

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 church is rejoicing in the Lord's answer to their prayers of many years for their own church building. They became owners of the building in Walnutport, just north of Allentown, on August 31. A dedication service is planned, God willing, for October 23. The speaker will be the clerk of presbytery, Rev. David Mook. Rev. Stephen Hamilton says, "We are excited to be in our new location and ask for prayer that God will move mightily in the Lehigh Valley. God has provided for our needs on each step of this journey."

REV. ARMEN THOMASSIAN
Calgary Free Presbyterian

Calgary, Alberta

Rev. Armen Thomassian reports that numbers remained steady through the summer months. A number of young people have been attending on Sunday evenings. One young man with a serious drug addiction professed faith one night, but it remains to be seen if a genuine work of grace was done in his heart. He is struggling to break his drug habit. Please pray for him. Another young man who has been coming is a Muslim from Afghanistan. Please pray for him and for the rest of these young men, that God will save them

The church held its first day of fellowship and prayer on August 30. Following the morning service at least 23 people remained for lunch and then spent the afternoon in the scriptures and in prayer. It was a time of spiritual searching, humility, and some brokenness, which, Mr. Thomassian says, is where we all must begin.

The youth fellowship has recommenced with a few new faces. Whether these will be permanent additions is hard to say, but please pray to that end and that God would add more. Mr. Thomassian says, "How we need the Lord to work in our hearts. The city is so vast and the impact so minimal. Pray that the Lord will grant me an all-consuming desire ... to build the flock and win souls and the wisdom to know how."

REV. IAN GOLIGHER
Cloverdale Free Presbyterian

Cloverdale, British Columbia

Over three Sundays in September Rev. Ian Goligher is trading pulpits with Rev. Armen Thomassian and Rev. Andy Foster.

The annual Cloverdale church picnic was held on September 7 with good weather, good attendance, and good fellowship. Now that summer is over Sunday school recommenced on September 13. There are classes for all ages including adults. Please pray for the Lord to bless this ministry. Pastor Mok Chee Chung and his wife, formerly from Singapore, have returned to the fellowship of the church and Pastor Mok will be teaching the adult Sunday school during part of September.

Please pray for men to serve as deacons alongside the elders in the congregation.

REV. JOHN WAGNER
Covenant Free Presbyterian

Columbia, South Carolina

Rev. John Wagner requests prayer for his niece Wendy Alpaugh, who was recently diagnosed with a glioblastoma (Stage 4 brain tumor). The average life span with treatment (radiation and chemo) for someone with such a tumor is fifteen months. Duke University is conducting a clinical trial that treats these tumors by introducing the polio virus into them. A woman in Greenville, S.C., who had this procedure four years ago is alive and well, although that hasn't been the outcome with all who have received the treatment. Wendy has applied to enter this program, but getting accepted is not a sure thing. She will have to go through chemo and radiation treatments first and only if the tumor grows back will she be considered for the program. Mr. Wagner says, "Please pray that God will strengthen her heart with grace to go through this fiery trial of her faith. Wendy is a believer, but being only 39 and having 7- and 16-year old children still at home surely weighs heavily on her heart. Please pray that if the tumor grows back (and it is likely that it will since only about one tenth of one percent have success with the radiation and chemo), God willing, she will be accepted into the clinical trial at Duke with the obvious desire to see the Lord use the treatment to stop the tumor's growth. Thank you."

REV. COLIN MERCER
DR. ALAN CAIRNS, emeritus
Faith Free Presbyterian

Greenville, South Carolina

Towards the end of August the congregation at Faith Free Presbyterian Church welcomed a large number of college students who come to Greenville to continue their education. Their participation in the services and interest in helping with various aspects of the ministry are much appreciated.

Regular Sunday school classes recommenced on the first Lord's Day in September. The church is thankful for faithful teachers and for the many children who attend. On the same day, Rev. Colin Mercer began membership classes with ten people in attendance. Dr. Mark Sidwell is conducting the adult Bible class during the month of September and his ministry is always valued by the congregation.

October 23–25 the church will host its annual Reformation Conference. The preachers this year include Rev. Bill Hughes (Scotland), Rev. Paco Orozco (Mexico), and Dr. Steve Pettit (president, Bob Jones University).

Pastor Mercer values prayer as he teaches for several weeks in Geneva Reformed Seminary and also as he and his wife, Heather, await a successful outcome to their application for permanent resident status.

The congregation has a number of shut-ins who watch the services via the live Sermonaudio.com broadcast. Please pray that the Lord will continue to bless them in their homes.

DR. MARK ALLISON
FPC of Malvern

Malvern, Pennsylvania

During the month of August when Dr. Allison was in South Carolina, the Malvern congregation enjoyed the preaching of Adam Eshleman and Paul Trimble. On September 7, Labor Day, some members of Lehigh Valley FPC in Allentown joined the Malvern church for a brief worship service followed by an annual picnic.

The pope will visit Pennsylvania September 26–27. In preparation for his coming, the church's radio messages for September on WFIL are addressing the topics the queen of heaven, the blasphemous mass, and the usurper to God's throne. On September 18, Chris Arzen will interview Dr. Allison on the radio program *Iron Sharpens Iron* with the purpose of turning people away from the seduction and delusions of the papal visit. On September 27, the church services in Malvern will focus on exposing the papal claims and Rome's false gospel. Post cards announcing these special services are being mailed to homes in the Malvern area. Please pray that many eyes will be opened to the truth and that hearts will embrace the gospel.

October 5–9, Dr. Allison will be at the Ministers' Week of Prayer in Columbia, South Carolina, and will also be taking part in the ARTS accreditation conference October 6 in Greenville. The congregation in Malvern will host the quarterly time of prayer with Reformation Bible Church on October 17. The guest preacher for that meeting and the following Sabbath day will be Rev. Dave Mook, who is coming to Malvern to preach a series on the Reformation. Dr. Allison returns to Greenville October 27–November 13 to lecture at Geneva Reformed Seminary on the New Testament course Romans and Galatians. Please pray for these special meetings.

Dr. Allison would like to thank those who prayed for him these past three months concerning his diagnosis of diabetes. His A1C was 12.9 in June; it is now down to 6.4. The Lord has graciously intervened in answer to the prayers of many.

REV. DAVE MOOK
Phoenix Free Presbyterian

Phoenix, Arizona

The Phoenix church lost one of its charter members on July 24 when Betsy Arnold died at the age of 83. Her health declined after a fall at her home early in the year. On the morning of July 31, the congregation gathered with the family at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona for a brief graveside service in which Rev. Dave Mook and Rev. Craig Vosekalns each took part. On August 22, the church conducted a memorial service at which both men participated again.

Early in August the Mooks celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary. On August 24, they marked the thirtieth anniversary of their arrival in Phoenix to begin the work of establishing the church.

While the summer is still very much in evidence in Phoenix, the church looks forward to beginning the 2015–16 year in the Sunday school on September 20. On September 20 and 27, Mr. Mook plans to preach messages in support of the efforts of sister congregations in protesting the papal visit to the United States.

REV. REGGIE CRANSTON
Port Hope Free Presbyterian

Port Hope, Ontario

Port Hope Free Presbyterian Church announces special services to commemorate its twenty-second anniversary October 25–30. The preacher will be Rev. Andrew Patterson of Mourne Free Presbyterian Church in Kilkeel, Northern Ireland. Rev. Reggie Cranston requests prayer for the Lord's blessing on Mr. Patterson as he comes to preach the Word of the Lord.

Heritage Free Presbyterian

Prince George, British Columbia

The summer ministry of Mr. Andrew Simpson and Mr. Timothy Monteith was greatly appreciated by the Prince George congregation. Having someone there to preach resulted in improved attendance each week. Hundreds of homes received gospel literature and invitations to a vacation Bible school. A few of the children who attended the VBS had never been to a church before.

Now that Mr. Simpson and Mr. Monteith have returned home and there is no preacher on location, the congregation is again linking up to services by Sermonaudio webcasts. Pray that they will remain encouraged, that they will continue to have visitors attend, and that the Lord will be pleased to direct the future ministry of the church. Pray for a man burdened to minister in the church and to evangelize in the city of Prince George.

REV. MYRON MOONEY
Trinity Free Presbyterian

Trinity, Alabama

The congregation in Trinity FPC rejoices in the Lord for several blessings. First, three young people who grew up in the church were baptized recently. The young people each gave testimony of the Lord's saving work in their lives. It was a blessing to note that two of them were confronted with gospel truth as a result of attending the FP Youth Camp. Second, the reenactment outreach on Labor Day weekend proved a great opportunity to pass out gospel tracts as well as for Mr. Mooney to preach the gospel to a capacity crowd at the park. Third, recent prayer meetings have been blessed times of beseeching the Lord for His mighty working in the land. Last, the church parking lot is paved and updated lighting has been installed.

The For God & Truth Conference 2015 was held in August. The conference was a blessing to all who attended as well as for those who tuned in via sermonaudio.com. The focus was on the ministry of the church to the local body and in global missions.

Mr. Mooney's Reformation messages for Sunday mornings through October will be on some orthodox early church fathers: Augustine, Athanasius, Ambrose of Milan, and St. Claude. These will be uploaded to sermonaudio.com shortly after the live services.

The Reformed Runners' fall relay will be held in Alabama on Friday and Saturday, November 6–7, 2015. This year's run is to raise awareness and funds for the missionary endeavor in Mexico City led by Jason and Danielle Boyle. If you would like to be a part of an eight- to ten-man team, please email Ernie Yarbrough and Jacob Frank at reformedrunners@gmail.com. Visit the website www.reformedrunners.com for more information and to donate.

The congregation would ask prayer for the salvation of the young children of the congregation. In recent Sunday school classes, several children have listened with unusual attentiveness.

Luke and Hannah Mooney welcomed new baby Caleb Forrest into their home on Friday, September 18, 2015. Caleb weighed 9 lbs. 5 oz. and is 21.5 inches long. Hannah and Caleb are doing well. Please continue to pray for three more mothers who are expecting babies this fall.

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