Sermonaudio.com. Like many who already attend, she came a good distance. They are praying that God would bring in folks within the Lehigh Valley or at least from a reasonable driving distance. One couple who attended for over eighteen months and others who came sporadically during this year have ceased to attend. Distance has been quoted as a factor by some. While not a new problem, it is a real difficulty, especially in the wintertime.

After Mrs. Hamilton's surgery to remove her thyroid in August, the pathology showed there had been cancer in an attached nodule which had broken out and affected the thyroid. This was quite a shock to the Hamiltons. On November 14 Mrs. Hamilton saw an endocrinologist who recommended that she have radioactive iodine treatment to kill any cancer cells that could have been left behind. Please pray the treatment will be successful and without any severe side effects. The Lord has given great peace in this situation. Please also pray for the full return of Mrs. Hamilton's voice. She is still quite hoarse and unable to sing.

On November 5 the Moberg family—Mitchell, Lisa, and their two daughters—were involved in a car wreck on their way to church. Apart from some bumps and bruises, the ladies were not badly hurt. Mitch, however, had a bad compound fracture of his left elbow. He had surgery to insert plates and wires to repair the bones but will need further surgery to repair damaged tendons. While the family is thankful for preserving grace, they have some uncertainty about the future since Mitch will be laid aside from his truck-driving job for many months. There are health insurance issues to be ironed out also. Pray for God's continued mercy and provision.

Mr. Hamilton and Rev. Stephen Pollock have begun what they hope will be a regular series of meetings to pray for their respective works. They had a time of prayer together in Malvern, and later that evening Mr. Hamilton preached at the Malvern church's prayer meeting. The next prayer time will take place at the Lehigh Valley church with Dr. Pollock preaching at their church prayer meeting. Pray that God will visit both of these ministries with great blessing in coming days.

Mr. Hamilton was greatly encouraged by a call from a young man in his mid-20s whose family had attended the Lehigh Valley church many years ago before moving out of state. When the young man was ten years old, he had asked the Lord to save him after hearing a message preached by Mr. Hamilton. He never told Mr. Hamilton about it. Now, some sixteen years later, he found the message on Sermonaudio.com that was preached back in 2001 when he was converted. It stirred his heart all over again, and, with thankfulness to the Lord for saving him, he called Mr. Hamilton to tell his story. As this call encouraged Mr. Hamilton, he says, "May it encourage our people to pray on and our ministers to keep preaching the gospel to their congregations. We often have no idea what the Lord is doing in our midst."

REV. PHIL OWEN  
Berean Free Presbyterian

## Boston, New York

The Boston, New York, church would appreciate prayer for its annual Christmas caroling outreach in the community in December during which they will sing the gospel at the front doors of their neighbors. Many people are sad, especially around the holidays, and the news about the Lord Jesus may become the tonic for time and eternity.

Please remember Meghan (Breindel) and Ed Domer in prayer. They are expecting their first child in March, a boy whom they have named Jaxson.

Phil and Tonia Owen began their 31st year of ministry at a local nursing home. Please pray for the salvation of the senior residents and the staff who hear the Word of God.

Finally, please pray for more laborers and for a harvest in western New York.

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REV. ARMEN THOMASSIAN  
Calgary Free Presbyterian

## **Calgary, Alberta**

On October 14, the Thomassians were delighted to welcome a third little girl, Naomi, into their home. Rev. Armen Thomassian reports that the delivery was quick, and Melanie has recovered well. They thank all those who inquired about the baby and who prayed.

The work in Calgary continues to have much to be thankful for. Mr. Thomassian says, "It has taken a while, but it is encouraging to see more children interacting in the church after Sunday services. We now sometimes have in the region of fifteen that are twelve and under on a Sunday morning, which adds a wonderful sense of life to the congregation. This is something that is easy to take for granted in Ulster, and it's nice to see it developing here."

Continue to pray for more committed families and for the salvation of souls. Mr. Thomassian notes, "It is lamentable to have to admit how few, if any, have truly come from darkness into light this year."

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REV. IAN GOLIGHER  
Cloverdale Free Presbyterian

## **Cloverdale, British Columbia**

The Cloverdale church held a Reformation conference November 3–5. Rev. David Mook was the guest preacher. His in-depth messages focused on Luther's life and legacy and were well received by all in attendance. Video and audio recordings are available on the church's website.

Rev. Ian Goligher says that over recent weeks Sunday morning attendance has been very encouraging with some repeat visitors coming in through the church's radio ministry. Some are new believers who need to be fed in the milk of God's Word, while others need strong meat. Please pray that this increase will translate into an increase at Sunday evening services and prayer meetings.

During December the church will be holding several Christmas events for seniors, youth, and families.

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REV. JOHN WAGNER  
Covenant Free Presbyterian

## **Columbia, South Carolina**

Rev. John Wagner reports that Kim received a second Gamma Knife radiation treatment on the newer brain tumor on October 19. Other than the normal brain fog that often comes for a couple of weeks after this treatment, there have been no other apparent adverse side effects at this time. There is always the danger of swelling and even necrosis that can take place months later, but for now, things seem to have settled down. She will continue to receive monthly molecular therapy injections, which are given with the hope that they will slow or stop the tumor's growth. Another MRI to be scheduled for sometime in January will determine what effect the radiation is having on the tumor. Mr. Wagner says, "Thank you all so much for continuing to remember us before the Lord."

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DR. ALAN CAIRNS, emeritus  
Faith Free Presbyterian

## **Greenville, South Carolina**

In October the Greenville church enjoyed the ministry of Rev. Dave Mook when he was in Greenville for the American Council of Christian Churches' conference, which was held in the Faith FPC facilities. The special Reformation services on the last weekend in October with Dr. Edward Panosian, who did first-person presentations of Martin Luther and William Tyndale, and Rev. Armen Thomassian were well attended and were an encouragement to the people to pray on for the extension of Christ's kingdom in our day. Rev. Geoff Banister ministered the first two weeks in November. He will be followed by Rev. Ron Barnes, Rev. Reggie Kimbro, and Rev. Stephen Hamilton, the Lord willing. Please continue to pray with the church family for the Lord to send them the man of His choosing to be their minister.

Please pray for Mrs. Germaine Foster as she undergoes intense treatment for her cancer. Pray also for Miss Alice Cromley and Dr. George Graf as they recover from heart problems.

A new ministry in a nearby Hispanic neighborhood has been started following a good response to a five-day club held there during the summer. Pray that children will be saved and that their parents will be reached as well. Continue to pray for the ESL classes held on Monday evenings and for the outreach at the Generations Boys' Home. Pray also for the choir ministry at the mall at Christmas time and for the Lessons and Carols service to be held on December 17.

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REV. GEOFF BANISTER  
REV. RON BARNES  
Indianapolis Free Presbyterian

## **Indianapolis, Indiana**

Rev. Geoff Banister has these prayer requests for the church in Indianapolis: 1) that new families will be added; 2) that the elderly folks will know strength and health, especially during the flu season; and 3) that the Lord will provide for the church to webcast its services.

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

Rev. Stephen Pollock says the Malvern church would like to proceed with the election of elders in the next ten months or so. They need the Lord to make it clear to the congregation the men whom He would have to serve. Please pray also that the Lord would burden the hearts of those men to serve. As the winter months approach, please pray for safety for God's people as they travel to and from church.

Dr. Pollock reminds us about the importance of praying much for God's blessing upon the preaching of the Word. He says, "God has ordained the preaching of the Word as the means of seeing sinners converted and believers edified. Thus we must always be in prayer for the preaching of the Word. It would be good to pray also for our seasons of prayer. We need God to visit us by His Spirit, causing us to pray with faith and fervency."

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REV. JASON BOYLE  
Iglesia Cristiana El Redentor  
(Redeemer Christian Church)  
**Mexico City,  
Mexico**

Rev. Jason Boyle reports that at the Lord's Supper service on November 5 the Mexico City church welcomed two people into membership. He says it was an encouraging service. The church will have its Christmas get together on December 2. In years past it has been a nice time of informal fellowship to which the church people have invited unsaved family members. Please pray that it would be a time of making good connections and having profitable conversations with the lost.

Please pray for the young people of the church, that the believers would be encouraged in the Lord and that the unsaved would be saved.

Mr. Boyle recently spent four days in Veracruz and Puebla overseeing four sister churches (Orizaba, Omiquila, Córdoba, and Tehuacán). It was a time of good blessing and fellowship. He spent the time in Tehuacán, a one-year-old church plant, training leaders and administering the Lord's Supper.

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Orlando Free Presbyterian  
**Orlando,  
Florida**

The Orlando congregation is very thankful for the ministers who have come to preach the Word to them. These men filled the pulpit in October: Mr. Chris Barnes, Rev. Stephen Hamilton, Dr. Stephen Pollock, and Dr. Larry Saunders. They are looking forward to hearing Mr. Roger Valenziano, Rev. David Priestly, and Mr. Peter Banfe during November and December. Elder Ken Walters reports that the people have enjoyed wonderful prayer meetings. Please pray with them for the man of God's choosing to be their pastor. Also, continue to pray for the Thomas family, who grieve the loss of their son Riley.

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

On November 11, the Phoenix congregation gathered for its annual picnic at the home of one of the member families. The beauty of the day (with temperatures in the low 80s), the food, and the fellowship combined for a very enjoyable time.

During the last week of October, Mr. Mook visited Greenville where he supplied the pulpit in Faith FPC and then, as president of the American Council of Christian Churches, joined the other ACCC officers in directing the Council's 76<sup>th</sup> annual convention. The theme was True Protestantism 500 Years Later.

At the beginning of October, Mr. Mook joined many of his colleagues in the presbytery for the first Ministers' Week of Prayer to take place in the facilities of the Fredericton, New Brunswick, congregation. The Lord enabled the members of the presbytery to provide encouragement to the people of the congregation as well as some much-needed assistance with challenges in the church building.

The Phoenix church looks forward to its regular holiday activities. The annual Thanksgiving service will take place on the evening of November 19. The annual Christmas fellowship will follow the evening service on December 17, and the annual service of Lessons and Carols will take place on the evening of December 24.

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

Rev. Reggie Cranston reports that his congregation enjoyed the ministry of Rev. Kenneth Elliott, who preached the Word at the church's recent 24th anniversary services.

The church continues to pray for six new families to be added to the congregation. Mr. Cranston would like to thank all those who have joined them in praying for the six families; it is very encouraging.

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

The congregation in Prince George continues to meet each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Lunch is served at the church between services. The numbers are small, but the bonds of fellowship are strong. Sadly, Mr. John Hallam, one of the deacons, has been diagnosed with cancer for which he is now receiving chemotherapy. John requests the prayers of God's people that he may know the Lord's grace to help in this time of need. Pray for his family and for the church family, who seek to support him through his illness. Pray also for the salvation of his grandchildren, who grew up in the church and are now young adults.

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

**Toronto,  
Ontario**

One of the great blessings in the Toronto church is the work among the young. The Whitefield Christian Schools have an enrolment this year of about 245, which is the highest for some years. The church appreciates the prayers of God's people that its school would continue to be a "School of Christ," where the students would meet the Lord in their classrooms, in the lives of their teachers, and especially in the Word of God.

The Good News Club on Friday evenings continues to be an encouragement with over sixty children from the neighborhood coming each week. On a recent Friday they had a high of 77. Mrs. Esther Moorehead, who heads up the work with a willing band of helpers, will be moving to North Carolina early in the new year. Her husband, Steve, is pursuing a job opportunity there. The congregation shall miss the Mooreheads with their two little daughters, Olivia and Avery. Please pray that the Lord will raise up the right person to take Esther's place in the Good News Club.

Dr. Larry Saunders ministered in the Orlando church on October 29 and November 5 and was able to take in the annual convention of the American Council of Christian Churches held recently in Greenville, South Carolina. The Toronto church was recently blessed by the ministry of Dr. Alan Cairns and Dr. Ken Elliott. Both spoke of the work of the Protestant Reformation as the church noted the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's 95 theses' being nailed to the church door at Wittenberg.

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REV. MYRON MOONEY  
Trinity Free Presbyterian

**Trinity,  
Alabama**

Trinity Free Presbyterian Church is thankful for the Lord's sustaining grace during busy days. During the last weeks of September and October the church sponsored a "creation booth" at two different county fairs. Church officers and other helpers participated by passing out creation literature and by talking with people during the outreach. Please pray for fruit from this opportunity. Mr. and Mrs. Mooney enjoyed attending the ACCC Convention in Greenville and were much encouraged by the preaching and the fellowship.

The church praises the Lord that the church roof sustained only minor damage when a tornado went through the area on October 23. Two of the streets on the east and two streets on the west of the church building received heavy damage.

Jacob and Kelly Frank welcomed new baby Ella Joy into their home on Tuesday, September 19. Ella is a delightful addition to the Frank home. The church is grateful for visitors in recent weeks and for interest in attending among some families who have been listening via Sermonaudio.

Please pray for Mr. Mooney's nephew Rod Keenum who is between jobs and has been visiting the church. Also pray for the Lord to preserve a struggling marriage and to sustain some church people with chronic physical problems.

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Victoria Free Presbyterian  
**Victoria,  
British Columbia**

In the goodness of God, the people in the Victoria congregation are enjoying the fellowship of Pastor Mok and his wife, Carol. The Moks, who are members of Cloverdale FPC, have recently set up home in the Victoria area, while presently furthering their theological studies by distance learning. Pastor Mok will be providing some ministry in the church on Sunday mornings and Wednesdays. This development has already been of significant encouragement to the people. At other times the people join the Cloverdale church services by webcast.

Please pray for numerical and spiritual growth in the congregation. Pray also for some who are burdened with health needs and for those who long for the salvation of family members.