

# PRAYER BULLETIN

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

REV. STEPHEN HAMILTON  
Lehigh Valley Free Presbyterian

## Allentown, Pennsylvania

Rev. Stephen Hamilton reports that the Lehigh Valley congregation had a very good meeting recently with Dr. David Allen of the Trinitarian Bible Society. Dr. Allen spoke on the excellence of the Authorized Version of the scriptures. He also gave a very encouraging report of the work of the society. TBS is currently involved in producing a new translation of the Spanish Bible. Dr. and Mrs. Mark Allison (Malvern FPC) joined the church for the meeting and for the time of fellowship with Dr. Allen.

The motto text for the Lehigh Valley congregation for 2014 is 2 Chronicles 25:9 with Ephesians 3:20: "The LORD is able to give thee much more than this," and He "is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think." Mr. Hamilton says, "Pray that God will give us more than we have known hitherto in the work, abundant blessings that will even exceed all that we dare ask for."

REV. PHIL OWEN  
Berean Free Presbyterian

## Boston, New York

Philip and Tonia Owen are grateful to the Lord for the hope of their first grandchild. Their eldest child, Jessica, and her husband, Drew Payne, are expecting their first baby in early July.

The Boston church rejoices that the Lord blessed the caroling outreaches in December. The church received a gift and thank you note from a family who heard the carolers last year!

Pray for the salvation of souls who have visited the church and others who have been reached through the caroling and at the football complex. Pray especially for Alice, who lives next to the football stadium and who continues to be a friend of the evangelists even though she is still a stranger to grace.

Calgary Free Presbyterian

## Calgary, Alberta

Please pray for Mr. and Mrs. Flinn of the Calgary church. Everett was admitted to a care home a few months ago, and Joan is recuperating in a separate medical facility after hip surgery on December 26. Everett, who is to have his 93rd birthday this month, surprised the whole congregation by returning for the morning service on January 12.

Rev. David Smith, minister of Ardarragh FPC in Northern Ireland, who was in Calgary with his father to attend a family funeral, was called on to conduct the services on Sunday, January 5, and Tuesday, January 7.

Calvin Goligher arrived safely on January 7 with Joanne and baby Alie. He will be ministering there until July, preaching at the Sunday services and Tuesday prayer meetings while Mr. James Arthur teaches the adult Sunday school classes. The Arthurs are expecting their second child in April.

A Korean couple is attending regularly and a few young people in their twenties are also attending. Pray for Minerva, who came to Canada three years ago and is excited to learn more about the gospel as her understanding of English improves. Pray for the Lord to bless the congregation with visitors who will become faithful attenders and one day pillars in the church. Pray for a steady increase in Sunday attendance, especially at Sunday evening services.

REV. IAN GOLIGHER  
Cloverdale Free Presbyterian

## Cloverdale, British Columbia

Rev. Ian Goligher reports that during the first part of 2014 Sunday morning attendance in Cloverdale has been encouraging. He is teaching on the Westminster Confession in the adult Sunday school class and on the Ten Commandments in the morning services. Please pray that the people will be zealous also to attend the evening service. The prayer burden for the year is that each one will grow in the Lord (2 Peter 3:18). Pastor Goligher says, "The spiritual life of each believer is so important to give the church life and power in the work of the gospel." Some extra prayer meetings were held in January to seek the Lord for His blessing on all areas of the ministry of the church, the radio ministry, and our missionaries.

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Trevor Allder's remarkable recovery from his recent surgery (November 26) to remove a tumor from the base of his brain is cause for much praise to the Lord. He was back to church within a few weeks with his wife and two children. The Jayaraman family has returned from Saskatoon. They first came to the church four years ago for vacation Bible school and then began attending the church Sunday school and services. The Lord in His grace saved Raj, who was raised in Hinduism. Pushpa has known the gospel since her childhood days growing up in Bangalore, India. They have two children, Jag and Nita. Pray for them as they settle into new jobs and a new school. The church is glad for these recent encouragements; please pray for other families to be added to the congregation.

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REV. COLIN MERCER  
DR. CHARLES BARRETT  
REV. RICHARD WINSTON  
DR. ALAN CAIRNS, emeritus  
Faith Free Presbyterian

**Greenville,  
South Carolina**

The congregation at Faith FPC praises God for a very large turnout at its annual Lessons and Carols service in December. There were many visitors in attendance, some for the first time, and some follow up contact has been made with a number of them.

With the holidays over the church has welcomed back young people who are studying in local universities and trust that they will benefit from the preaching of the Word and the fellowship with God's people. Pastor Mercer is continuing with his studies in the book of Acts during the morning services and in Ephesians in the evenings. There have been very encouraging comments of how the Lord has been speaking to hearts through these messages. A number within the congregation have sought membership application forms and this too has been an encouragement.

In early January an opportunity was given Mr. Mercer to write a monthly article for a local newspaper. The first of these will be printed mid-January. The church is thankful for this additional opportunity to reach the community.

Please pray for some in the congregation with ongoing health issues and employment needs.

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REV. SANG HOON HAN  
Korean Free Presbyterian

**Greenville,  
South Carolina**

The Korean Free Presbyterian Church would like to express its sincere appreciation to all who have prayed for Mrs. Lee and her family and the congregation following the passing of Rev. David Lee. The prayers of God's people have been and continue to be answered and God is giving sustaining grace.

There was a good attendance at the annual Lessons and Carols service with many visitors joining with the regular congregation. A watch-night service preceded by a fellowship meal was held at the end of the year.

Rev. Colin Mercer covets prayer as the church continues to seek the will of God regarding the pulpit ministry. Members of the session from Faith Free Presbyterian Church are augmenting the existing session and their help will prove invaluable. Please continue to pray for Mrs. Lee and her family, for Mr. Khang (church elder), and for Mr. Han (the assistant pastor).

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REV. GEOFF BANISTER  
Indianapolis Free Presbyterian

**Indianapolis,  
Indiana**

Rev. Geoff Banister reports that frigid temperatures and adverse traveling conditions led to the cancellation of church services at the beginning of the new year. He has been in Indianapolis for twenty years and this is the first time he has seen the temperature go below zero.

The Indianapolis church has adopted Psalm 119:32 for its motto text for 2014: "I will run the way of thy commandments, when thou shalt enlarge my heart." Pastor Banister says, "May the Lord enlarge our hearts to know the fullness of all we have in Christ."

The session of the church is very encouraged with the initial registrations for the Reforming Families Conference being held at the Creation Museum from July 31–August 2. Within the first week of the registration period 27 families registered, a total of 180 people.

Ruben and Heidi Zartmann have moved up to Dyer, Indiana, where Ruben will be commencing studies at the Mid-America Reformed Seminary. They will be sorely missed, but the church family is thankful that they're not too far away and look forward to visits from them.

Alan Gentry has moved away from Indianapolis back to Greenville, South Carolina, where he will begin a new job. Alan hopes to continue studies at Geneva Reformed Seminary in a couple of months.

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REV. DAVE MOOK  
Phoenix Free Presbyterian

## **Phoenix, Arizona**

During the holiday season, the Phoenix congregation rejoiced to welcome back to its services the two oldest Tschappler brothers. Both took part in the annual Service of Lessons and Carols on December 22. Nathan, who now works in Maryland, and Stephen, now in his junior year at Bob Jones University, read some of the lessons in the service. The young people, all of whom have grown up in the church, formed a small choir that sang one of the special numbers in the service.

On January 5, Rev. David Mook preached on 2 Chronicles 15:7, the church's motto text for 2014, urging the congregation to continue in their service for Christ with the confidence that the Lord would reward their labors. During the winter months the church has been enjoying fellowship with the Bleyenburgs from Iowa. Their attendance is a great encouragement. One of their relatives is also spending the winter in Arizona and is worshiping with the congregation.

Among the special events in the early part of the year will be the commemoration of the 28<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the church's founding, to be observed on February 23. The session has also announced that the monthly men's prayer meeting will be resuming its schedule on January 24.

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Heritage Free Presbyterian

## **Prince George, British Columbia**

There have been heavy snowfalls in the area of the Prince George church; however, the people have been able to attend their regular morning and afternoon Sunday services thanks to diligent snow clearing by Daryl Wilkins with his Bobcat. The church is thankful a neighbour lady attended a recent Sunday service. The Lord has answered prayer for a number of family members who had been ill. One lady's husband is now home full time after being absent for weeks at a time due to work. Please pray for his conversion to Christ. Robyn Friesen is still in La Crete, Alberta, with her family. Pray for the Lord's direction after her year of absence from Prince George. Plans are coming together for summer ministry and outreach, something similar to the work done by Aaron Fitzsimons last year.

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REV. MYRON MOONEY  
Trinity Free Presbyterian

## **Trinity, Alabama**

The Trinity congregation is thankful for the Lord's continuing mercy to them through the winter months. The times of singing to the shut-ins and elderly during December were a blessing to all. The services in December and early January went on in spite of much sickness. Please pray for good health for the congregation, especially the group of small children, since the north Alabama area is experiencing a high rate of the flu.

Pastor Mooney is continuing his series through the book of Romans during the morning services. This series is proving to be a great help to some who have struggled with understanding the gospel of grace.

Please keep the prison Bible study in prayer. Not only has the Lord blessed the group of prisoners who meet for the study, but the Lord has brought one out of prison into regular attendance at the church services. Two other men will be up for parole hearings soon.

Baby Calvin Anderson, who had the brain bleed last year as a newborn, received a great report from his recent appointment with his neurosurgeon. Calvin is doing so well that the doctor doesn't want to see him again! The congregation is rejoicing with the Anderson family.

The church congratulates Luke Mooney and Hannah LaGrave on their recent engagement. Please pray for this young couple as they plan a May 31st wedding.

Other upcoming 2014 special events include a ladies' brunch on April 5, a For God and Truth Conference in August, and the Ragnar Relay in October. Trinity FPC appreciates the ongoing prayers of its sister congregations.

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