

# 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 and his wife, June, are delighted at the arrival of a new grandson born to their daughter Rachel and her husband, Chanse, at the beginning of July. All are doing well.

During the “lockdown” the worship services on Facebook Live kept the Lehigh Valley congregation engaged and involved and also provided ministry to many outside of their number. As a result, they have continued to stream services by that means even when the church resumed its in-person worship. The first Lord’s Day back in their building was a time of blessing, even though the numbers were smaller.

Some new folks have contacted Mr. Hamilton and expressed an interest in the denomination as well as in the Lehigh Valley witness. Several of the men who play soccer with Pastor Hamilton have watched the online worship and heard some clear gospel messages. Please pray for the salvation of these men. One of them recently asked Mr. Hamilton to pray for his daughter, who is a cocaine addict, and also asked him to pray with him in person. The Hamiltons’ next-door neighbor has been watching and listening to the preaching for a couple of months now. Pray that he may be brought to Christ. These developments have served to illustrate that while restrictions can be providentially placed upon the normal activities of the church, yet the Word of God is not bound.

**REV. PHIL OWEN**  
Berean Free Presbyterian

**Boston,  
New York**

Rev. Phil Owen thanks those who prayed about the manse replacement. The rebuild is coming along nicely and is at the shingle phase of the process. Continued prayers are appreciated for safety of the workers and for gospel opportunities.

Please pray for the church’s annual community free car wash and lunch planned for Saturday, August 29. Pray also for the salvation of a couple who lost their twenty-year-old daughter in an auto accident. The mother attends the church, and Mr. Owen is in contact with the father. She was their only child and the marriage has been broken. Finally, please pray for lost family members within the congregation, especially a number of aged parents.

**REV. PAUL BACKHURST**  
Minister-elect  
Calgary Free Presbyterian

**Calgary,  
Alberta**

Rev. Paul Backhurst reports that thankfully the church has reopened since the beginning of June and they have been able to meet together again. Pray for wisdom and unity as they endeavor to praise the Lord in public worship as well as to give Him glory by being subject to the higher powers.

Shortly after the reopening, it pleased the Lord to take away one of the men in the church. He and his wife have been faithful members from the very early days of the work in Calgary. He suffered from multiple sclerosis and had been getting more feeble in recent weeks. Please pray that his wife would continue to know the Lord’s comfort.

The Lord has so far kept the COVID-19 virus from the church people. Please pray for wisdom regarding the resumption of the children’s work in the fall.

**REV. IAN GOLIGHER**  
Cloverdale Free Presbyterian

**Cloverdale,  
British Columbia**

Rev. Ian Goligher reports that the Cloverdale church returned to in-person services on June 7. Please pray for the preaching of God’s Word in the church services, by webcast, and by radio. Pray that through this prolonged pandemic God will be pleased to cause a revival of interest in the gospel.

The Wednesday prayer meeting is held in the church sanctuary to allow for physical distancing and to webcast the prayer message. At the end of the message an online group is facilitated by Zoom. By these means people as far as Washington State, Vancouver Island, and Williams Lake are included.

On June 8 one of the ladies in the church was called home to be with her Lord. She was a member for many years and taught Sunday school before contracting Parkinson’s disease. Pray for her husband and their family to know the comfort of the Lord in their sorrow.

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The church will not be holding a VBS this summer, so some families took delight in joining the virtual VBS presented by Faith FPC. To compensate for the loss of Sunday school and VBS Pastor Goligher has been including short Bible stories for children during the Sunday morning services.

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**REV. ARMEN THOMASSIAN**  
Interim Moderator  
Covenant Free Presbyterian  
**Columbia,  
South Carolina**

Rev. Armen Thomassian, interim moderator of Covenant FPC, is thankful for the ongoing support of those that indicated their desire to see the work continue. Things have been in a holding pattern. Please pray for wisdom and direction in relation to the future of the church.

Mr. Thomassian says, "We're thankful for the preachers that willingly and faithfully bring the Word of God each week, but the witness needs a long-term solution."

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**DR. LARRY SAUNDERS**  
Interim Moderator  
Fredericton Free Presbyterian  
**Fredericton,  
New Brunswick**

The COVID-19 pandemic has been hard on the Fredericton congregation. Some of the members have joined the Toronto church Zoom prayer meetings and the Toronto people were delighted to welcome them. Several sicknesses were reported and call for sympathetic prayer. One of the men was in hospital for several days for surgery. Please remember him and his wife at this difficult time. Also, the seven-year-old granddaughter of one of the founding members had serious dental surgery but is making good progress.

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**REV. ARMEN THOMASSIAN**  
DR. ALAN CAIRNS  
Emeritus  
Faith Free Presbyterian  
**Greenville,  
South Carolina**

Faith FPC has been holding two services on Sundays with various procedures in place to protect everyone's health as much as possible. Much of the church's outreach ministry is still on hold or is very limited because of the pandemic, but the church is thankful that its virtual vacation Bible school was well received with participants locally and at great distances. The VBS videos will be available indefinitely on the church's website, [faithfpc.org](http://faithfpc.org).

The congregation has been encouraged that at least two new students will be joining the Geneva Reformed Seminary resident students for the fall session. Rev. John Kelly, who was the pastor of a church in Maine until the Lord laid it on his heart to seek to become a Free Presbyterian minister, recently moved his family to Greenville. Another young man, Malachi Moody, plans to move from California to Greenville in August. Both men have previously taken GRS classes online. Pray for them as they settle into Greenville and begin their classes in residence. Continue to pray also that the Lord will raise up many more men to prepare for the ministry in these needy times.

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**REV. GEOFF BANISTER**  
REV. RON BARNES  
Associate Minister  
Indianapolis Free Presbyterian  
**Indianapolis,  
Indiana**

Rev. Ron Barnes has begun his Sunday school class via Zoom on Sunday evenings. He has resumed a study of the kings in the Old Testament. The class has been fairly well attended.

One of the senior attendees who hasn't been well has made good progress in recovering strength. She has been in need of constant medical attention because of her very fragile bones. Pray that she will be able to attend the prayer meetings and Sunday school, which are both taking place via Zoom.

Pray for the church in Indianapolis regarding the COVID-19 situation. The church has thankfully been able to meet and has taken a number of precautions in the interest of safety. Beginning July 9 people in churches in Indianapolis will be required to wear masks. Pray that the Lord will give the elders wisdom in dealing with this and all matters pertaining to COVID-19. Pray that the Lord will also preserve the unity of the church.

Sandy Banister would appreciate prayers for her mother, who was recently diagnosed with dementia and is now in a nursing home. Pray that the Lord will save Sandy's mother (she has a Roman Catholic background) and that Geoff and Sandy will be able to visit her soon.

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**DR. STEPHEN POLLOCK**  
FPC of Malvern  
**Malvern,  
Pennsylvania**

Dr. Stephen Pollock says the people in Malvern are thankful for the Lord's keeping during the very difficult recent months. Some families in particular have faced significant challenges and the Lord has continued to demonstrate His sustaining grace. They are thankful that they are once again meeting in larger numbers, but they greatly miss several of their senior members and others who still don't feel that it is the time to return to public worship. Please pray that the Lord's people would know a special sense of the Lord's presence in their public worship and that the time away from public worship would have increased their hunger for the Word and their love one for the other.

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The Malvern church is still planning to hold a ladies' conference at the end of September with Mrs. Jill Saunders as the guest speaker. They are greatly looking forward to the visit of Dr. and Mrs. Saunders and pray that it will indeed be possible given the present restrictions on travel between the United States and Canada.

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**REV. JASON BOYLE**  
Iglesia Cristiana El Redentor  
(Redeemer Christian Church)

**Mexico City,  
Mexico**

The Boyles report that Mexico City is still in complete quarantine with only essential businesses open. They continue doing their services by Zoom and give God praise that several visitors to those services have turned into regular attenders. The Boyles pray that once they are allowed to meet in person again these people (some saved and some unsaved) will continue with them.

June 18–20 they had a women's conference via Zoom on the topic of anxiety. The conference speaker was Julia Orozco. Women from all over Mexico and the Dominican Republic participated.

The pastors of their sister churches in Mexico and the Dominican Republic have been meeting with Jason for a twice-a-month Bible study online. The study is starting to attract pastors outside of the group of churches that plan to become Free Presbyterians.

On June 20 the Boyles' new son was born, and on June 21 he joined their family via adoption. Jason and Danielle are thrilled and humbled by God's guiding hand through the whole process. Please pray regarding the legal part of the adoption (there are a couple documents they need that are hard to get; pray also that God would allow them to get a favorable judge).

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**DR. STEPHEN POLLOCK**  
Interim Moderator  
Orlando Free Presbyterian

**Orlando,  
Florida**

The coronavirus pandemic has presented serious challenges to the work in Orlando. Like all our churches, public assembly was suspended for a time. The church is now back meeting together but without men supplying the pulpit. At present, the congregation watches a webcast from one of the FPCNA churches, but the absence of a pastor is keenly felt.

The application for Mr. Laverty's visa is progressing but COVID-19 has caused delays in the processing of such applications and the receiving of a visa stamp in a UK embassy. Dr. Stephen Pollock, interim moderator, says, "We leave these matters in the Lord's hand but ask the Lord's people to pray that He would intervene for the good of the flock. Please keep the people in your prayers that their love, faith, and unity will be strengthened."

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**REV. DAVID MOOK**  
Phoenix Free Presbyterian

**Peoria,  
Arizona**

The Phoenix church assembled on the morning of June 7 for a communion service and met for a regular worship service on June 14. However, on June 19, the mayor of Peoria, the city where the church building is located, announced that face-coverings would be required in public buildings in situations when it was difficult or impossible to maintain social distancing. The session agreed to cancel the June 21 service to consider how to implement the mayor's requirement. The June 28 service did take place with those in attendance wearing face-coverings at the appropriate times.

Thankfully, no one in the congregation has become ill with symptoms of COVID-19. The resumption of services, while under some restrictions, has been an encouragement to everyone, although the church's most senior members are following the session's suggestion that they delay their return to public worship. The number of cases of COVID-19 in Arizona has increased dramatically with the state now among the top ten American states in total infections.

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**REV. REGGIE CRANSTON**  
Port Hope Free Presbyterian

**Port Hope,  
Ontario**

Rev. Reggie Cranston reports that he has been able to meet with his congregation in the Lord's house over the past few Sabbath days after almost three months of lockdown because of the pandemic. Mr. Cranston is also thankful that the Lord in His mercy has been pleased to keep all in his congregation healthy and free from COVID-19. Mr. Cranston continues to do a live webcast of his Sabbath day services on Facebook.

Mr. Cranston also requests prayer for the 27th-anniversary services for his church, planned for the last week in October. Pray that these services will be able to take place and that Rev. Ryan McKee, who will be the guest preacher from Calvary FPC, Magherafelt, Northern Ireland, will be able to come in spite of any flight restrictions which may be in place because of COVID-19.

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**REV. ANDREW SIMPSON**  
Heritage Free Presbyterian  
**Prince George,  
British Columbia**

Rev. Andrew Simpson is glad to report that his congregation are all healthy and that no one has contracted the virus. The services at Heritage FPC restarted in June along with the monthly Williams Lake meetings. At the last meeting in Williams Lake, three new visitors attended who had not been before. One lady confessed that she felt convicted after the meeting. Two young Christian men also attended and spoke about their love for the doctrines of grace and how they learned these truths online. This was a tremendous encouragement to see how God was using the internet to spread Reformed truth.

Mr. Simpson asks that people would pray for safety on the roads as there are now several families who drive over two hours to attend the services in Prince George. Please also pray for more families to join the work who would be able to help in the various ministries.

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**DR. LARRY SAUNDERS**  
DR. FRANK McCLELLAND  
Emeritus  
Toronto Free Presbyterian  
**Toronto,  
Ontario**

The Toronto church could have opened a couple of weeks ago, but the session decided to delay the reopening until things are better. The COVID-19 numbers are coming down but there are a lot of regulations—30 percent capacity, no singing, no hymnbooks, etc. The church did not want to open and then have to shut down again in a couple of weeks.

During the lockdown the Sunday services and adult Bible class have been going out on Sermonaudio.com, and the prayer times are broadcast on Zoom. So far, these have been working well with a good response.

The Whitefield Christian Schools are finished for the summer after teaching online for the past three months. They are hopeful to be able to start a “normal” year in September. As always, they appreciate the prayers of God’s people for both church and schools.

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**REV. MYRON MOONEY**  
Trinity Free Presbyterian  
**Trinity,  
Alabama**

The Trinity congregation is thankful for the privilege of being able to gather again for nearly normal services. While the prison ministry is still on hold, church fellowship meals, special prayer meetings, a homeschool graduation, a baby dedication, and an infant baptism have been held.

Visitors have recently attended who just want to be able to worship the Lord freely. The congregation greatly rejoiced when a woman who used to attend the church returned after years of being away. Please pray for her and for several with serious health issues.

Plans are in the making for the annual For God & Truth Conference to be held in August. The annual reenactment outreach has moved away from the city to a large farm and will be later in the fall. Please pray for these matters and for revival blessings.

The church family was deeply saddened and shocked when the Lord suddenly called the wife of one of its elders home to be with Him on July 8. Please remember their family and the church in prayer as they deal with this great loss.

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**REV. IAN GOLIGHER**  
Interim Moderator  
Victoria Free Presbyterian  
**Victoria,  
British Columbia**

The people in Victoria have not been meeting together during the pandemic. They view the services at Cloverdale FPC by webcast from their homes and some join in the prayer time by Zoom.

Please pray for one of the ladies in the church whose brother died from cancer on July 1. Although she was unable to visit him because of the pandemic, the Lord answered her prayer that he would leave a strong testimony of God’s grace in his life. She and others testified of his alertness and amazing joy in the Lord as the time of his passing drew near.

Please pray for the Lord’s hand to be upon the little flock in Victoria who feel the isolation and lack of Christian fellowship.

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**REV. REGGIE KIMBRO**  
REV. DERRICK BOWMAN  
Associate Minister  
Grace Free Presbyterian  
**Winston-Salem,  
North Carolina**

The church in Winston-Salem is hosting a youth weekend July 24–26. They plan to go white-water rafting on Friday and then have a day of special messages on Saturday. Some young people from the Greenville church plan to join in. Pray for the Lord’s blessing on their time of fellowship.

Rev. Reggie Kimbro also requests prayer for some in the congregation who are experiencing difficult physical trials at present.