

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 celebrated its third anniversary in the church building in Walnutport. The people enjoyed the ministry of Mr. Peter Banfe on the Lord's Day evening.

The Hamiltons were blessed to be in Greenville for the wedding of their daughter Rachel to Chanse Huffman on October 20. Rev. Stephen Hamilton enjoyed the unique privilege of giving his daughter away *and* performing the marriage itself. It was a wonderful opportunity to preach the gospel to many who were present as well as to several hundred webcast viewers. Friends and relatives from Northern Ireland, Scotland, Canada, and Uganda were among the many who tuned in on the internet to watch the ceremony live.

While Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton enjoyed a much-needed vacation after the wedding, the Lehigh Valley pulpit was filled by Pastor Mark Loeffert and Rev. David Mook. While vacationing in Virginia, the Hamiltons were able to pay a visit to an older couple who are regular Sermonaudio listeners and also faithful monthly supporters of the Lehigh Valley church. Mr. Hamilton says, "It was a blessing to meet with and have a time of fellowship with like-minded believers. They feel very much a part of our work, though separated from us by many miles."

Please pray that God will bring into the local assembly those who listen to the church's sermons on the internet and who live within driving distance of the church in Walnutport.

REV. PHIL OWEN
Berean Free Presbyterian

**Boston,
New York**

Rev. Phil Owen requests prayer for the Christmas caroling outreaches the people in the Boston, New York, church do in December on the streets and in senior living homes.

Also, please pray for Lisa Breindel, wife of elder Dan Breindel. She has been diagnosed with cancer and has begun treatments. The manner in which she is resting in the Lord is an encouragement to all.

The church has started following the winter schedule it uses from November through March when they have a meal between the morning and afternoon Sabbath services. Mr. Owen says they always have special seasons of fellowship around the dinner tables. Please pray for safety for the people in the brutal winter weather.

REV. ARMEN THOMASSIAN
Calgary Free Presbyterian

**Calgary,
Alberta**

As the Thomassians anticipate their move to Greenville, Rev. Armen Thomassian requests earnest prayer on behalf of the congregation in Calgary. The last six months have been difficult, especially since a number of people left the church after learning the Thomassians were moving away. But the Lord has continued to bring visitors in and to give a number of encouragements. Mr. Thomassian's prayer is that of Moses: "Let the Lord, the God of the spirits of all flesh, set a man over the congregation, which may go out before them, and which may go in before them, and which may lead them out, and which may bring them in; that the congregation of the Lord be not as sheep which have no shepherd" (Numbers 27:16-17). Please pray for them.

In the last prayer bulletin Mr. Thomassian reported how the Lord has been working and saving some Dutch Reformed individuals. Since then he has had the joy of pointing another young woman from a Dutch Reformed background to Christ. Because the Dutch Reformed are told not to speak personally about the Lord and salvation, he felt it important to emphasize that she should tell her family and the people with whom she works what the Lord has done for her. He just heard that one of her colleagues, a woman from the same background, has also sought the Lord for salvation. Mr. Thomassian says, "It is early days, but I cannot help but feel the Lord is moving in this community and it is wonderful to see. So far, however, none of them have broken ties with the Netherlands Reformed Church."

REV. IAN GOLIGHER
Cloverdale Free Presbyterian
**Cloverdale,
British Columbia**

Rev. Ian Goligher reports that encouragements continue in the Sunday attendance, while there is need for increase at prayer meetings. The church also needs to see spiritual growth and deacons to be raised up to serve the congregation. On most Sundays, they have visitors attend who have heard about the church through the radio ministry, but there is a need for outreach to lost souls in the local community. In the past this has proven to be challenging, but the work is urgently needed. Pray that the session of the church will be directed in how to promote evangelism in the area.

Through to the end of the year Mr. Goligher is preaching a series on the family. The adult Sunday school is studying the book of Genesis. Pray for God's Word to have convicting power to change lives.

REV. JOHN WAGNER
Interim Moderator
DR. ALAN CAIRNS
Emeritus
Faith Free Presbyterian
**Greenville,
South Carolina**

Rev. Armen Thomassian and Dr. Edward Panosian spoke at Faith FPC's Reformation Conference at the end of October. Mr. Thomassian stayed on after the conference, taking the prayer meeting on October 31 and then preaching on Sunday, November 4. The church is rejoicing in God's answering prayer regarding the Thomassians' move to Greenville. The approval from the US immigration authorities came through in record time, and other steps in the process are falling into place. It is hoped the Thomassians will be settled in Greenville in time for Christmas.

Dr. Allison is completing six weeks of radiation and chemotherapy treatment at Duke Medical Center in Durham, North Carolina, and, the Lord willing, will return home to Greenville on November 12. Pray for much grace, strength, and wisdom in the days ahead and that the beneficial results of the treatments will be long lasting.

The congregation looks forward to various outreach opportunities over the holidays at the Generations Boys' Home, the Bible club in the Hispanic community, the ESL class, the choir's Christmas presentation at the mall, and the Lessons and Carols service. They pray that the Lord will give boldness and fruit as they seek to witness for Christ among their family and friends.

REV. GEOFF BANISTER
REV. RON BARNES
Associate Minister
Indianapolis Free Presbyterian
**Indianapolis,
Indiana**

Rev. Geoff Banister has a number of specific prayer requests for the church in Indianapolis. 1.) As we enter the cold and flu season, please pray for Russell and Minerva Yonts, that they will know the Lord's protection. Russell and Minerva are up in years and, when they get hit with sickness, they get hit dangerously hard. 2.) Pray for the salvation of the children in the congregation. Even though the church is small, it has a number of children that need to be reached with the gospel. 3.) Pray that the Lord will raise up God-fearing, Christ-honoring spouses for a number of young people in the congregation that either have come or will soon come of age. 4.) Pray that the Lord would provide for the church to enable it to webcast its services. 5.) Pray for the services that are held at the Crown Pointe care facility every Sunday and for the Bible studies that are conducted there every Tuesday. In recent days a Mormon group has begun holding services there also. Pray that the residents will be protected from Mormon heresy. 6.) Pray for Pastor Banister as he proctors two students through their hermeneutics class at Geneva Reformed Seminary. 7.) Pray that the church will grow enough to relieve Pastor Banister from needing supplemental employment outside the church. Pray also that his current supplemental employment may continue as is until the Lord grants the increase. 8.) The church thanks the Lord for His gracious financial provision that enabled it to put a new roof on the house on the church property. The shingles had become so worn that the insurance company wanted them replaced before it would renew their policy.

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

After a very busy year, FPC of Malvern is thankful for many answers to prayer. The church rejoiced in the Lord's presence at the 40th anniversary meetings and then during the International Congress. On October 26 they saw the fruition of much prayer as three men—Jim Brouse, Wayne Kearns, and Paul Trimble—were ordained and installed as ruling elders in the congregation. Dr. Stephen Pollock says, "We have been requesting prayer for this matter for over a year and we delight in the Lord graciously answering prayer. Please uphold these men in prayer as they commence the work that God has placed before them."

Please pray for the Lord to bless the church people as they seek to reach their neighbors for Christ.

Plans are underway for the FPCNA Youth Camp to be held in July 2019. Pray for Dr. Pollock as he takes up the role of camp director. He says, "We are very conscious of our need for the Lord to grant wisdom and to pour His Spirit upon our young people."

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

Mexico City, Mexico

In September Rev. Jason Boyle, who is responsible for overseeing the Free Presbyterian work in the Dominican Republic, traveled there along with Steven Lee to visit with Ramon Sosa and his congregation. Steven recorded an interview with Ramon which is available on Sermonaudio.com. A search on Sermonaudio for “Dominican Republic Series” will bring up eight brief videos (with English subtitles) that will help people see and understand the needs of that church and its pastor. Ramon is taking seminary courses that are being translated by a lady named Claudia in the Mexico City church and then by Jason. Jason says, “We are blessed that Claudia is willing and able. Her translations are top notch and she is doing this for free. Please pray for her and her husband, as they both have health issues and can rarely attend church.”

The Spanish-speaking pastors (Jason, Marcus Reyes, Lalo Peña, and Ramon Sosa) were able to travel together to the Ministers’ Week of Prayer in Barrie at the beginning of October. They were very blessed by the fellowship and preaching. It was a time of great encouragement to all of them.

About fifty young people from Mexico City, Orizaba, Córdoba, and Tehuacán attended the youth conference in the Mexico City church on October 27. They sang heartily and were very encouraged by the preaching and fellowship. The pastors hope that this gets the young people excited about attending youth camp in the spring so that there will be a bigger turnout this year.

In November Jason has a short trip to Tehuacán planned in order to encourage a church plant and to oversee the pastor, Jair. At the end of November Jason has another trip planned to Baja California Norte, where he will preach at a pastors’ conference.

The Mexico City church has signed another year’s contract for its current meeting place. The Lord has given a sense of unity among the deacons in their desire to purchase a building in the future. Purchasing seems to be the only option because rental prices are astronomical. That is the goal towards which they are working, as the Lord permits and provides, but they are waiting on the Lord’s timing and provision.

Please pray for the church as things continue to move forward. The men are actively participating in different ways. The deacons continue to grow nicely in their new roles and are a blessing to the congregation. The women continue their Bible studies and are growing. Please pray for unity and love. Please pray that God would sustain the health of the church members as well as continue to provide for their everyday needs. There are many sick in the congregation, which is an obstacle to church attendance, and many in the church struggle financially, even having problems with having enough money for bus fares or to put gas in their cars to get to church.

DR. STEPHEN POLLOCK
Interim Moderator
Orlando Free Presbyterian

Orlando, Florida

The Orlando congregation continues to express thankfulness for the ministry of Mr. Peter Banfe. He has settled well into his pulpit labors and the congregation is benefiting from consistent, faithful Bible teaching. Dr. Stephen Pollock was due to visit and hold an annual meeting on November 10. Please be much in prayer as the people seek the will of God for the future.

REV. DAVE MOOK
Phoenix Free Presbyterian

Peoria, Arizona

On November 3, the Phoenix congregation gathered for its annual picnic and enjoyed a spectacular Arizona day. Not all members of the congregation were able to attend, but for those who were present, the day was one of good food, fellowship, recreation, and relaxation.

The month of October featured the church’s annual Reformation Month observance, with messages that included a consideration of the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther’s meeting with Cardinal Cajetan in the Roman church’s first attempt to silence the Augustinian monk. Other messages included, by video, a series of messages that Rev. Dave Mook preached in the Cloverdale church last year on the life of Martin Luther.

During the latter part of October, Mr. Mook visited the churches in Malvern and the Lehigh Valley, including attendance at the ordination and installation of three new ruling elders in the Malvern church on October 26. October 23–25, Mr. Mook presided at the 77th annual convention of the American Council of Christian Churches, held in the Bible Presbyterian Church of Collingswood, New Jersey.

The church looks forward to its annual Thanksgiving service on November 18 and then to the regular activities that will mark the holiday season closer to the end of the year, including the annual Service of Lessons and Carols on December 23.

REV. IAN GOLIGHER
Interim Moderator
Heritage Free Presbyterian
**Prince George,
British Columbia**

The congregation in Prince George is rejoicing in the good news that Mr. Andrew Simpson has accepted the call to become its minister. The Ulster presbytery is arranging an ordination service for him to take place in his home church, Magherafelt FPC, on December 1. He plans to take up his ministry in Prince George later in December. The FPCNA presbytery is planning an installation service for him to take place early in the New Year. Please pray that upon his arrival in Canada with his wife, Naomi, he will be granted a work visa.

Rev. Ian Goligher, who served as interim moderator for the congregation, says, “We commend the congregation of Heritage FPC for their faithful waiting on the Lord regarding future ministry in the church. The Lord has marvelously answered. Pray that Mr. Simpson’s ministry will be fruitful with many additions to the church and conversions to Christ.”

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

October was a busy and blessed month for the Toronto church. They had a weekend of Reformation meetings with Dr. John McKnight of Maryland. He also preached to a full house for the annual Whitefield Christian Schools dedication service. Then Dr. William McCrea preached and sang at a week of meetings to mark the 25th anniversary of the Port Hope church, which was attended by many Toronto members. Dr. McCrea also spoke in the Toronto church.

In the midst of these blessed meetings came the sadness of having to say farewell to longtime member Maudie McAnally. Her funeral was conducted by the Rev. Larry Saunders and Dr. Frank McClelland. A number of unsaved were present. Do pray that the Lord will save some and comfort Maudie’s husband, Sam. They had been married 66 years.

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

The congregation in Trinity continues to be grateful for the Lord’s mercies to them. They are thankful for a few first-time visitors during the month of October. One of those visitors, a Reformed military chaplain, is attending for a few months while he awaits his next assignment.

On the Lord’s Day mornings during October, Rev. Myron Mooney preached on Justin Martyr, as well as the three Cappadocian fathers, Basil, Gregory of Nyssa, and Gregory Nazianzen. On the last Sunday, the congregation celebrated with its annual Reformation dinner (this year featuring Mediterranean dishes) and Reformation quiz, which, as usual, was won by Ernie Yarbrough.

October was a busy month in other ways. Pastor Mooney was greatly encouraged by the fall Ministers’ Week of Prayer and heartily thanks the Barrie congregation for hosting it. The Mooneys enjoyed visiting the Allison’s at Duke University Medical Center on Thursday, October 18, and were happy to find Dr. Allison in good spirits. They also had the privilege of witnessing the beautiful wedding of Rachel Hamilton and Chanse Huffman, in Greenville, an event they say was like a Free Presbyterian reunion!

The weekly Bible study in the state prison continues, and one of the prisoners is hoping to be released soon. Pastor Mooney is helping to make arrangements for this man’s housing accommodation and job needs. Please pray for the church’s witness to the community as several local people have visited. Members with ongoing physical problems need prayer as well. And please pray that the Lord would save the children of the church.

REV. IAN GOLIGHER
Interim Moderator
Victoria Free Presbyterian
**Victoria,
British Columbia**

Mr. Mok Chee Chung and his wife, Carol, departed for London, England, on October 31. Their presence and ministry in the Victoria church will be greatly missed. The need for helpers is urgent. Please pray for men to become pillars in the church and for a man of God’s choosing to minister to the remaining group. Presently, during Sunday services the people join Cloverdale FPC by live webcast.