

# 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 church had a most encouraging service of dedication on October 23 for its new church building. Dr. Larry Saunders brought greetings on behalf of the presbytery of the FPCNA and prayed the dedication prayer. Rev. David Mook preached the Word. Other ministers taking part were Dr. Mark Allison of Malvern and Dr. John McKnight of the Reformation Bible Church in Darlington, Maryland. Among the visitors were several folks from Malvern FPC and two of Mr. Hamilton's sisters, who came from Northern Ireland especially for the service. The Hamiltons' unsaved neighbors and six of his "soccer fraternity" also attended the special service. This was a wonderful answer to prayer, and it encouraged the folks of the church to pray for their own friends and relatives and to seek to bring them under the sound of God's Word. Please pray for another soccer player—a man from Honduras—who has promised to bring his family to visit the church.

A family of ten from north of the Lehigh Valley, a man and his wife and eight children, have attended morning worship recently on successive Lord's Days. This has also been very encouraging. The man has expressed his appreciation of the stand of the Free Church on a number of issues, including the use of the Authorized Version and abstinence from the beverage use of alcohol. He and his family have been listening to messages of Mr. Hamilton's on Sermonaudio.com.

REV. PHIL OWEN  
Berean Free Presbyterian

## Boston, New York

Rev. and Mrs. Owen would appreciate prayer for their daughter Jessica and son-in-law Drew as they are expecting their second child in May. The new baby will be the senior Owens' third grandchild.

Mr. Owen says that several in the church have applied for different jobs lately and would be glad for prayer. Please continue to pray for souls to be saved and added to the flock.

REV. ARMEN THOMASSIAN  
Calgary Free Presbyterian

## Calgary, Alberta

Rev. Armen Thomassian reports that the work in Calgary continues to need much prayer. A couple of young men continue to attend on Sunday evenings. Another troubled young man in his twenties attended an evening service last week. Mr. Thomassian contacted him after that visit, and the young man claimed to have sought the Lord for salvation. Mr. Thomassian disciplined him through the week but says, "Salvation is of the Lord so we leave the matter in God's hands to see if a work of grace has been done." Another man who needs the Lord attended last Sunday evening and listened intently. Pray that God will save these men He is bringing in.

The work has also been encouraged by one new Christian's expressing interest in outreach. This is an answer to prayer for Mr. Thomassian. Together they have already done some outreach in the city and at the university. Mr. Thomassian hopes to see a door for ministry in the university to open up. Please pray to that end.

Monthly ladies' and men's meetings have commenced, and both have been an encouragement to all. There is a keen sense of desire for God to work. Mr. Thomassian says, "With the overwhelming problem of drugs in the city and the hopelessness of so many of the youth, only God can meet the need."

REV. IAN GOLIGHER  
Cloverdale Free Presbyterian

## Cloverdale, British Columbia

Rev. Ian Goligher reports that the Lord's presence has been evident in the recent weekly meetings of the church in Cloverdale. Visitors, including a couple of young families, have been attending, which is a specific answer to prayer. A short series of messages on revivals in Bible times have stirred some hearts and encouraged God's people to pray more earnestly.

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Mr. Collin Chesney had open heart surgery on September 21 and it was a good success. The recovery period has been difficult, but he is thankful for the return of his strength to date.

Please pray for power to preach God's Word in the church services and on the radio. Phone calls and emails are received most weeks showing support for the daily radio programs being aired in Greater Vancouver and on Vancouver Island. Pray for the salvation of children in the Sunday school. Pray also that they will be grounded in God's Word through the instruction they receive each week from their teachers and at home from their parents.

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REV. JOHN WAGNER  
Covenant Free Presbyterian  
**Columbia,  
South Carolina**

Covenant FPC enjoyed hosting the Ministers' Week of Prayer in October. The week followed the historic rainfall that devastated much of the Columbia area. The church people are grateful to those who prayed for their protection during those days. There was a little water damage to one of the buildings on the church property but the church and the church families escaped the worst of the flooding.

Rev. John Wagner has been ministering in Northern Ireland at the Ballymena Bible Conference November 6–13. Pray for lasting fruit in the lives of those who attend.

Please continue to pray for Mr. Wagner's niece Wendy Alpaugh and her family. She recently completed her radiation and chemotherapy treatments for her brain tumor and is waiting to find out whether they have shrunk the tumor at all.

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

Faith Free Presbyterian Church marked Reformation month with a special conference during October 23–25. Rev. William Hughes, Rev. Paco Orozco, and Dr. Steve Pettit brought suitable messages and their Christ-centered preaching was a rich blessing. A number of visitors attended the services and the church family looks forward to having some of them come again in the future.

Dr. Mark Allison preached in early November while Pastor and Mrs. Mercer had a brief vacation. When Pastor Mercer returned to the pulpit he continued with his series of messages on Paul's letter to the Philippians.

On November 15, a special service will be held marking Veterans Day. A video presentation has been prepared of the veterans in the congregation and a message highlighting Christ as the great victor will be preached. The church will also mark Thanksgiving Day with a special prayer meeting on Wednesday, November 25. At this service the congregation will have opportunity to give testimony to the Lord's grace and goodness over the past year.

Plans have already been laid for outreach in Haywood Mall on December 19. A volunteer choir will have the opportunity to sing Christmas carols between 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Please pray for this special effort to reach the lost.

Pastor Mercer has been greatly encouraged with recent feedback from the radio ministry. Some new converts have expressed their appreciation for the preaching of God's Word. The congregation continues to pray for the salvation of the lost who attend the services each Lord's Day and also for the many who are ill and unable to attend.

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

During the last week of October and the first two weeks of November, Dr. Mark Allison taught Romans and Galatians at Geneva Reformed Seminary (GRS). During his absence from Malvern the congregation enjoyed the preaching of Rev. Geoff Banister and Mr. Ron Barnes.

Weather permitting, members of the congregation will distribute gospel tracts at the Thanksgiving Parade which is held in Philadelphia on Thanksgiving Day. Please pray that the seed sown will result in a harvest of souls.

The congregation is looking forward to its annual dinner which is scheduled for December 20. Following the dinner there will be special music, reading of scripture, and preaching. It is always a joy to have family members and visitors attend.

Sometime in the new year, Dr. and Mrs. Allison will be moving to Greenville, South Carolina. In October, the presbytery voted to appoint Dr. Allison to labor full time as both the president and a lecturer at GRS. Please pray for the congregation as it seeks the Lord for another under shepherd for Malvern.

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REV. DAVE MOOK  
Phoenix Free Presbyterian

## **Phoenix, Arizona**

During the last two weeks of September, Rev. Dave Mook preached a brief series of messages that reflected the tragedy of the papal visit to America. The following month, while Mr. Mook was traveling, the Reformation Month series featured video sermons from Dr. Edward Panosian and Rev. Colin Mercer along with Mr. Mook's messages dealing with John Oecolampadius, with the spiritual power of the Reformation, and with the call to maintain the Reformation's defense of fundamental truth in the twenty-first century. Rev. Craig Vosekalns supplied the pulpit and presided at the Lord's Table on October 4.

Near the end of September the church received a wonderful donation from the estate of Betsy Arnold. The organ that she purchased for use in her home was a very elaborate Lowrey Prestige model and now is in use in the church building. The blessing was great because the organ the church has been using for many years had a number of problems that were no longer feasible to repair.

At the beginning of October both Mr. Mook and elder Herb Tschappler traveled to Columbia, South Carolina, for the Week of Prayer and regular meeting of the presbytery. Later in the month, Mr. Mook preached at the Malvern church in Pennsylvania, then at the annual convention of the American Council of Christian Churches in Darlington, Maryland, and finally at the formal dedication service for the new church building that is now home to the Lehigh Valley FPC in Walnutport, Pennsylvania.

Upon returning home, Mr. Mook conveyed to the congregation more details concerning the death on October 22 of Dr. Ralph Colas, longtime executive secretary of the American Council of Christian Churches. Dr. Colas, 85 when he died, preached in the Phoenix church on a number of occasions, including Reformation Sunday services in 2005, 2007–2010, and 2012. The people of the church developed a very close friendship with him and were very sorry at the news of his passing.

The arrival of November and cooler weather signaled it was time for the church's annual picnic. November 7 provided a wonderful day for that event with the high temperature around 80 degrees. Later in November, the church plans for its annual Thanksgiving service. Other holiday events are planned for December.

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Heritage Free Presbyterian

## **Prince George, British Columbia**

The core group of believers in Prince George continues to meet each Sunday morning and afternoon. They join Cloverdale FPC by webcast during their morning service and download a message from Sermonaudio for the afternoon service. An unsaved lady continues to attend each Sunday. Pray for her conversion to Christ and for others to join in the fellowship of the church. Rev. Ian Goligher plans to visit on Sunday, November 22, to hold a communion service and to encourage the people.

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REV. MYRON MOONEY  
Trinity Free Presbyterian

## **Trinity, Alabama**

Since the last prayer bulletin report, two new babies have been added to the Alabama congregation. Jacob and Kelly Frank welcomed Ezra Mooney Frank to their family on September 29. Ezra weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz. and was 20.5 inches long. Ezra joins siblings Lily, Levi, Asher, and Ava. On Sunday, October 11, Ernie and Myra Yarbrough welcomed Nora Evangeline into their family. Born at 4:52 p.m., Nora weighed 7 lbs. and was 19.5 inches long. Nora receives lots of snuggles from big brothers Ridley and Cameron. The mothers and new babies are doing well.

At the end of October the church manned a table at the Moulton, Alabama, fair passing out biblical literature and talking to people who came by. They trust this opportunity will lead to the salvation of souls and to visitors in the church services.

The Reformed Runners fall run took place November 6–7 in the hills of north Alabama. In spite of rainy weather the runners enthusiastically tackled their three- to six-mile legs. Early reports have the giving for the Boyles' mission work in Mexico at several thousand dollars with more coming in. Tee shirts are available online at <http://bit.ly/1SsrjNp>, and donations can be made at [www.reformedrunners.com](http://www.reformedrunners.com).

The congregation is happy to announce that its Sunday morning church service is now broadcast live on Sermonaudio.com at 10:30 CT.

Please pray for the safe arrival of one more baby due the end of November as well as several in the congregation who are facing physical difficulties. Pray also for the ongoing weekly prison Bible study to be a blessing to the men who attend.

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

The Western Canadian churches are having their men's retreat the second weekend in November. The theme is the Resurgence of Reformed Theology. The men will be watching the new DVD on Martin Lloyd-Jones and looking at the history of the Evangelical Library and its influence on Reformed literature.

At the beginning of October Mr. Dunlop began a Bible study for ladies. It meets weekly at a local coffee shop in the town where the Dunlops live. Six to seven ladies attend regularly. Mr. Dunlop says, "We have had opportunity to speak to other curious patrons of the coffee shop who see us with open Bibles and sometimes you can see people at the next table straining the ear to hear what's going on. We pray that this would be a witness for the gospel in the marketplace."

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