

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 has been encouraged by the attendance of a new couple at their Lord's Day services. They have been attending both worship services each week for more than two months. The church considers this to be a definite answer to prayer.

Rev. Stephen Hamilton recently passed out about thirty scripture calendars to his soccer-playing fraternity. In addition to English versions, he distributed some Spanish-language calendars and two in French. They were all well received by the soccer players. Pray for eternal fruit from this effort.

One of the men came along to a special service before Christmas and remained for the fellowship time afterwards. Pray for the conversion of Patrick, who is a nominal Roman Catholic.

The numbers of people listening to messages on Sermonaudio.com continue to be an encouragement. Pray that many from the Lehigh Valley region will visit the church at Walnutport through this regular ministry.

The church has taken Galatians 6:9 as its motto for 2019: "And let us not be weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Mr. Hamilton says, "The Lord here exhorts His people to press on in faithful service, in the expectation that there will be a blessing upon their efforts, in God's good time. We are thankful that the Lord is working, and by faith we believe that the church is neither stagnant nor dying, as the evil one would have us believe. 'Mercy-drops round us *are* falling, but for the showers we plead!'"

REV. PHIL OWEN
Berean Free Presbyterian

Boston, New York

The church in Boston, New York, enjoyed caroling in December with good opportunities of witness. A couple visited the church the Sunday after hearing the singers.

Lisa Breindel's treatments for cancer went very well, with minimal side effects. Pray that the surgery to remove the tumor will go well and that she will have a good recovery.

Please pray for safety and grace during what will likely be brutal winter weather through March. It can be a stressful time, yet can be highlighted with providential opportunities for helping people and winning souls.

Phil and Tonia Owen received the stunning news that their eldest daughter and son-in-law are expecting twin boys in April. That is a follow up to the shock they had last February when their youngest daughter and her husband welcomed twin girls! The Owens say, "Truly, '[grand]children are an heritage of the Lord,' and the delight of grandparents!"

REV. IAN GOLIGHER
Interim Moderator
Calgary Free Presbyterian

Calgary, Alberta

A farewell service for Rev. Armen Thomassian and his family took place in Calgary on December 9. The next day the Thomassians set off for Greenville, South Carolina. Since then preachers have filled the pulpit each Sunday. During January Mr. Chris Barnes and Rev. Dave Mook are supplying the pulpit. During February Rev. Derrick Bowman and Rev. Craig Vosekalns are scheduled to preach.

A congregational meeting was held on December 5 to call a minister, but the outcome was inconclusive. Pray that the Lord will give wisdom and grace to each member and attendee to trust the Lord during this period of pulpit vacancy. Pray for the Lord to unite the congregation to call that man whom the Lord will have to serve as their minister.

REV. IAN GOLIGHER
Cloverdale Free Presbyterian

Cloverdale, British Columbia

The New Year commenced in Cloverdale FPC with some extra prayer meetings to seek the Lord for His blessing on the ministry of the church, on the radio ministry in various cities across Canada, on other congregations in our denomination, and on our missionaries in different parts of the world. Studies were based on the book of Zechariah. The Lord's words, "Not by might, nor by

power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts” (Zechariah 4:6), were taken to the Lord in prayer. The need for God’s Spirit to be actively at work in worship and in evangelism was underlined. Join the congregation in praying that the Lord may be pleased to demonstrate His power in the ministry of the gospel in 2019. Please pray for growth in new believers and attendees and for deacons to serve the Cloverdale congregation.

REV. ARMEN THOMASSIAN
DR. ALAN CAIRNS
Emeritus
Faith Free Presbyterian
**Greenville,
South Carolina**

Rev. Armen Thomassian and his family arrived in Greenville on December 10, one day after a snow and ice storm had left many parts of the city, including the church and the house the Thomassians were to live in, without power. After they spent their first night in the home of one of the elders, the power came back on and they were able to move into their new home. Mr. Thomassian wishes to thank those that have been praying for their move and the commencement of his ministry in Greenville. He says the Lord has been answering prayer and helping them to settle in quickly.

Mr. Thomassian’s pastoral ministry was called on very soon when Ted Lee, father of elder Steven Lee, went home to be with the Lord suddenly on December 12. Please pray for Mr. Lee’s widow, Insun Lee, and for Steven and his sisters and their families.

The church is grateful for the Lord’s blessing on its outreaches over the Christmas holidays and prays for fruit. They have been encouraged to see the Lord bring in some lost persons to the services in recent days and look to Him to save the souls of many in the coming year, both those who are new to them and others for whom they have been praying for years.

The installation service for Mr. Thomassian was held on Friday, January 4. Rev. Ian Goligher, moderator of presbytery, preached the charge to the newly installed minister. It was a time of great rejoicing as the people thanked the Lord for answered prayer. The congregation is grateful to Dr. Mark Allison for his faithful service as interim moderator during most of the vacancy and to Rev. John Wagner, who stepped up when Dr. Allison became ill. They are also thankful for all the ministers who filled the pulpit and for the extra labors of the session and committee.

Please be in prayer for the family of Desma Killian, who went to be with the Lord on Sunday, January 13. Mrs. Killian, who would have been 101 in April, was the mother of deacon Larry Killian and Charlene Allison. Continue also to remember Dr. Allison in prayer and the family as they care for him.

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

Rev. Geoff Banister reports that the Indianapolis church family took its annual Christmas recital on the road this year and performed at the Crown Pointe senior care facility. The young people that performed were very well received by the audience of elderly residents. Rev. Ron Barnes also brought a good gospel message.

Mr. Banister has stepped up to proctor a couple of Geneva Reformed Seminary students in the Hermeneutics class. Logan Elder has all but finished the class, while Richard Craig in Jamaica is a couple of weeks into it. Please pray for this ministry as there are upcoming occasions to proctor others as well.

In other church news, Ron Barnes has begun a new series in Sunday school on the kings of the Old Testament. Zach and Amanda Hardebeck have announced that their second child is on the way. Please pray for a safe pregnancy and delivery for Amanda. Finally, please pray that the Lord will bless the church family in Indianapolis with health and strength during the cold and flu season.

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

The Malvern church entered the New Year with thankful hearts for God’s mercy in 2018. Rev. Stephen Pollock says it was a very busy year and the Lord was pleased to give grace and answer prayer. In the winter months they are aware of the need for safety as people travel to and from church. They are setting themselves to pray for God to revive His work and to save souls from the local area. They would appreciate prayer as they consider ways to reach people in the locality. Fundamentally, they desire prayer for God to bless the regular preaching of the Word.

Last year the church rejoiced in the election of three elders. Since two of those men had been serving as deacons, the church is now asking prayer as it moves towards the election of new deacons.

Dr. Pollock requests continued prayer for the planning of the summer youth camp.

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

**Mexico City,
Mexico**

The FPC church in Mexico City celebrated its seventh anniversary at the beginning of the year. The Boyles say, “God’s faithfulness and goodness is so evident. He has done wondrous things.” For the new year they are especially praying that the Lord would add numbers to the flock. The people have grown much in spiritual maturity and unity in just the past month. They are praising God that a lady is being restored into fellowship after going through church discipline four years ago. They see a great transformation in her. Pray that she will continue to show the fruit of repentance.

The monthly hacienda Bible study continues to go well. Pray for the Lord to bless this small group of believers, and that if it is God’s will, He would send the right man to start a work with them.

In December Juan Josue and Cinthya moved to Mexico City from Veracruz where they were members of the church that Marcus Reyes pastors. They have moved to Mexico City with the intention of studying and participating much in the ministry of the church there. Please pray that the Lord would guide their lives and ministry and help them settle in.

Preparations have begun for the Mexican youth camp to be held April 16–20. Last year a generous individual sponsored the camp fees for all the young people from the village church of Omiquila (there are about fifteen youth in the church). If any individual or church would like to help out with a portion of their fees this year, they would be very grateful for the chance to go to camp.

The Boyles have continued taking care of seven-year-old Andrea on weekends. Andrea’s mother may get out of rehab on January 19. Please pray that if she does, she will be truly ready and that the Lord would give her strength to stay off drugs, raise her daughter, and make wise decisions. One of Andrea’s older sisters, Sirani, recently came to church. Her heart seemed softened. Pray for her.

The Boyles are beginning the process to adopt a second child. Please pray all will go smoothly.

DR. STEPHEN POLLOCK
Interim Moderator
Orlando Free Presbyterian

**Orlando,
Florida**

This year marks the thirtieth anniversary of the work in Orlando. Dr. Stephen Pollock will travel to Orlando in April to conduct some anniversary meetings. It is the desire of many that this time of reflection will be accompanied with a burden to seek for God’s renewed blessing. Mr. Peter Banfe continues to serve his internship with distinction and the Lord’s people testify to enjoying the expositions of God’s Word. Please pray that Mr. Banfe will continually enjoy the unction of the Spirit. Please pray also for fruit from evangelistic efforts that are being made in the community.

Rev. John Wagner is scheduled to preach the Word in Orlando at the end of January and to conduct a communion service.

REV. DAVE MOOK
Phoenix Free Presbyterian

**Peoria,
Arizona**

Annual holiday events marked the last weeks of 2018 in Phoenix FPC. The Thanksgiving service took place on November 18, the Christmas carol singspiration and fellowship was on December 16, and the Service of Lessons and Carols was on December 23.

On January 3, Rev. Dave Mook travelled to Northern Ireland where he and Rev. Derrick Bowman represented the presbytery as the 2019 delegates to the Ulster presbytery’s annual Week of Prayer. On January 6 and 13, the delegates traveled to churches around the province to preach the Word. On January 7–11 they joined most of the Ulster presbytery’s attendees at a hotel near Clogher. Both delegates preached during the prayer sessions and traveled to other churches during the evening weeknights to preach in prayer meetings in the area. As Mr. Mook and Mr. Bowman returned to their homes on January 14, they rejoiced in the privilege to be in Ulster and drew encouragement from the fellowship they enjoyed with so many of the brothers and sisters there.

The Phoenix church had the opportunity to minister to John and Cloy Hinbest, who had been part of the Toronto church, when they visited Arizona in the latter part of December as part of what they planned as a six-month tour of the United States. While they were in the area, John was diagnosed with terminal cancer. He died late in the evening on January 15. The Phoenix church thanks George Robinson for traveling to Phoenix the weekend before John Hinbest’s death to help him and Cloy with various legal arrangements.

REV. REGGIE CRANSTON
Port Hope Free Presbyterian

**Port Hope,
Ontario**

Rev. Reggie Cranston reports that he was given an opportunity by two local radio stations to record a one-minute gospel message about the incarnation of Christ. The message was broadcast sixty times over the two weeks leading up to Christmas Day. Please pray that the Lord will use the repeated gospel message to speak to listeners about their need of Christ or perhaps to bring visi-

tors to the church services. The Port Hope congregation is praying over the words of their motto text in Ezekiel 36:37, looking to the Lord to fulfill His promise over the incoming months: “I will increase them with men like a flock.”

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

Rev. Andrew Simpson and his wife, Naomi, arrived in Prince George on December 19 and have begun their ministry among the congregation of Heritage FPC. Even though there was a heavy snowfall shortly after their arrival, the meetings continued on Sundays. They are now on a regular schedule of Sunday services and a Wednesday prayer meeting. A presbytery service is scheduled for Friday, January 25, to install Mr. Simpson as the minister of the congregation. A number of ministers and elders who have been commissioned by presbytery plan to attend (Mr. Simpson’s ordination took place in his home church, Magherafelt FPC in Northern Ireland, on December 1).

Please pray for the Lord’s power and blessing to rest upon the ministry of Mr. Simpson and for a solid increase in the congregation. Plans are already in place for outreach and ministry in the city of Prince George. The half-hour radio program in the Prince George area will continue each Sunday morning. Pray for other opportunities for Mr. Simpson to preach the gospel in the community, in the city of Prince George, and beyond.

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

The Toronto church is starting the New Year, as it always does, with a week of prayer, January 21–25. The Revs. Reggie Cranston, Anthony D’Addurno, Frank McClelland, and Larry Saunders will be bringing devotional messages before the times of prayer. A baptismal service will be held on Thursday night when one of those to be baptized will be Mr. D’Addurno’s son, Frankie. The main focus of the week of prayer is that the Lord will send revival blessing.

John Hinbest, son of the first Toronto elder, Frank Hinbest, retired back in October, and he and his wife, Cloy, then set out on a six-month driving tour of the United States. Unfortunately, John took seriously ill with liver cancer when in the Phoenix area and passed away on January 15. The Toronto folks appreciate the help given to him and Cloy by the members of the Phoenix congregation.

The Whitefield Christian Schools are up and running for the second semester with about 240 students. Pray that they may be able to raise up a generation of young people that knows and loves the Lord. Mrs. Saunders is starting a new Bible study in the church for women every other Tuesday night. The focus is on Philippians with particular emphasis on the original Greek.

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

The Trinity, Alabama, congregation is thankful for the caroling outreach on two different occasions in December. Several visitors have attended the services recently. The church has enjoyed the preaching of a Reformed evangelist, Rev. Paul Abbott, and of a military chaplain, Rev. Daniel Sparks. The Mooneys enjoyed attending the installation of Rev. Armen Thomassian in Greenville as well as a visit to the Allison and Killians the next day. The Alabama church’s motto text for 2019 is 1 Timothy 1:18–19: “War a good warfare, holding faith and a good conscience.”

Please pray for Jonathan and Stefanie Phillips, who married on January 12. Jonathan is a fruit of the church’s prison ministry, who has continued to walk with God even years after his release from prison. Also, pray for the ongoing prison Bible study, the salvation of the children of the church, and God’s guidance for the college students. Two of the congregation are in special need of prayer regarding health issues: Ginger Garrett recently fractured her pelvis as a result of a fall, and Brent Hebert is scheduled for surgery on January 22.

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

Pray for some people in the Victoria church with pressing health needs. As the numbers are small each absentee is particularly missed. The regular schedule of Sunday services and Wednesday prayer meetings is continuing in 2019. Pray for a man to minister to the people and strengthen their hand.

Pastor Mok, who helped the congregation over the past year, is soon to be in Singapore and is seeking the will of God for his ministry. Mary Hardy has moved to a care home and needs the Lord’s grace to live in her new surroundings and endure failing health. Pray for outreach this year to reach souls with the gospel and to see people added to the church. Pray that the radio ministry from Cloverdale FPC, which reaches southern and eastern Vancouver Island, will be used to stir interest in the witness of the Free Presbyterian Church at large and in the local congregation in Victoria.
