



# The Presbytery of Western North Carolina

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**TO:** *Churches of the Presbytery of WNC*  
**FROM:** *Bobbi White, General Presbyter*  
**DATE:** *September 18, 2008*  
**SUBJECT:** *Prayer Calendar for October and November*

*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.* \*

**October 5<sup>th</sup> - West Avenue (P.O. Box 12662, Gastonia, NC 28053)**

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*The West Avenue Church enters its second century of ministry with a renewed sense of vision as we seek to follow God's call for church and community. Please pray for our ministry through Interfaith Hospitality Network, Crisis Assistance Ministry, and Presbytery. Offer prayers for our minister, Charles Davenport, and our church staff.*

**October 12<sup>th</sup> - Westminster (15 Overbrook Place, Asheville, NC 28805)**

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*Join us in giving thanks for 50 years of ministry (our 50th Anniversary Celebration is October 26th). Pray that we: 1) embrace Spirit-filled change and 2) commit ourselves to God's direction as we seek a pastor who will lead us in serving our neighborhood, community and world. Pray for Lynn Webber, Stated Supply.*

**October 19<sup>th</sup> - Arbor Dale (P.O. Box 235, Banner Elk, NC 28604)**

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*As with any church, Arbor Dale has things to celebrate and difficulties to share. We continue to experience a growing number of people in worship, with new visitors and the return of old friends, both from the mountain and off. We are thankful that God continues to draw people into worship and use this congregation to speak and embody the good news of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. In addition, we have had an exciting summer, including youth trips to camp and a young-adult mission trip to Slidell, Louisiana. We thank God for all this. At the same time, we ask for continued guidance in the search process as we look for a Director of Youth Ministry and a Director of Children's Ministries. Remember our pastor, Tee Gatewood.*

**October 26<sup>th</sup> - Asheville First (40 Church Street, Asheville, NC 28801)**

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*We are grateful for the prayers of the presbytery and ask that you remember:*

- *our congregation and community, as we explore ways to deepen ministry with homeless persons in Asheville;*
- *the children of our sister church's community, in La Blanca, Guatemala, as they approach the end of their school year;*
- *the women of Room in the Inn, and the volunteers who will be sharing time with them beginning September 7;*
- *our seminarian, Merri Bass, as she begins a new semester;*
- *our office staff, in a time of transition;*
- *our pastors, Pete Peery, Michael Poulos, Margaret LaMotte Torrence and Mary Faith Carson.*

**November 2<sup>nd</sup> - Banner Elk (P.O. Box 158, Banner Elk, NC 28604)**

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*Please pray for our mission trips to Slidell, LA to help with reconstruction following Hurricane Katrina and our relationship with 1st Pres. in Slidell. Our adults have made several trips to the area over the past three years; this summer, our youth traveled to Slidell to work and conduct VBS with community children.*

*Remember our international mission work with the people in Guatemala (sister church of Arca de Noe) and Haiti, with medical mission teams. Our history/ministry with Grandfather Home for Children is an especially important part of our ministry. We provide Sunday School for 2 cottages; include them in worship (acolytes and singing); and provided VBS for each cottage this past summer. We give thanks for our strong, mission-centered congregation, who give generously when asked to support outreach programs. Lift up our pastor, Joseph Washburn, as he leads us.*

**November 9<sup>th</sup> - Belmont First (P.O. Box 1, Belmont, NC 28012)**

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*Last year, First Presbyterian Church of Belmont completed our first major Capital Campaign in more than 20 years and we are moving forward this year toward accomplishing many of the goals identified in that effort. Please pray we will make wise decisions and exercise good stewardship in the use of these resources, and that our program ministries, Weekday School and community outreach will continue to grow. Pray especially for our Associate Pastor Nominating Committee, our new Office Administrator, Sherri Smith, our Student Pastor, Daria Ragan, as she pursues a call, our 2008-09 Union-PSCE Christian Education Student Intern, Jill Kimbir and our pastor, Sam Warner, as well as our sister church in Belmont, Love's Chapel, and their new Pastor, Calvin Lewers.*

**November 16<sup>th</sup> - Bessemer City First (P.O. Box 365, Bessemer City, NC 28016)**

*This is a year of discernment for our congregation. Please pray as we consider our past and our future; as we continue to have the manse on the real estate market; and as we continue to seek ways to reach out in our community, presbytery and world. Remember our pastor, Mike Johnston.*

**November 23<sup>rd</sup> - Bethel (664 Sonoma Road, Waynesville, NC 28786)**

*Give thanks for the ministry of the Bethel Presbyterian Church, which was the mother church of Waynesville First and Canton, and for the ministry of that church and its impact on the community and the world. In September, the Session of the Bethel Church voted to ask the Presbytery to close the church, pending a vote at the October meeting. The members plan to move their membership to Canton or Waynesville. They are planning a community celebration to give thanks to God for the life and ministry of this church and the people who have been brought closer to God through it.*

**November 30<sup>th</sup> - Black Mountain (P.O. Box 39, Black Mountain, NC 28711)**

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*The Black Mountain Presbyterian Church is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. Each month, a former pastor or special guest has been invited to preach one Sunday. This celebration of a strong history is happening in the context of transition as the congregation searches for new pastoral leadership. Please pray for the congregation and its leadership as they discern God's call for their mission and ministry. Pray for Karen Haak, interim minister.*

**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.*

