

July/August 22 - Pray that each Ministry Team member will practice servant leadership, edifying the congregation with wisdom and serving with God's "agape" love. (Gal. 5:13b; Eph. 6:7; Luke 10:43b-45, 9:23-24; John 13:5-9; Phil. 2:3-4)

July/August 23— Pray for spiritual unity in the church staff and among the spiritual leadership of the church (elders, committee, etc.). Pray that the enemy will not be allowed to create divisions, strife, or misunderstanding among the church leaders. (Rom. 14:19; 1 Cor. 12:25)

July/August 24 - Pray that God will give the spiritual leadership of the Church a clear, biblical vision of what your church can be and should be for His glory, and that they will communicate that vision clearly and confidently to the church. (Prov. 29:18; John 15:16, 17:17; 2 Tim. 3:5; Mal. 3:11)

July/August 25 - Pray that your Ministry Team and leaders will seek God for personal revival, and revival in your church and community. (2 Chron. 7:14; Ps. 69:32)

July/August 26 - Pray that your Minister will think biblically, with the mind of Christ. (1 Cor. 2:16; Col. 2:6-8; Eph. 4:17)

July/August 27— Pray that your minister will earnestly seek God's will and be committed to instant and complete obedience—ready for God to work powerfully in and through his ministry. (2 Cor. 10:3-5; Luke 9:23-24)

July/August 28—Pray that your minister will strive for personal excellence and will believe God for all He wants to do in the congregation. (2Pet.1:3;Col. 3:23-24)

July/August 29 - Pray that your Minister will be a man of faith and passionate love for God, not giving in to worries, fears, or an uptight and anxious spirit. (1 John 4:18; Prov. 3:5-6)

July/August 30 - Ask God to provide for the financial needs of your Ministry Team and their families. Pray that they will be wise stewards of both personal finances and church funds. (Phil. 4:19; Heb. 13:5; 1 Tim.6:11; Ps. 37:25)

July/August 31- Ask God to heal any hurts that any member of your Ministry Team has suffered in the ministry. Pray that they will serve the Lord with gladness, and encourage the congregation to worship God with a joyful, surrendered spirit. (Is. 61:3)

Almighty God, Your will is sovereign and perfect. You are exalted above every authority, and You alone give authority to anyone who has it. We ask You to lift up those who are in Church leadership. May Your will be done by the members of our Ministry Team, our Clerk of Session, Tom, Members of Kirk Session, our Church Secretary, Ned, our Congregational Committee members and Sam, our Musical Director . I pray that you will help them with life's daily challenges and may You be honoured and pleased with their leadership. Be Thou Our Vision O' Lord we pray Amen.



Summer Edition

**During 1st July to 31st August 2008
we encourage you to pray for God's blessing
on our Ministry Team and their families.**

Daniel, our Minister, along with Harriet, Charlotte & Beatrice.

Phyllis, our Deaconess, along with David.

Colin our Director of Youth Ministry.

Rodney, our Summer Assistant, along with Emer, Michael & Megan.

Elwyn, our Pastoral Assistant, along with Mavis.

Let the thought sink deep into the heart of every church member, that their Ministry Team will be such a Ministry Team as their prayers make them. How perilous is the condition of that member of the Ministry Team whose heart is not encouraged, whose hands are not strengthened, and who is not upheld by the prayers of the people!

*"It is at a fearful expense that Ministers are ever allowed to enter the pulpit without being preceded, accompanied, and followed by the earnest prayers of the churches. It is no marvel that the pulpit is so powerless, and Ministers so often disheartened when there are so few to hold up their hands. ... When the churches cease to pray for Ministers, Ministers will no longer be a blessing to the churches." **

There is no greater gift you can give the member of your Ministry Team and the spiritual leaders of your church than to pray for them. Ministers, deaconesses, Directors of Youth Ministry, Summer Assistants or Pastoral Assistants cannot win the battle on their own; they need committed intercessors to lift them up in fervent, specific prayer. Imagine how the power of God might be released in our churches if we were to pray faithfully for our Ministry Team. Members of the team grow tired in ministry, are tempted to sin & may find it difficult to balance their many roles and responsibilities. They need the encouragement and support of those they lead.

Prayer for your Minister and Ministry Team is crucial to the spiritual health of your Minister, the team, their families, and your church. God will reward your efforts to cover them in prayer. If you want to encourage our spiritual leaders (and their wives/husbands and families!) let them know you are praying for them. Ask them periodically for any specific prayer requests and assure them you will pray accordingly. Use the following prayer guide with accompanying scriptures, to suggest practical ways to pray for those who provide spiritual leadership for the flock. * *Gardiner Spring (1785-1873)*



July/August :- 31 Days of Prayer for “our Minister and our Ministry Team”

- July/August 1** - Pray that each member of our ministry team will love God with all their heart, soul, mind and strength. Pray that God's Spirit will work in their hearts in power and that they will value and follow biblical priorities. (Deut. 6:5; Matt. 6:33)
- July/August 2** - Pray that our Ministry Team will cultivate strong characters and uncompromising integrity. Pray that their testimony will be genuine, and that they will never do anything that they would need to hide from others. (1 Tim. 1:5, 3:7; Eph. 6:10-12)
- July/August 3** - Pray for each team member's personal walk with God—that their souls and spirits will be nourished and strengthened in their quiet times with God. Pray that they will spend more time in the Word of God than reading Christian books and articles. (Mark 1:35; 2 Tim. 2:15-16)
- July/August 4** - Pray that our Ministry Team will counsel and teach with discernment through the wise use of Scripture and faith in God's power to work. Pray that they will be protected from the effects of sinful or negative attitudes that they encounters as they counsel. (Mal. 2:7; James 1:5-6; John 17:15)
- July/August 5** - Ask God to protect our Ministry Team's marriages and keep them strong as a model of Christ's relationship with the Church.
- July/August 6** - Pray that God will protect our Ministry Team's wives/ husband from bitterness when their spouse is criticized. Pray that their prayer and devotional life will be consistent, and that they will guard their mind and heart. (Heb. 12:15; Prov. 4:23)
- July/August 7** - Pray for our Ministry Team's families, especially that the pressures of the ministry will not discourage or embitter them. Pray that they will provide godly leadership in the home, not based on fear of what others will think, but according to scriptural truth. (Eph. 6:4; Col. 3:20-21)
- July/August 8** - Ask God to protect each member of our Ministry Team from the evil plots of Satan. Pray that they will not be corrupted as they rub shoulders with the world in the course of ministry. (John 17:15; Is. 54:17; 2 Cor. 2:11; 1 Pet. 3:12; Ps. 9:9-10, 91:9-11)
- July/August 9** - Pray that God will build a hedge of protection around each marriage within our ministry team. Pray that each one, and their spouses will be aware of the potential for any improper relationships. Pray that their family time will be protected. (Ezek. 22:30a; 2 Cor. 10:4-5; Matt. 19:6)
- July/August 10** Pray that each member of the ministry team will use discernment in use of e-mails, the Internet, and the media. Ask God to guard their hearts concerning the use of free time. Pray that they will be morally pure and that they will wear the armour of God so that they will not fall into sexual temptation. (Rom. 13:14; 1Pet. 1:16; Eph. 6:10-18; 2 Cor. 10:4)

- July/August 11** - Pray that God will bring godly friends and encouragers to your Minister and his family, to strengthen them for the ministry and provide meaningful fellowship and times of rest. (Phil. 2:19-25)
- July/August 12** - Pray that each member of the Ministry Team will be humble and authentic in their faith, not given to pride or hypocrisy. Pray that they will have pure motives and give God glory for every gain or victory. (Micah 6:8; Gal. 6:14; John 7:17-18; 1 Cor. 10:13)
- July/August 13** Pray that the members of your Ministry Team will make wise lifestyle choices in order to protect their health, especially in the areas of exercise, eating moderately, and getting sufficient rest. Pray for times of relaxation and renewal to balance the stress of ministry. (Rom. 12:1-2; 1 Cor. 9:27, 10:13, 6:19-20; James 3:1-2)
- July/August 14** - Pray that your Ministry Team will focus on the Word of God and walk in the fear of the Lord — rather than fear of man. Pray that they will seek to please God rather than men, and pursue holiness rather than the praise of men. (Acts 6:4; Prov. 19:23; 2 Tim. 2:15; Heb. 11:6; 2 Tim. 4:1-2)
- July/August 15** - Praise God for the leadership given by your ministry team, and pray that they will make godly decisions. Pray that they will lead with a shepherd's heart, and that they will always speak the truth in love. (1 Kings 3:9; 1 Pet. 5:2; Rom. 12:6-8; Jer. 3:15)
- July/August 16** - Pray that each member of your Ministry Team will be courageous in the pulpit in proclaiming Christ, and confident in his use of the Word of God. Ask God to help him preach with insight, transparency and humility. (Col. 1:28, 4:3a; Eph. 6:19)
- July/August 17** - Pray that each team member will be committed to personal evangelism and the equipping of the saints to seek the lost. Pray that they will have a heart to develop a thriving missions program in our church. (Rom. 10:15; Matt. 28:19-20; Luke 19:10)
- July/August 18** - Pray that each member of the Ministry team will be a person of prayer and worship, and that they will lead by example—teaching the congregation how to walk in a close relationship with the Father. (1 Thess. 5:17; Acts 1:14a; Matt. 4:10; Mark 1:35; Luke 22:46)
- July/August 19** - Pray that your Ministry Team will use wise time management, and that they will seek God's perspective for their schedules, guarding their time against unnecessary interruptions. (Eph. 5:15-16; Col. 4:5; Ps. 90:12; John 9:4)
- July/August 20** - Pray for a fresh divine anointing on your team's ministry. Pray that God's working will be powerfully evident both in their personal lives and the spiritual life of the congregation. (1Cor.9:27;2Tim.1:7; Rom.15:18-19a)
- July/August 21** - Pray that the members of your Ministry Team will not give in to discouragement, but will deal with inevitable criticism and conflict by committing themselves into the hands of God, who judges righteously. (1Pet. 2:23)