



# The Presbytery of Western North Carolina

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**TO:** *Churches of the Presbytery of WNC*  
**FROM:** *Bobbi White, General Presbyter*  
**DATE:** *December 16, 2008*  
**SUBJECT:** *Prayer Calendar for January and February*

*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. \**

***January 4<sup>th</sup> - Bryson City (P.O. Box 549, Bryson City, NC 28713)***

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*The Bryson City Presbyterian Church is still growing in grace. We had a busy summer with our sanctuary full, new families joining, and a wonderful family retreat at Montreat at the end of the summer. This fall, we began a ministry called **4th Sunday**. Every 4th Sunday, we have a community meal after worship. Tickets are sold all over town. The proceeds go back into the community supporting the food pantry, emergency services, our Swain County United Gift Fund, and an endowment for scholarships. Our goal is to come together as a community to share a meal and to help out those in need. We could really use your prayers. This ministry takes a lot of time and work, and we could use more volunteers and a better understanding within our community of what we are trying to accomplish. Please pray for our church and for **4th Sunday**. Remember our pastor, Terry Hanna.*

***January 11<sup>th</sup> - Buladean (217 Blevins Branch Road, Bakersville, NC 28705)***

*We give thanks for Rev. Curtis Crowther, who has been with us for the past two years. He has been a blessing to the church. Even though we are a very small church, we give thanks that we are able to supply ten children at Grandfather Home with school supplies and provide Christmas for two children. Pray with us for our newly installed elder, Phillip Elliott.*

***January 18<sup>th</sup> - Burnsville First (P.O. Box 635, Burnsville, NC 28714)***

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*The First Presbyterian Church of Burnsville thanks God for our sisters and brothers in our Presbytery who pray for us and for the work God has called us to do. We ask your prayers on our four new Session members who will be ordained and installed this month (January) and our continuing Session members who, together, will lead our congregation in the years ahead. We ask your prayers for our young families and our children who have become so important in our church life, and prayers for our elderly members whose faith has brought us through some difficult times into these days of new, but promising challenges. And we thank you for your prayers for our pastor, Rev. Maggie Lauterer, who is now in her tenth year serving our church.*

**January 25<sup>th</sup> - Calvary (44 Circle Street, Asheville, NC 28801)**

*Calvary has been very blessed during the 2008 year. Because of a wonderful partnership with our sister church, Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, we now have a much needed bathroom on the sanctuary level of the church. Among other things, this Partnership also made possible a spirit-filled Hymn Sing and a fantastic Barbeque Fundraiser on the grounds. A "Time of Visioning and Discernment" yielded a new Mission Statement and a new Vision Statement. We continue to enjoy a special relationship with Dr. Jeanne Matthews of Warren Wilson College, and immensely appreciate the visits of her classes. For the third year, we have participated in Holy Week services with our brothers and sisters in the AMEZ, CME, United Methodist and Presbyterian traditions. We also participate in an ecumenical Christmas Eve service hosted by our sister church, Kenilworth Presbyterian Church. Calvary is also very grateful that retired ministers, Dr. Ron Botsford, Dr. Dave Barstow, Rev. Bill Heck and Rev. Robert Bruce Cumming share themselves with us. Please pray for spiritual and numerical growth at Calvary. Please pray that we discern and follow God's will for us. We also ask for prayer for our pastor, Rev. Patricia Bacon, who has faithfully served Calvary for 19 years.*

**February 1<sup>st</sup> - Canton (P.O. Box 784, Canton, NC 28716)**

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No information available.

**February 8<sup>th</sup> - Cherryville First (107 West Academy Street, Cherryville, NC 28021)**

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*The First Presbyterian Church of Cherryville requests prayer for: (1) Hiring a new staff person, Director of Youth and Family Ministries; (2) Continued prayer and financial support for the new addition and renovations to the present building; (3) The inactive members of the church; (4) The General Assembly of the PCUSA; (5) The difficulties that people are having due to job losses and layoffs; (6) Our pastor, Dr. Billy Lowe.*

**February 15<sup>th</sup> - Clinchfield (87 Greenwood Drive, Marion, NC 28752)**

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No information available.

**February 22<sup>nd</sup> - Columbus (21 Peniel Road, Columbus, NC 28722)**

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No information available.

**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.*

