



# The Presbytery of Western North Carolina

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**TO:** *Churches of the Presbytery of WNC*  
**FROM:** *Bobbi White, General Presbyter*  
**DATE:** *June 15, 2010*  
**SUBJECT:** *Prayer Calendar for July and August*

*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. \**

**July 4<sup>th</sup> - Sherrill's Ford (P.O. Box 246, Sherrills Ford, NC 28673)**

*Thank the Lord for new members of our church family and the blessing of financial health in these difficult times. Pray our leaders and congregation will live out God's vision for this church, and that we will be faithful witnesses to the Gospel, so our membership will continue to grow and God be glorified. Pray for our pastor, Ted Grant.*

**July 11<sup>th</sup> - Shiloh, Grover (P.O. Box 76, Grover, NC 28073)**

*No information available.*

**July 18<sup>th</sup> - Siloam (1185 Greenlee Road, Old Fort, NC 28762)**

*Please join with us in giving thanks to God for His everlasting grace and mercy! We request prayer for our 230+ year old church - that God will continue to bless and provide direction for our future and our small, faithful congregation. Please pray for our Session and pastor, Harry "Pete" Petersen.*

**July 25<sup>th</sup> - Southminster (1401 Hoffman Road, Gastonia, NC 28054)**

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*Southminster is facing a time of transition in terms of pastoral leadership. Pastor Jerry Bron will be retiring as of January 1, 2011 and because of that, the Session has a plan in hand regarding that transition. We are asking that people pray that God will use this transition as a means of helping this church continue to grow quality and quantity. We also ask that people pray that God will help create within the leadership of Southminster a heightened sensitivity to the leading of the Holy Spirit so that we might find that person God has picked out to be the next pastor. Sub-ministries of long range planning, interim pastor search and celebration are also working to manage this time of transition in such a way as to bring honor and glory to Jesus Christ. Our prayer and hope is this time will be a stretching and growing time, so much so that Southminster will actually experience an upward trend in every part of her life during this transition.*

**August 1<sup>st</sup> - "Let's Celebrate"**

*Pray that we'd be gathered in life together in Jesus Christ; that on August 21, 2010, at least, walls in our hearts would fall down as the Spirit binds us in the gospel; that each and every person present would grow in grace, equipped to trample upon those fallen heart-walls forever; above all, that we see, in some way, a world drawn to the lifted-up Christ.*

**August 8<sup>th</sup> - Spindale (P.O. Box 225, Spindale, NC 28160)**

*Spindale Presbyterian Church asks for prayers for the Session, that it will follow God's will in leading the church; for members, their families, and their friends with health issues; for those in the community who are unemployed and underemployed; for those serving in the mission fields and in the armed forces; and for Pastor, Bill Kirk and pianist, Justin Radford.*

**August 15<sup>th</sup> - Spruce Pine First (P.O. Box 764, Spruce Pine, NC 28777)**

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*First Presbyterian praises the Lord for coming through a very tough winter and we look forward to a wonderful summer and fall. We have just finished a great Vacation Bible School, where we turned our picnic area into Egypt and had an average of twenty children a night, with about 50 volunteers. Several of the children were from families unfamiliar with our church. We praise the Lord because not only was our Bible School a faith-building and fun experience, it introduced our church to more people in our community. We are also leaving on a mission trip to New Orleans from June 19-27. Because we have never had a mission trip like this before, we are excited and have been planning and raising funds for two years. Our hope is to have a real impact in the rebuilding of New Orleans. Please pray that we will be safe, enlarge our horizons and let us see His work through us. During the summer, our numbers grow and we have many fellowship activities planned. We ask everyone to pray that we can create a nurturing atmosphere so our "summer members" will feel welcomed and we can all grow in faith together. Youth programs will also continue during our six-week summer with special mid-week activities. We ask everyone to pray that the excitement of these programs will carry over into the fall. Remember our pastor, Bill Sweetser.*

**August 22<sup>nd</sup> - Swannanoa First (P.O. Box 216, Swannanoa, NC 28778)**

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*Our church covets the Presbytery's prayers for our mission through the Swannanoa Valley. We are just down the road from W.D. Williams Elementary School and help the school in a variety of ways, including delivering MANNA food packs each Friday, sponsoring families for Christmas and Easter, and working with the ecumenical ministry, Hand-in-Hand, to assist at-risk children through the counselor's office. We pray that our members and friends will grow in their appreciation of how the Spirit is leading us through the Acts Initiative. We pray that we will grow in health, faith and numbers as a congregation. Our mission statement is "to witness to Jesus Christ in our being, doing and telling." Our pastor is Rev. Dr. Alex McLean.*

**August 29<sup>th</sup> - Sweetwater (500 21<sup>st</sup> Street, SE, Hickory, NC 28602)**

*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.*

