

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 is looking to the Lord for an increase in every way in 2018. Please pray that the impact of the church's ministry will be felt both near and far. The church's motto text is Psalm 48:14: "For this God is our God forever and ever: he will be our guide, even unto death." Rev. Stephen Hamilton says, "May the Lord guide and direct both pastor and people in His way in the coming year."

Prayer is requested for Mrs. Hamilton that her voice will return to full strength soon. Her vocal chords were affected by the thyroid surgery. She longs to be able to sing again. Please also continue to pray for Mitch Moberg. His injured arm, which required two surgeries, is now out of the heavy cast. He desires to have full use of the arm again and to return to his truck-driving job, in God's will.

At the evening service on January 7 the church had a visit from Rev. David DiCanio, FPCNA minister-at-large who is serving in Liberia. Mr. Hamilton has a daily program called *Straight Talk* on the radio station Mr. DiCanio oversees in Liberia. The Lehigh Valley people pray for the Liberian ministry on a regular basis.

REV. PHIL OWEN
Berean Free Presbyterian

Boston, New York

The Boston, New York, church enjoyed caroling in nursing homes in December. Please pray for the residents who listened to the gospel in song as well as the nursing home staffs.

Meghan Domer (wife of Ed) is due to deliver her first child, Jaxon, on March 19. Please pray for a safe delivery. Brett and Alyssa Moody would appreciate prayer for a little one to be brought into their home in 2018.

Finally, the church asks God's people to join them in praying for souls to be added to the flock, especially senior saints, and for souls to be saved, especially family members of those who attend the church.

REV. ARMEN THOMASSIAN
Calgary Free Presbyterian

Calgary, Alberta

The congregation in Calgary once again records their gratitude to God for His mercies over 2017. With Toplady they say, "Upon a review of the past year, I desire to confess, that my unfruitfulness has been exceeding great; my sins still greater: and God's mercies, greater than both."

As of the first Sunday of January, the church is without its pianist, who has taken employment outside the city. Melanie Thomassian can play, but since she has a newborn to care for, she is not always available. Please pray that the Lord will meet this need.

Rev. Armen Thomassian says, "As we look to 2018, we are praying for the continued effectiveness of our radio ministry, the addition of families, the conversion of the lost, and an increase of the love of Christ in the body, by which men know that we belong to Him."

REV. IAN GOLIGHER
Cloverdale Free Presbyterian

Cloverdale, British Columbia

In December a completely new heating system was installed in the Cloverdale church. Repair and painting work was completed in time for the recommencement of Sunday school and preschool in the New Year. Three prayer meetings were held in early January to seek God's blessing on the ministry of the church and denomination, including FPC missionaries.

On Sunday, January 7, Rev. Ian Goligher preached on the text, "The battle is the Lord's," pointing out that the Lord fights for His own cause and for His people who seek to glorify Him. God is not indifferent to His own cause and enters into the fight for truth to extend His own kingdom and to pull down the kingdoms of this world. There ought, therefore, to be a spirit of expectation to see what the Lord will do in the year to come. Pray for conversions and additions to the church through the drawing power of the gospel.

REV. JOHN WAGNER
Covenant Free Presbyterian

**Columbia,
South Carolina**

Rev. John Wagner had to have exploratory surgery again on his knee on January 8 to try to find the reason the tendon in his knee was not healing. It was discovered that he has an infection in his patellar tendon as well as in the patella and tibia (this is not the same infection he had after his first surgery back in February 2017). He is currently in the hospital receiving antibiotics intravenously. The Lord willing, they will send him home on Friday, January 12, with a PICC line inserted through which he will self-administer antibiotics for the next six weeks.

Kim Wagner was hospitalized a couple of times in December with what was thought at first to be a heart attack that turned out to be myocarditis (inflammation of the heart) and with some focal seizures (probably caused by the radiation treatments she has had). She has recovered from the myocarditis, and the seizures seem to have settled down with some adjustments to her medications. However, a recent MRI revealed a third, very small tumor on her brain. It was not surprising that another tumor was found since that is what meningiomas do—multiply; but it was, of course, disappointing. Kim will have another MRI in February that should help her doctors determine how fast the new tumor is growing and how it should be treated. The Wagners testify to God's grace and goodness even in the midst of these trials. They appreciate the prayers of God's people and the various expressions of support, especially from the people in the church.

DR. ALAN CAIRNS, emeritus
Faith Free Presbyterian

**Greenville,
South Carolina**

The Greenville church was greatly saddened when Germaine Foster went to be with the Lord on December 23, leaving behind her husband, Scott, and their five children, Samuel, Jonathan, Megan, Catherine, and Joshua. Dr. Alan Cairns preached at the funeral service on December 30, presenting the gospel with great clarity and compassion. Please remember the Foster family and pray that Germaine's unsaved relatives, for whom she labored earnestly in prayer, would come to Christ.

The church was also bereaved of one of its senior members, Dr. George Graf, who went to be with the Lord on January 7. His daughter, Rachel Fisher, and her husband attend the church. Please pray for Rachel, her two brothers, and their families.

The musicians at Faith FPC were very busy over the holidays. In addition to participating in the Lessons and Carols service, groups from the church sang carols at a local nursing home and in the homes of seniors in the church. The choir and some instrumental groups also presented a program of Christmas music at a shopping mall.

In recent weeks the church has rejoiced in the Lord's blessing on the outreach ministry at Generations Boys' Home, where a number of young men have professed faith in Christ. Please pray that they would know much gospel grace in their lives.

The church's constant prayer is that the Lord will send them the man of His choosing by inclining the heart of that man towards the church and the hearts of the people in the church towards him. In the meantime, they are very grateful for the ministry of Dr. Mark Allison as their interim moderator. They have also appreciated the labors of Rev. Derrick Bowman, Rev. Reggie Kimbro, Rev. Stephen Hamilton, and Rev. Myron Mooney, who have helped to fill the pulpit in December and at the beginning of January. The church was greatly encouraged at the communion service on January 7 when five persons were received into the membership.

DR. STEPHEN POLLOCK
FPC of Malvern

**Malvern,
Pennsylvania**

Rev. Stephen Pollock says 2018 is potentially an important year in the history of Malvern FPC: "We start the New Year very conscious of our need of the prayers of God's people." First, 2018 marks the fortieth anniversary of the church. Second, the Lord willing, they will be holding an election of office bearers. Third, they also look forward to hosting the Free Presbyterian International Congress July 30 through August 3. More information about the congress will soon be made available. A block of rooms has been reserved at The Desmond at a competitive rate. Dr. Pollock can take booking requests at any time.

Winter poses challenges for every church and the Malvern church is no exception. With the cold weather, the more elderly members struggle to get out and it seems younger families are never far away from an outbreak of the latest seasonal virus. Dr. Pollock greatly values the efforts people make to get to the Lord's house. Please pray for health and safety so that they can enjoy times of fellowship together. They would also appreciate prayer for the additional monthly meetings they hold: the children's Bible club, the youth fellowship, the ladies' fellowship, and the men's prayer meeting.

REV. JASON BOYLE
Iglesia Cristiana El Redentor
(Redeemer Christian Church)

**Mexico City,
Mexico**

December was an exciting month for the Boyles as the Lord gave them a son, Caleb Joshua Boyle, who is five months old. Please pray for them as they adjust to parenthood and seek to raise Caleb in the fear and admonition of the Lord.

In December the church also hosted a trip to their sister church in Omiquila, Veracruz (a mountain village). They took supplies such as soap, shampoo, and blankets for the families and gifts for the children and teenagers of the church. The Mexico City church people gave testimony at the following Wednesday night prayer meeting. It was a time of blessing for all.

In January they hope to send some women to the women's conference in Orizaba, Veracruz. Please pray that it would be a blessed time of fellowship and time in the Word. At the end of February they will be receiving Rev. Derrick Bowman and his family for a visit. Mr. Bowman will conduct a dedication service for Caleb Boyle, and Lydia Bowman will speak at their annual women's conference on March 3. Please pray for God's blessing on each of these events.

Rev. Jason Boyle closes his report by saying, "At the beginning of January our church celebrated its six-year anniversary. We ask that God would bless our church with elders this year, spiritual maturity among the believers, and numerical growth, all for His glory."

Orlando Free Presbyterian

**Orlando,
Florida**

The Orlando church appreciates your prayers. During November and December the congregation profited from the preaching of Mr. Roger Valenziano, Rev. David Priestly, and Mr. Peter Banfe. In January, Mr. Banfe, Rev. Reggie Cranston, and Dr. Frank McClelland will fill the pulpit. Please continue to pray with the church for a new God-sent pastor.

REV. DAVE MOOK
Phoenix Free Presbyterian

**Peoria,
Arizona**

The Phoenix church began its year on the morning of January 7 when Rev. David Mook preached on the church's motto text for 2018, Habakkuk 3:17-18. Mr. Mook titled the message "God's Remedy for Our Unbelief." The day also marked the 88th birthday of the church's most senior member who was able to be present for both services.

The month of December featured a carol singspiration and refreshments after the service on the evening of December 17. The following Lord's Day evening, December 24, the church gathered for the annual service of Lessons and Carols. In addition, Mr. Mook preached a four-part series on the Incarnation during December.

The Mooks were able to visit their family December 25-January 3 in California. January 9-11 Mr. Mook traveled to the Washington, D.C., area in connection with his responsibilities as president of the American Council of Christian Churches. On January 10 he and the council's executive secretary along with the council's longtime chaplain's endorser attended the annual meeting of the International Conference of Evangelical Chaplains Endorsers held in Alexandria, Virginia. There they heard presentations on a number of issues of concern to evangelical military chaplains. The conference leaders are able to present their concerns at the deliberations of the Armed Forces Chaplains Board.

The congregation is enjoying the beauties of the Arizona winter. It congratulates Stephen Tschappler for his recently being hired as a reserve firefighter for the town of Superior, Arizona. The congregation also joins the Vosekalns family in mourning the death of the grandmother of Rev. Craig Vosekalns. She died on December 30 in California.

REV. REGGIE CRANSTON
Port Hope Free Presbyterian

**Port Hope,
Ontario**

Rev. Reggie Cranston reports that he was asked by a local radio station to record a message about the true meaning of Christmas. Mr. Cranston spoke on the words of the Apostle Paul, "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." The minute-long message was aired on two stations a total of sixty times during the two weeks leading up to and including Christmas Day. Please pray that the Lord will use this gospel message to speak to souls about their need of the Saviour.

The congregation in Port Hope continues to pray for six new families to be added to the church. Please join with the folk there in praying about this matter.

Although Easter seems a long way off, Mr. Cranston asks for prayer for the planned Easter Bible conference with Dr. Stephen Pollock as the guest preacher.

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

As in many other parts of Canada, winter weather in Prince George has been severely cold this year; nevertheless, Sunday meetings have continued in the church with lunches between morning and mid-afternoon services. Pray for the future ministry and outreach of the church in 2018.

Mr. John Hallam, a deacon, has continued to receive cancer treatments and has rallied very well each time after the side effects dissipate. He praises the Lord for each day's supply of grace and strength. Please remember him and his family in prayer.

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

**Toronto,
Ontario**

2018 arrived in Toronto with a frigid vengeance. When this report was written, the temperature was minus 10°F, with a chill factor of nearly minus 40. It has been like that for a couple of weeks with quite a bit of snow on the ground. This makes church work very hard, especially for the older folks, and church attendances suffer. Winter also brings its share of seasonable sicknesses. However, they do rejoice in the words of Psalm 147 that it is the Lord who sends the frost and snow. They await eagerly His fulfillment of verse 18: "He sendeth out his word, and melteth them"! In the meantime, please pray for health and safety for all of their people.

Each Sunday in December a group of workers led by Kingsley Jew had a brief meal in the church after the morning service and then went out into the community to sing carols and give out Christmas tracts. They had a good reception. The church prays that "in the bleak mid-winter" some souls will be touched with the heart-warming gospel message.

The Good News Club, with upwards of 70 children each week, recently said a sad farewell to its leader, Esther Saunders, who, with her husband and two young daughters, moved to North Carolina. They are praying that the Lord will raise up the right person to assume the leadership for the future. A week of prayer is planned for the church at the end of January. Pray with them that the Lord will make 2018 a year of spiritual awakening and revival.

REV. MYRON MOONEY
Trinity Free Presbyterian

**Trinity,
Alabama**

The congregation in Trinity, Alabama, is thankful for the Lord's gracious dealings with them during 2017. The entire roof had to be replaced after the October tornado damaged several parts of it. Thankfully, insurance covered over ninety percent of the entire cost. During the service on December 24 the children presented a program of carols, catechism recitation, and a reading of Luke 2.

On January 1, Pastor Mooney received an email from a family that had received literature on creation from the church when they handed it out at two different county fairs in the fall. He hopes to make a visit with them sometime soon.

Looking ahead, the church's verse for the year is Matthew 4:4: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." The people are praying for the Lord's wonderful blessing during 2018. Please continue to pray for four people in the congregation with ongoing health problems and for a struggling marriage.

Victoria Free Presbyterian
**Victoria,
British Columbia**

Please pray for the weekly meetings and fellowship of the people in Victoria. They continue to rent their church meeting place for Sunday services at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sometimes they join the Cloverdale FPC service by live webcast. At other times Pastor Mok, who is presently taking theological studies, brings the Lord's Word to the people. On Wednesdays the group meets for prayer and Bible study in a member's home. Pastor Mok leads them in devotions and prayer. Pray for additions in 2018.