



**PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA  
INFORMATION PACKET**

**February 2008**

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*PRAYER CALENDAR*

- February 2008 ~ March 2008

*GENERAL PRESBYTER*

- What's Happening in the Presbytery

*STATED CLERK*

- Session Records Review

*YOUTH*

- Southern Annual Recreation Workshop ~ February 22-24, 2008
- Senior High Retreat Brochure ~ March 28-30, 2008
- Dates To Ink On Your Calendar
- Scenes from November 2007 Middle School Retreat
- Penny Puzzle and Answers

*MISSION MATERIAL*

- Mission Memos ~ February 2008
- Becca Young's Newsletter ~ January 2008
- Helping Hands Workdays at Camp Grier ~ April 5 & 12, 2008

*PEACE AND JUSTICE*

- Caring for Creation ~ February 2008
- Eco-Palms and Your Church: Your Role in Supporting Social and Environmental Justice
- Eco-Palms Order Form

*CAMPUS MISSION*

- Everything Must Change: Jesus, Global Crises, and a Revolution of Hope
- News from Lees-McRae

*MISCELLANEOUS*

- Presbyterian Home for Children ~ Help Us Spread the Word

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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***Presbytery Meetings - 2008***

***January 26, 2008 - Morganton, First***

***April 29, 2008 - Montreat Conference Center***

***July 29, 2008 - Third Street***

***October 24-25, 2008 - Lake Junaluska***

***Presbytery Meetings - 2009***

***January 31, 2009 - TBA***

***April 28, 2009 - Montreat Conference Center***

***July 28, 2009 - Banner Elk Presbyterian Church***

***October 23-24, 2009 - Lake Junaluska***



# **The Presbytery of Western North Carolina**

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**TO:** *Churches of the Presbytery of WNC*  
**FROM:** *Bobbi White, General Presbyter*  
**DATE:** *January 22, 2008*  
**SUBJECT:** *Prayer Calendar for February and March*

*Many of our churches include the following paragraphs in their bulletins and newsletters each week. This encourages their members to pray for these congregations on the designated Sundays.*

\* *Consider sending the churches a card telling them they were held up in prayer.* \*

***February 3<sup>rd</sup> - Paint Gap (P.O. Box 1361, Burnsville, NC 28714)***

*Pray for Paint Gap's growth, numerically and spiritually, and for a continued presence and influence in the community. Especially remember our pastor, John David Stewart, and his wife, Freida. Please include our homebound and elderly members in your prayers.*

***February 10<sup>th</sup> - Pine Street (1019 East Pine Street, Lincolnton, NC 28092)***

*No information available.*

***February 17<sup>th</sup> - Pineola (P.O. Box 550, Pineola, NC 28662)***

*The Pineola Presbyterian Church is alive and well. The Session recently approved \$100/month for missionary support for Barbara Nagy. Our music ministry continues to grow and be a vital part of worship with voice choir, handbell choir, and special music of various kinds. Our children's ministry is growing. Pray for all our leaders, especially Peggy Ferguson, music director, and Wyatt Aiken, stated supply.*

***February 24<sup>th</sup> - Quaker Meadows (2698 NC 181, Morganton, NC 28655)***

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*We request the Holy Spirit's guidance and strength as our food pantry ministry expands, and our relationship with our sister church in Guatemala deepens. We give thanks for the leadership God has brought into our community, and ask that God direct our Building and Finance Committees as we proceed toward a new Ministry Center and classrooms. We are thankful for the new families and children in our church, and ask prayers for our Christian Education Committee, Session, and Pastor, Andy Parkey.*

**March 2<sup>nd</sup> - Reems Creek-Beech (4 Sugar Cove Road, Weaverville, NC 28787)**

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*Thank you for the opportunity to lay our celebrations and needs before our brothers and sisters in Christ. We celebrate that our new pastor, Hank Scoggins, and this congregation have come together to do the work of our heavenly Father. Our prayers are for a DCE, for our building program and for our reorganization efforts.*

**March 9<sup>th</sup> - Riceville (2342 Riceville Road, Asheville, NC 28805)**

[ricevillepc@bellsouth.net](mailto:ricevillepc@bellsouth.net)

*As we go through a period of transition, please pray that God will give us wisdom and a spirit of unity. Please pray that our congregation, leaders and Pastor Nominating Committee will hear God's voice clearly. We give thanks for the prayers of our brothers and sisters in Christ.*

**March 16<sup>th</sup> - Ridgeview (211 Whitson Br. Road, Bakersville, NC 28705)**

*Thank you for offering intercessory prayer for our congregation. Our care, concern and love for one another is what holds us together in the spread of the gospel for our Lord Jesus. One of the concerns in our church is a toddler boy who is to have a very serious surgery at Duke Hospital. Please pray for his entire family. There is a deputy who was shot and is paralyzed. He needs help to learn to deal with this. Please thank God for the rain he has sent and for watching over us all in our daily lives. Pray that our church will grow and we each will be better witnesses for Jesus through visitation and love for our community.*

**March 23<sup>rd</sup> - Robinson Memorial (3106 Union Road, Gastonia, NC 28056)**

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*Give thanks for the good spirit in the church and the way members have grown in faith. Pray for the faith and vitality of the congregation. Pray for the work of the Session and for Pastor John Stanley's leadership and health.*

**March 30<sup>th</sup> - Rutherfordton (P.O. Box 1133, Rutherfordton, NC 28139)**

[rutherfordpres@bellsouth.net](mailto:rutherfordpres@bellsouth.net)

*We give thanks for the amazing way God is working in our Rutherford Larger Parish! We have seen renewed growth and excitement at Brittain, Union Mills, and Rutherfordton through the efforts of our pastoral staff (CLP's Sharon Decker, Richard Hood and Betty Shaw; and 2 ordained ministers, Don Scofield and Bart Shaw) and members. Also, we rejoice in our new Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministries, Franklin Jones, and our new Administrative Assistant, Renita Atchley. God has truly blessed our church family with many talented members! Please join us in praying for missionaries who are serving around the world — especially those in Kenya during this time of trial.*

**MISSION PRAYER CALENDAR:** *Even as we pray each week for specific churches in our Presbytery, we can also remember our missionaries and mission activities as a reminder that our family extends into all the world.*





## Palm Sunday ~ March 16, 2008

Palm Sunday falls on March 16, 2008. The last date congregations can order eco-palms in time for Palm Sunday 2008 is February 20, 2008. Purchasing eco-palms for your congregation helps ensure a market for the palms, which in turn means that communities can depend on fair and stable wages and that the forests can be protected.



What You Can Do: Instead of receiving palms from a wholesaler in Minnesota this year, churches should be able to order directly from their local florist. One of three participating Charlotte-based wholesale florists has also agreed to mail eco-palms to churches that are outside of its distribution area. Florists that order from one of these Charlotte-based wholesale florists-Derita Floral Supply, Floral Trends and L & M Wholesale Florist-will be able to get eco-palms imported by Continental Floral Greens. One or more of these wholesalers may supply florists in the presbytery's geographical area. Please check with your local florist.

## Easter Sunday and One Great Hour of Sharing Offering ~ March 23, 2008



For more than fifty years, Presbyterians have joined with Christians throughout the nation in supporting One Great Hour of Sharing, responding to Christ's love for all people by joyfully sharing that love with people in need. The refugee and the stranger have found food and safe shelter; those stunned by the aftermath of disasters have found relief and help rebuilding; and communities seeking to take control of their future have found partners in development. Presbyterians' gifts support the work of The Presbyterian Committee for the Self-Development of People, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and the

Presbyterian Hunger Program. The hundreds of millions of dollars Presbyterians have given over the last half century have enabled a powerful witness to the love of the One who came that all might have life more abundantly. Locally OGHS has supported two programs that help our Hispanic neighbors, Avery Amigos and Latino Advocacy Center in Hendersonville. Churches will be receiving their OGHS materials at the end of the month...only a week before Lent begins, so be on the look-out! The green OGHS fish will identify your packet or box. Be sure to check to see that you've got enough bulletin inserts, offering envelopes and fish banks.

## HELPING



## HANDS

### HELPING HANDS WORK DAYS AT CAMP GRIER ~April 5 & 12, 2008

Volunteers are invited to come on one or both dates to prepare the camp for the summer season and enjoy the fellowship of others. For those planning to help, you are asked to register through the Presbytery office. A registration form is enclosed, or you can download a form from the Presbytery's website. ([www.presbyterywnc.org](http://www.presbyterywnc.org))



### LET'S CELEBRATE! ~ "Side-by-Side" - August 9, 2008

An all-day event filled with worship, workshops and fellowship for youth and adults. J. Herbert Nelson will lead worship and two workshops. Mark your calendar and watch for your brochure the first of June, which will include a full list of workshops and registration information.



### JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM ~ September 29-30, 2008 - Montreat Conference Center

This annual event, sponsored by the Presbytery's Care of Church Professionals Committee, invites all Ministers, Commissioned Lay Pastors, Directors of Christian Education, and Musicians to a time of fellowship and study on September 29-30, 2008, at Convocation Hall. More info to follow.