

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 says, “We have taken as a motto text for 2015 the words of Moses concerning Asher in Deuteronomy 33:25: ‘As thy days, so shall thy strength be.’ Whatever we might face each day in the future, the Lord will provide all the spiritual strength and power required.”

Several visitors have come to the church in Allentown recently, including one local lady and another family of five from a nearby town.

Pray for the Trinitarian Bible Society gospel calendars given out by Mr. Hamilton to his “soccer buddies.” Over the recent holiday period, he distributed some 20 English-language, 17 Spanish-language, and 3 Farsi-language calendars with scriptures for each month. Only one man refused a calendar—a Roman Catholic of Irish descent whose name is Frank. Pray for him. Another Southern Irishman who plays soccer, Patrick, has struck up a friendship with Mr. Hamilton. Last fall Patrick telephoned Mr. Hamilton at the time of Dr. Paisley’s passing to pass on his condolences. Knowing Mr. Hamilton’s background in Ulster in the Free Church, he had assumed that Dr. Paisley was connected to him and the church here, and so he wanted to express sympathy. It was a touching telephone call. Since then Patrick has been to the Hamilton home (for some proper Irish tea!) and he went away with a gospel calendar. Please pray for his salvation.

Finally, pray for Joanie, a neighbor of the Hamiltons. June Hamilton has spoken to Joanie on a number of occasions and given her gospel literature. Joanie—who is unsaved—told June that she has listened to a few of Mr. Hamilton’s sermons on Sermonaudio. Please pray for this dear lady and her partner, Pete. They need Christ.

REV. PHIL OWEN
Berean Free Presbyterian

Boston, New York

Rev. Phil Owen reports that at the last of their outreaches at the Buffalo Bills’ stadium for this the 20th year of that ministry, many seemed receptive as Christmas carols were sung. Mr. Owen says, “One fan stopped and asked whether eternity in hell is an overkill. Hopefully the emphasis on the holiness of God and the sinfulness of sin will help him along toward Christ.” Continue to pray for Alice’s salvation.

The carolers from the church enjoyed ministering outside homes and in a nursing home in December and would appreciate prayer for the residents. At the first house a widower remarked, “I really need this as my wife of sixty years recently died.” Do pray for the conversion of souls that have been befriended and urged to trust the Lord.

Mr. Owen and his wife, Tonia, are looking forward to the arrival of their second grandson in mid February when their son Jared and his wife, Trinity, are expecting their first child, Judah.

Calgary Free Presbyterian

Calgary, Alberta

The Thomassian family is scheduled to arrive in Calgary on January 21. Rev. Armen Thomassian will conduct his first meetings the following Sunday. The Ulster presbytery is conducting an ordination service on Friday, January 16, in Ballymoney FPC, Mr. Thomassian’s home church. The North American presbytery has announced an installation service for Mr. Thomassian to be held in the Calgary church on Friday, March 6. The congregation gives God the praise for sustaining them through a prolonged vacancy and for providing a new minister at this crucial time when people are showing an interest in the witness of the church. The congregation also thanks those who prayed for them and all who came to minister the Lord’s Word to them. Please begin to pray for God’s Spirit to be upon His servant to bless his ministry to the Calgary congregation.

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

Prayer is appreciated for the ministry of God's Word during the winter months in the Cloverdale church. The weather has been mild, and the first meetings of the New Year have been encouraging. In the midst of bereavements and normal health issues the Lord has been sustaining His people. Rev. Ian Goligher is preaching a short series on the Christian family. Please pray for some unconverted people who are attending. Pray that the Lord will be pleased to convert souls in 2015.

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

Faith Free Presbyterian Church is looking forward to the ordination of two elders-elect on January 21, 2015. Mr. Steven Lee and Dr. Paul Overly were elected by the congregation in November 2014 and will be ordained by a special commission of presbytery. The moderator, Dr. Larry Saunders, the clerk, Rev. David Mook, and other ministers plan to be present.

The congregation asks for prayer for its continuing radio ministry and especially for its China broadcast. A one-hour program is aired each Saturday night at 7:00 local time. Rev. Colin Mercer says, "There has been some feedback and we look to the Lord to bless His Word."

The church family is grieving the loss of Jeff Melsom, a member of the congregation who went to be with the Lord on January 13 after spending several weeks in intensive care following surgery to repair a damaged heart valve. Please pray for his wife, Penny, and their five sons: Nathan, Jonathan, Chris, Anthony, and Greg. Other members of the church, Patty Kobler and Blanche Burleson, also continue to wrestle with ill health. Please remember them in prayer.

Pastor Mercer has commenced a brief series entitled "Recovering the Prayer Meeting." Please pray that the Lord will bless these studies to the congregation.

REV. SANGHOON HAN
Korean Free Presbyterian
**Greenville,
South Carolina**

Rev. Sanghoon Han, the new minister of the Korean FPC, says that the Korean church gives special thanks to God for His blessings. First, they rejoice that the first Free Presbyterian church has been planted in South Korea. Rev. Seongkyu Lee, who was taken under care and licensed by the FPCNA presbytery in October, has about fifteen adults and children meeting in the Gwangmyeong Faith Free Presbyterian Church near Seoul. Pray with the people of that church that they will soon find a better location for their meetings. Second, the Greenville Korean FPC is happy to have two students attending Geneva Reformed Seminary this semester, Benjamin Kim and Jaewoo Bae. JaeWoo Bae graduated from Bob Jones University in December and just began his studies at GRS. Please pray for the church and students.

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

Rev. Geoff Banister says the Indianapolis church has had a number of people who have been sick including Ben Manring, who has been absent for about a month. Please pray that they will know God's grace and a healing touch from on high.

Please pray for families to be added to the church. They have been encouraged of late by a visiting family with four children. The family lives very close to the church.

Please also pray that the Lord would raise up one or two more elders for the church.

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

The Malvern congregation had its annual dinner and service on December 21. Dr. Allison reports that it was a blessed time of fellowship and worship as members read Scripture and provided the special music. An evangelistic gospel message brought the meeting to a close.

On January 1 seven of the men went to the Mummer's Parade in Philadelphia and distributed hundreds of gospel tracts. One tract even made its way to a Muslim cleric. Pray that the printed Word would have great success.

On the following Sunday, January 4, Dr. Allison preached from 2 Chronicles 16:9a: "For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew Himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him." The verse is meant to be a challenge and encouragement for the congregation throughout the New Year.

Rev. David DiCanio preached at all the services on January 11. As on other occasions, his ministry was a great blessing to the congregation. They were especially glad to get an update on Liberia.

The men of the congregation will be meeting with the men from Dr. John McKnight's church (Reformation Bible Church) on Saturday evening, January 17, for a season of prayer. The prayer time will be held in Malvern and will be followed by a dinner prepared by the ladies of the church.

On February 1 the Rev. Marvin Gassman will be preaching at the morning service. Mr. Gassman is part of the Ohio Bible Fellowship and used to run their youth camp. He is also pastor emeritus of the Morrow County Bible Church.

REV. DAVE MOOK
Phoenix Free Presbyterian

Phoenix, Arizona

The holiday season at the Phoenix church included a blessed time of fellowship at a Christmas party hosted on December 6 by Craig and Sharon Vosekalns. The members of the Youth Fellowship/College-Career Fellowship assisted as servers. Following the evening service on December 14, the congregation enjoyed a singspiration time and refreshments. The annual service of Lessons and Carols on December 21 proved to be a blessing to all who were able to attend. One of the young men, Kaleb Morrow, took part for the first time as a reader for one of the lessons in addition to playing his trumpet and joining the other young people for a special number during the service. The congregation rejoiced to welcome Sam Tschappler home after his first semester at Bob Jones University.

Mary Mook retired on December 19 after a 29-year career in the Water Services Department of the City of Phoenix. Her colleagues displayed their high regard for her by hosting her at several luncheons during her last two weeks on the job and organizing a reunion of former colleagues with whom she worked. The Mooks departed on December 22 for California where they spent the holidays with their daughter and her family in the San Diego area.

On January 11, Mr. Mook returned to the pulpit to preach on 2 John 9, the church's motto text for 2015. He drew the attention of the congregation to the phrase "the doctrine of Christ" that occurs twice in the text and argued for the importance of reasserting the truth concerning Christ in a world that is awash in all sorts of false doctrines. The congregation has welcomed several visitors to its services during recent weeks and has been very glad to have the Bleyenbergs and their cousin in attendance during the winter months.

The church's Youth Fellowship/College-Career Fellowship, under the direction of Craig and Sharon Vosekalns, is pursuing an outreach program that has the name Operation Ziplock. The members of the groups assemble Ziploc bags of supplies to give out to people in need as the members encounter them around the area. The bags include gospel literature in addition to the snacks and personal supplies that people can use.

Heritage Free Presbyterian

Prince George, British Columbia

The foremost prayer request for the Prince George congregation is for the people to know the Lord's presence in their lives and in the fellowship of the congregation. Pray for an increase in attendance. If two families were added to the present group, it would be cause for rejoicing. Pray concerning pulpit ministry for the year to come. At present the people are dependent on webcasts and Sermonaudio.com for ministry. Pray it may please the Lord to send a "live preacher" who will give leadership and reach out to precious souls in the city of Prince George.

REV. MYRON MOONEY
Trinity Free Presbyterian

Trinity, Alabama

Trinity Free Presbyterian Church rejoices in the Lord's blessing as the year ended and the New Year has begun. They praise the Lord for His evident work in the hearts of some of the men. The year's motto text, Psalm 4:6—"Lord, lift Thou up the light of Thy countenance upon us"—is the prayer of the congregation at the beginning of 2015.

After the DVD presentation of the new KJV study Bible, many people received it for Christmas. A pastors' monthly prayer meeting hosted by Pastor Mooney has seen an increase of late. Several people who are disillusioned with their churches have contacted Pastor Mooney and shown an interest in visiting.

Please pray for three expectant mothers in the church, for several one-on-one book studies that are being held for strengthening and encouragement, for the salvation of some of the youth, and for the weekly prison Bible study, which continues this quarter.

REV. REGGIE KIMBRO
REV. DERRICK BOWMAN
Grace Free Presbyterian

Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Rev. Derrick Bowman was in New York City for about ten days helping Bill Jones and the ministry of New York Gospel Mission. The Winston-Salem church is grateful for this opportunity of outreach.

The church is looking forward to a sacred concert with the Sacred Music Services men's chorus on Friday, January 23. Any within driving distance are invited to attend.

Rev. Reggie Kimbro requests prayer for a family that lives in the Raleigh, North Carolina, area. The wife attended the Winston-Salem church before they were married. The husband, John Farquay, was recently diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. Before a biopsy it was feared that he had pancreatic cancer, so they have been greatly relieved at this diagnosis, but he still needs prayer for strength and healing through several rounds of chemotherapy.

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