

# 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 the people in the Lehigh Valley church thank the Lord for some encouragements in recent days. The special service in October held to mark one year in their building was well attended. They enjoyed having Rev. John Greer as the special speaker. At their communion service in November they received seven new members. A number of new people began attending during 2016, among them a couple that recently came from about fifty miles north of the church. They had been listening to messages on Sermonaudio.com.

Please pray for the salvation of souls, for further increase in attendance and membership, for wisdom in the choice of office bearers, and for continued blessing on the internet ministry.

REV. PHIL OWEN  
Berean Free Presbyterian

## Boston, New York

Rev. Phil Owen says they have been thankful for recent visitors in the Boston, New York, church, some of whom need to be saved. Please pray for safety and faithfulness during the winter months when the weather in New York is often treacherous.

The Owens' son-in-law Specialist Brett Moody was recently deployed to the Middle East. Please pray for him and Alyssa as they are apart. They were in the process of trying to adopt a child when he got his assignment.

REV. ARMEN THOMASSIAN  
Calgary Free Presbyterian

## Calgary, Alberta

Rev. Armen Thomassian rejoices in God's goodness and faithfulness to Calgary FPC through 2016, providing for the needs of the work in the midst of difficult economic circumstances of Calgary. He has reason to believe a young man was saved or brought to fuller assurance in the fall, for which they thank the Lord. In December the congregation witnessed another baptism, which was a joyous occasion with a tremendous testimony of God's grace to save and deliver those in sins of addiction. The congregation is looking forward to the baptism of at least one young person in February 2017 as well.

In October an Armenian Orthodox family started attending the church and is present most Sunday mornings. This has been a blessing, and while Mr. Thomassian admits he's still not quite sure where they stand before God, they show tremendous interest in and love for the Word of God.

2016 also had its challenges in the lack of retention and repeat visits of newcomers. Mr. Thomassian requests prayer for God to bring in the unsaved, for more spiritual growth in the youth, and for the power of God upon the weekly preaching of the Word.

REV. IAN GOLIGHER  
Cloverdale Free Presbyterian

## Cloverdale, British Columbia

Rev. Ian Goligher says winter has arrived in Greater Vancouver and is challenging commitment to church attendance and testing the church's heating system, which needs an urgent upgrade.

The New Year calls for new consecration to the work of the gospel. Through January in the adult Sunday school class, Pastor Goligher will present the challenge for the church to evangelize. This will include personal evangelism to reach the unchurched and the many who have no Christian witness in their lives. There is need for prayer for the power of God to convict men of their lost condition and to turn them to Christ for salvation.

Please pray for the church's radio ministry which continues to reach many people beyond the circles of the congregation. Mr. Goligher's first Sunday sermon of the year was on "Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith" (Hebrews 12:2). As the church learns to depend on their almighty Lord and Saviour, they have confidence that their labor is not in vain.

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

**Greenville,  
South Carolina**

The congregation at Faith FPC has been thankful for the opportunities for outreach that were employed over the Christmas period. A volunteer choir sang in Haywood Mall on Saturday, December 17, one of the busiest shopping days of the year. This was followed by the annual Lessons and Carols service the next evening. The congregation has also been distributing a thousand copies of a devotional book on the theme of the incarnation and a 2017 calendar with scripture texts.

There has been encouraging feedback from radio listeners in recent weeks with some visiting the services and others promising to attend in January. The live broadcasting of services on Sermonaudio.com also continues to bear fruit. Plans are being laid to host an open-air service in downtown Greenville in April and to compile a series of short audio clips answering some relevant questions from a biblical perspective.

Rev. Colin Mercer is concluding a series of messages on the book of Esther. The study in the perfect providence of God has been a help to many in the congregation. He plans to commence a series on the book of Ruth in the coming weeks.

The camp directors are turning their attention to the annual youth camp in July and covet prayers for the Lord's help with all of the details. Pastor Mercer and his wife, Heather, will be visiting family and friends in Northern Ireland at the end of January. He has opportunity to preach in a number of the Ulster congregations. Please pray for God's blessing upon his ministry there and upon the ministry in Greenville during his absence.

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REV. GEOFF BANISTER  
REV. RON BARNES  
Indianapolis Free Presbyterian

**Indianapolis,  
Indiana**

Rev. Geoff Banister requests prayer for the health of many families in the congregation. He says, "We're having our share of people being sick." Please remember Sara Elliott in particular with her ongoing health challenges.

Pray also that the Lord will give power to the preaching of the gospel. Finally, pray that the Lord will see fit to add a few good families to the church.

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FPC of Malvern  
**Malvern,  
Pennsylvania**

The Malvern congregation is eagerly awaiting the arrival of its minister-elect, Rev. Stephen Pollock. The process of immigration is under way and hopefully will be completed soon. The church continues to be supplied with preachers. Mr. Noel Shields ministered in Malvern in December. He and his wife will return to Northern Ireland after he fills the pulpit in the month of January. Rev. John Wagner preached in both the Malvern and Lehigh Valley churches on New Year's Day.

Mrs. Gertrude Barnes, who was planning to move back to Pennsylvania from Florida with her husband, Ron, and to attend their former church in Malvern, suddenly passed away in late November 2016. Rev. Stephen Hamilton conducted her funeral service in the church, which was well filled with mourners and friends of the family. A number of members of the family circle who are not saved, and for whom Trudy had prayed, were at the service. Pray that the gospel they heard will bear fruit in their salvation. Please pray for Mr. Barnes and his daughter Megan as they prepare to move soon to Pennsylvania. Do remember also Ron and Trudy's sons, the Rev. Ron Barnes and his brother, Chris, and the rest of the family members as they adjust to life without their loved one. It is good to know that Mrs. Barnes had a testimony to the saving grace of God.

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REV. DAVE MOOK  
Phoenix Free Presbyterian

**Phoenix,  
Arizona**

The Phoenix congregation rejoiced in the Lord's blessings during the holiday season, including being able to welcome two of its young people home who have been away in study. The annual Service of Lessons and Carols took place on the evening of December 25 and proved to be a time of great joy.

The Mooks spent a significant portion of December in California to provide assistance after the birth of their grandson, Luke Stephen Rohrer, who arrived on Friday, December 2. His parents, Steve and Carolyn, and his three older sisters, Emma, Kate, and Molly, were eager to care for the little boy, who appears to be in good health. Rev. Dave Mook was still able to be in the pulpit on each of the last three Lord's Days of 2016.

On January 8, Mr. Mook preached from the church's motto text for 2017, Psalm 80:14-15: "Return, we beseech thee, O God of hosts: look down from heaven, and behold, and visit this vine; and the vineyard which thy right hand hath planted, and the branch that thou madest strong for thyself." He urged the congregation to follow the psalmist's example in praying for the Lord's intervention. The session hopes to arrange a series of special meetings for prayer to that end.

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On January 29 the church will launch its observance of the five hundredth anniversary of the Reformation's beginning and plans to devote one Lord's Day evening each month to this theme. On February 19, the congregation will join in observing the 31<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the church's founding.

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REV. REGGIE CRANSTON  
Port Hope Free Presbyterian

**Port Hope,  
Ontario**

Rev. Reggie Cranston has been preaching a series of messages on the person and work of the Holy Spirit. He requests prayer that he and his congregation would experience a great move of the Spirit of God through the witness of the church throughout this new year.

Please also pray for the words of the church motto text for 2017 to be fulfilled: "The times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord" (Acts 3:19).

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Heritage Free Presbyterian

**Prince George,  
British Columbia**

God's people in Prince George continue to gather each Lord's Day for two Sunday services. They have lunch together and meet for prayer. Pray that in 2017 the Lord will send men to minister the Lord's word and to evangelize in the city and surrounding areas. Pray for safety for the people on the roads during the winter season.

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DR. LARRY SAUNDERS  
REV. LEE STERRITT  
DR. FRANK McCLELLAND, emeritus  
Toronto Free Presbyterian

**Toronto,  
Ontario**

The Toronto church had a blessed Christmas Day with a service at the usual time on the Sunday morning. Afterwards the congregation enjoyed a cooked meal together followed by a time of carol singing. There was no evening service to allow the folks to enjoy some extra family time.

Unfortunately, the annual Christmas concert of the Whitefield Christian Schools in mid-December had to be cancelled at the last minute due to a blizzard. It has been rescheduled for January 18. It will be a little different hearing the children sing Christmas carols in the middle of January!

The church's annual week of prayer will be held January 23–27. They are praying for a time of quickening and revival, not just in their congregation but within the whole Free Presbyterian church family.

The Good News Club for children continues to grow with over sixty every Friday night, most of whom are from without the church. May the Lord help them to raise a generation of young people that knows the Lord.

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REV. MYRON MOONEY  
Trinity Free Presbyterian

**Trinity,  
Alabama**

Trinity Free Presbyterian congregation finished 2016 with a special emphasis on the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Sunday morning messages through December. A large group of church people caroled to the elderly one evening and finished with a wonderful time of fellowship at Hoy and Ginger Garrett's home.

On January 1, 2017, Rev. Myron Mooney preached on the church's verse for the year, Nehemiah 9:21: "Yea, forty years didst thou sustain them in the wilderness." He trusts that through God's people giving themselves to prayer, they will see the Lord's great blessings poured out. He was greatly encouraged by the fervency of prayer and the increased attendance in the first Wednesday evening prayer meeting of the new year.

The congregation is thankful for the ministries of Mr. Ernie Yarbrough, Mr. William Ward, and Mr. Ethan Bolyard while Pastor Mooney represents the FPCNA at the Ulster Week of Prayer.

The congregation thanks the Lord for several visitors in the services lately and for opportunities to teach biblical truth in different settings in the area.

Please pray for Ginger, whose heart health is weak, as well as for Brent Hebert, who suffers chronic back pain. The congregation rejoices that new babies will join their families in the congregation this year, Lord willing.

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Victoria Free Presbyterian

**Victoria,  
British Columbia**

The people in the Victoria church continue to meet for two services each Sunday and for prayer. A local minister, Rev. Fletcher Matandika, is assisting with the weekly ministry, which has been a great encouragement to the people. The Lord willing, Mr. Andrew Fitton, a licentiate from the Ulster presbytery will be ministering from the end of February until the end of March. There is a lot of work to do to build up the work and to maintain the weekly ministry. Please pray for additions to the work and for men to preach.

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