

# PRAYER BULLETIN

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

REV. STEPHEN HAMILTON  
Lehigh Valley Free Presbyterian

## Allentown, Pennsylvania

Sunday school has begun again in the Lehigh Valley church after the summer break, and attendance at prayer meetings has increased. They have had several encouraging contacts from the Sermonaudio ministry recently. These included a man who telephoned Mr. Hamilton in distress of heart, asking for prayer for himself and his family. He had been helped by a message he had heard on the Internet. Another man sent an e-mail concerning some messages that had encouraged him to press on with God. He had been a pastor of a church, but had left the ministry because of "abusive people" in his congregation. He became very discouraged and actually dropped out of church for two years. The messages he listened to on the attributes of God (a series Mr. Hamilton has been preaching in recent months) were a help to him. He wrote, "Please pray that I make it through, brother." Please pray for this man. Mr. Hamilton says, "We will refer to him as 'the Pastor.' The Lord knows who he is."

Finally, the church is happy to report that a young couple in the congregation have announced their engagement to be married. They met at the church and have testified to their gratefulness to the Lord for using the church to bring them together. They hope to wed in the spring of 2015.

REV. PHIL OWEN  
Berean Free Presbyterian

## Boston, New York

Rev. Phil Owen reports that the Berean church enjoyed the summer softball league as young and older church members, attenders, and friends came together for friendship and competition. Please pray for the unsaved players that they will be converted. One player, Brian Swank, just had triple bypass surgery. Please intercede for his recovery and salvation.

Please pray for the Lord's blessing on the church's twentieth year of witness outside the Buffalo Bills' stadium on September 21, October 12 and 19, November 9, 23, and 30, and December 14. Mr. Owen says, "In this post-Christian culture we are seeking to start from Genesis to bring the gospel of Christ to needy souls."

The church would appreciate prayer for three expectant mothers: Jane Moody, Trinity Owen, and Sarah Moody Sardina. Please pray also for the ministries in the Springville and Hamburg nursing homes, where services are held each month.

Finally, Mr. Owen would covet the prayers of the Lord's people as he seeks to minister the gospel to other school bus drivers, the staff, and riders as he begins his ninth year as a bus driver for the Springville School District. Two drivers passed away over the summer, one suddenly and just two weeks after being urged to seek the Lord.

Calgary Free Presbyterian

## Calgary, Alberta

The Calgary congregation has had strong attendance over the summer months. Visitors from afar and from the city have come along. One young lady from Australia, who had visited Nepal and met the Graham family there, arrived at the church for the first time while Mr. Graham and his wife were there to conduct the services. She is in Calgary for one year and acknowledged the Lord's providence in leading her to the church.

The wedding for Mitchell Robblee and Minerva Lee took place on Saturday, August 31. It was a happy event for the congregation as it was the first wedding in the church for a considerable time.

Work on the roof has been completed and some generous donations for the roofing project have been received from within the congregation. Pray that the remainder of the funds will come in.

On September 18 the congregation is holding a congregational meeting to call a minister. Pray earnestly that the Lord will unite the congregation to extend a call to the man of His choice to become the minister of the church. There is a pressing need for a man to minister to the long-term faithful and those who are newer in attendance. Rev. Raymond McLernon, accompanied by his wife, Rhona, is presently in Calgary ministering to the people.

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

While Rev. and Mrs. Ian Goligher were in Ulster for the International Congress, Rev. Aaron Dunlop preached at the Sunday services. The annual Presbytery Youth Outreach Initiative was held as scheduled July 24 – August 2. The week of evangelism was a tremendous encouragement to all in the congregation. At the Sunday evening service fourteen young people gave one-minute testimonies, and Andrew Simpson preached the word. The area around the church was canvassed with leaflets for the vacation Bible school, which was run by the girls in the group. The young men did extensive outreach at parks, at transit centers, and at a seaside pier. A blog with daily itineraries and photos can be viewed at [www.cloverdalefpc.ca](http://www.cloverdalefpc.ca).

After many months of preparation, on September 10 the congregation met to elect two elders. Both Mr. Andy Roersma and Mr. Alan Samuel received strong votes. The clear results will be presented for ratification by the presbytery, which is to meet in Cloverdale October 6–10.

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

Faith Free Presbyterian Church has welcomed a new opportunity to broadcast into China on shortwave radio. Following initial inquiries earlier in the year and assistance from Let the Bible Speak in Northern Ireland, the church decided to press on through this open door. The hour-long program will air each Saturday at 7 p.m. (local time) and has a potential audience reaching into the tens of millions. Rev. Colin Mercer says, “This is a very welcome addition to our radio ministry and we look to the Lord to bless the preaching of His own Word.”

For several months now Mr. Mercer has been writing a monthly column in a local newspaper in Greenville. The church has decided to add a weekly advertisement announcing the church services. The majority of the cost has been underwritten by a kind donor, leaving the church with a weekly cost of just \$2. The congregation looks forward to seeing how the Lord will use this additional means of outreach.

Please pray for Mr. Mercer on September 30 when he has been asked to address the faculty, staff, and students of Bob Jones University in Greenville for their fall Day of Prayer.

Faith FPC will host a Reformation conference October 24–26 (Friday through Sunday) with Dr. Edward Panosian, Dr. John McKnight, and Rev. Timothy Nelson as the speakers.

Over recent weeks the Mercers’ daughters have both moved from Greenville. Lois, their elder daughter, has taken a teaching position in Harford Christian School in Maryland, and their younger daughter, Hannah, is studying accounting in Queens University, Belfast, in Northern Ireland. Please pray for the entire family at this time.

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REV. GEOFF BANISTER  
Indianapolis Free Presbyterian  
**Indianapolis,  
Indiana**

Rev. Geoff Banister requests prayer for a man named Jerry, an ardent Roman Catholic who lives near Ryan Elliott. Jerry has been coming to the Friday evening fellowships hosted by the Elliots. He has agreed to meet with a man in the church who is a former Catholic. Please pray for Jerry’s salvation.

Pray for the church’s Sunday school program. September 14 marked the return to a children’s program after the summer break. Mr. Banister says they were very encouraged by the turnout for the first one. Pray that the Lord’s blessing will be upon the Sunday school.

The Banisters’ daughter Jennifer just gave birth to a baby boy, Wyatt. Wyatt arrived a month early and will have to be in the NICU for some time. Please pray that he will develop properly and be healthy and well.

Finally, pray that families will be added to the church.

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DR. MARK ALLISON  
FPC of Malvern  
**Malvern,  
Pennsylvania**

In July the Malvern young people were thrilled to bring the FPC Bible Quiz Tournament trophy home from camp. The winning team was the Malvern Maidens: Julia, Amber, and Sharon Kearns. The Malvern Muskateers—Aliyah Torres, Isaac Sassa, and Lloyd Cange—took second place.

The congregation enjoyed the preaching of Richard Winston, Paul Trimble, and Ron Barnes while Dr. Allison was on vacation. The church was glad the men were able to bring their families with them during their visits.

The 4 Truth Bible Club is scheduled to begin September 27. Please pray that they will be able to reach the children and young people in the Malvern area.

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REV. DAVE MOOK  
Phoenix Free Presbyterian

## Phoenix, Arizona

Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Graham concluded their tour of the West by visiting the Phoenix church early in August. Mr. Graham spoke at the prayer meeting on August 6 and then preached at the services on August 10. During the evening service, he presented his report on the progress of the Free Presbyterian denomination in Nepal, and in the fellowship time that followed the service, he answered questions from the congregation. The Mooks greatly enjoyed hosting the Grahams in their home, and other church families took the opportunity to host them for evening meals and fellowship.

While the Mooks were on vacation, Rev. Craig Vosekalns preached at the services on September 7, including presiding at the Lord's Supper that evening. The congregation appreciated his ministry, and there were visitors in each of the services that day. The Mooks returned home the following day and saw the aftermath of a historic rain storm that struck the Phoenix area that morning. It was the single heaviest day of rain in the recorded history of the city, with some places recording in excess of 5½ inches within the span of a few hours. Thankfully, no one in the congregation experienced any of the flooding damage that affected other parts of the area.

On September 14, the church began its new year in the Sunday school with two classes in session. The Beginners' class welcomed Elise Vosekalns to the roll of students being taught by Sharon Vosekalns and Kelsey Morrow. Herb Tschappler and Craig Vosekalns are teaching an expanded Bible class in a series of five-week modules with Mr. Tschappler teaching the first module on "The Five Links in the Chain of Grace" from Romans 8.

During the morning service on September 14, Mr. Mook paid tribute to the memory of Dr. Ian Paisley, who participated in the constitution of the congregation and the ordination and installation of Mr. Mook on January 19, 1995. The church also included a eulogy of Dr. Paisley in its bulletin for the day as the members reflected on the memory of the Lord's servant.

On the evening of September 14, the congregation joined in a commemoration of the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the writing of "The Star-Spangled Banner." Mr. Mook preached on the theme, "In God Is Our Trust," and the service concluded with the congregational singing of three stanzas of the anthem.

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Heritage Free Presbyterian

## Prince George, British Columbia

Mr. Andrew Simpson finished his time of evangelistic work with the church in Prince George on Sunday, August 24. He is now back in Ulster preparing for the commencement of the Whitefield College of the Bible. His work was much appreciated by the congregation. Andrew put great energy into every opportunity he could find. He went from door to door with gospel literature, to a farmers' market on Saturday mornings, to city parks to meet with young people playing sports, and to care homes to minister to seniors. He was able to arrange for the text of John 3:16 and the church's website address to be placed on a large advertisement board in the center of the city. A number of people attended the Sunday services through his efforts and some good contacts were made for future follow up. Having a leader for the services and prayer meetings was a great encouragement. Pray for the people now as they listen to webcast services and sermons from Sermonaudio at their two Sunday services.

The church rejoices in the engagement of Benjamin Wilkins to Natasha, who lives several hundred miles west of Prince George and has attended the church a few times. Pray for Benjamin's health. He may need surgery to correct a problem with his foot.

Pray that in the fall and winter months the attendance will keep up and even grow.

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REV. MYRON MOONEY  
Trinity Free Presbyterian

## Trinity, Alabama

The congregation in Trinity continues to rejoice in the Lord's mercy to them. They are thankful for answered prayer regarding the prison Bible study, which has resumed for the fall quarter. The reenactment outreach at the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Decatur was held during the Labor Day weekend. Hundreds of tracts were distributed and a gospel service was well attended.

The love, prayers, and concern from around the FPCNA for Spencer and Katie Miller is much appreciated. Please pray for Rev. Myron Mooney, who along with Rev. Reggie Kimbro, will be traveling to Mexico at the end of September. Mr. Mooney is thankful for those who will fill the pulpit while he is away: Mr. Jim Nelson, Mr. Ernie Yarbrough, Dr. Chuck Barrett, and Mr. William Ward.

The congregation is looking forward to October's Reformation messages. The theme of this year's messages is "A Look at the Early Church Fathers Often Quoted by the Reformers." A Reformation dinner featuring Greek and Roman food is planned.

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On October 10–11, the Reformed Runners' relay will take place in Greenville, South Carolina, to raise funds for Geneva Reformed Seminary. Please pray for this endeavor, and if you can help as a runner or logistic support staff, please email [reformedrunners@gmail.com](mailto:reformedrunners@gmail.com).

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REV. AARON DUNLOP  
Victoria Free Presbyterian  
**Victoria,  
British Columbia**

The Victoria church is taking advantage of the FPC ministers' being in British Columbia for the Ministers' Week of Prayer at the beginning of October. They will have Rev. Richard Winston preach at their services on October 5 and Rev. David DiCanio and Rev. Jason Boyle on the 12th.

The retreat for men of the western Canadian churches will be held November 7–8 with Rev. David McClelland as guest speaker. Please pray for the Lord's blessing on this time. Pray also for a renewed spirit of prayer among the people of the Victoria church.

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