

*“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.” – Colossians 4:2 (ESV)*

Summer brings with it both unique opportunities and distinct challenges for a church family. As routines shift and schedules fill with vacations and activities, it's easy for our spiritual focus to get lost in the shuffle. Despite this, summer also offers fresh chances to grow in our faith, strengthen relationships, and share the love of Christ.

This summer, First North invites you to join us in a dedicated hour of prayer—seeking God’s wisdom, power, and presence for our church, our families, and our community. Let this guide help center your heart on what matters most and draw you closer to the One who never takes a break from working in and through His people.

Begin your hour by lifting your heart in praise to God. Acknowledge His holiness, majesty, and faithfulness. Thank Him for who He is—our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Let your soul rest in His unchanging character.

*1. Praise and Adoration (10 min): We begin with adoration because worship centers our hearts on God’s glory. Recognizing who God is: holy, sovereign, and good. Praise and adoration reminds us why He is worthy of our trust and obedience.*

Psalm 95:1–3 – “Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!”

Take time to humbly confess your sins before the Lord. Ask the Holy Spirit to search your heart and reveal any secret sins, or unrepentant parts of your life. Receive His forgiveness through Christ’s finished work on the cross and rejoice in the cleansing He provides.

*2. Confession and Repentance (10 min): Confession restores our fellowship with God and aligns us with His holiness. Regular repentance is vital for spiritual health and humility, keeping our hearts soft and teachable before the Lord.*

1 John 1:9 – “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

Ask God to grow you in love, wisdom, and obedience. Pray for the Spirit’s transforming power in your daily walk, increasing Christ’s likeness in your thoughts, words, and actions. Commit to a greater focus on Scripture reading, prayer, and faithful living this summer.

*3. Praying for Personal Growth and Holiness (10 min): God sets apart every believer at the moment they receive Christ as Savior. He also continues to work in a believer’s life to remove sin, help them grow in holiness, and make them more like Christ (Sanctification).*

Philippians 1:9–11 – “...that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment... filled with the fruit of righteousness.”

**Lift up your local church—its leaders, ministries, and members. Pray for unity, faithfulness to God's Word, and boldness in witness. Ask God to protect and provide for families, strengthen marriages, and guide children and youth through the summer months.**

*4. Intercession for the Church Family (10 min): The church is the body of Christ, and it thrives through prayer. Lifting up fellow believers strengthens unity, encourages spiritual health, and supports faithful ministry. Spend some time praying for these specific ministry opportunities coming up in June.*

- Preparations are underway for Fireworks at First, scheduled for Friday July 3rd. Pray for favor with all the red tape church staff must deal with in preparation for this event. Pray also for opportunities to have Gospel centered conversations and that new families will feel welcome on our campus and return to worship with us. Pray for God to raise up the needed volunteers for this massive event.
- VBS (June 9- 12): Here a few ways you can pray:
  - For our Children's Ministry staff as they lead and administrate VBS.
  - For God to raise up and prepare the volunteers needed for this important week.
  - For unchurched kids and families to hear the Gospel, and accept the gift of salvation.
  - For the lives of children to be transformed as they experience God's love.
- Youth Please pray for lasting change in the lives of our middle schoolers from their week at SummerSalt (June 1-5) and of our high school students as they attend Student Leadership University June 21-25.
- Pray for all of our SCA families- pray for opportunities for families to enjoy time this summer together. Pray for our teachers/staff as we prepare for the 2026-2027 school year.
- TRANSITION TEAM: Larry Allen, Jeremy Bishop, Daniel Carver, Donna Locke, Terry Messinger, Chris Neal, Kyle Perry, Shannon Ruff, Ashton Ryan, Melanie Seay, Matt Thompson (chairman), Heather Wagner and Tommy Wall

*5. Praying for the Lost and for Gospel Outreach (10 min): Evangelism is central to the Great Commission. We pray for the lost and for open doors to share the gospel, trusting God to draw hearts to salvation through His Word.*

- T. G. (IN college student)- serving with the International National Mission Board for 8 weeks in North Africa this summer. Pray as he gets settled and builds relationships. Pray for gospel opportunities.
- The Blanton Family: Pray for our overseas partners Jody, Jordan, Cadence, & Shiloh as they continue their work in southeast Asia.
- Pray for friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers who do not know Christ. Ask God to open their hearts and to use you and others to share Christ with them this summer.

[Romans 10:14-15](#) – “How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed?... How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”

**Conclude with thanksgiving for God's goodness, grace, and nearness. Surrender your plans, worries, and desires to Him. Trust Him with the unknowns of the summer ahead, and ask for His strength to walk faithfully, one day at a time.**

*6. Thanksgiving and Surrender (10 min): Conclude with a time of thanksgiving and surrender. Thankfulness cultivates joy, while surrender expresses our trust in God's perfect will and timing.*

[1 Thessalonians 5:16-18](#) – “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances...”