



**2008
PRAYER LIST**

Lorena Buehler	Homebound
Bill Cherry	Homebound
Bette French	Homebound
Dorothy Gilreath	Homebound
Janie Allen	Good Samaritan
Carl Bruce	Protestant Home
Byran Buehler	Good Samaritan
Mabel Georgeses	Heritage Center
Ardythe Hester	Health South
Margaret Hollingsworth	Good Samaritan
Thelma Julian	Protestant Home
Ruth McMillan	Core Nursing Home
Stella Neel	Holiday Village
LaVone Peach	Good Samaritan
Gladys Rezek	Solarbron
Roberta VonHarten	Atria Assisted Living
Dr. Robert Williams	Heritage Center

Allan Reeves US Air Force
Afghanistan

Home & Foreign Missionaries

Sarah Cooper	Illness
The Howell Family	
Yuri Lyashchuk	Illness
Nell Ernsperger	Illness
Tom McKinnis	Illness
Adolph Buente	Deaconess
Marc Klein	Illness
Maury Green	Health South
Nancy Bradley	St. Marys

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Olivia Yates - Organist, Marge Baker - Pianist, Beth & Sarah
Bloss - Nursery Attendants, Tom Kinner - Sexton,
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Vision Statement

We are building on our heritage and approaching the future with a vision relevant to our changing world while creating an atmosphere where Christ can bring healing, hope, and joy to all.



This past weekend I got something I never had before, a Son-in-law. The wedding was wonderful and I am so proud of my daughter and her husband. One of the very special joys of being a pastor is that I was able to do more in the wedding than just walk my daughter down the aisle and sit with my wife. I was given the opportunity to officiate for the exchange of vows, the giving and receiving of rings, and to offer a prayer. It was such an honor to be asked by Tasha and Kyle to participate in this way.

I thought long and hard about the word that I might want to share as I prayed for their marriage. Here is the essence of what I said. "My temptation as I pray for you is to ask God to bless you and prosper you. That your lives would be filled with love and joy. After all you will probably spend a lot of time taking care of my grandchildren. As I thought about it I realized that you will only have the best marriage if you have to face some challenges."

"When you argue you get to witness the depth of the passion of your partner and get to learn more fully who that person is. When one of you is ill it is an opportunity for the other to shower unconditional love that comes from deep within the heart. When you face a challenge that neither one can handle on your own you develop teamwork where each brings their best to the table and the bond between you is strengthened. So I will pray for peace and prosperity, for love and joy, but I will also pray for enough challenges to strengthen the bonds between you so you might continue to feel closer and more in love with each passing year. Let us pray..."

As I look at the challenges we face as a nation and as a church I think that these same words are applicable. I have often longed for a world where everyone got along, but I realize that it is those who challenge my thinking that help me to grow and learn. There was a science fiction movie (I don't remember the name) where an alien from another planet had come to earth and observed humanity. His observations were summed up in the statement, "You earthlings are interesting creatures, when things are at their worst you are at your best." Maybe the difficult times we now face will bring out the best in each of us.

Make no mistake; I do not suggest that there is no real evil in the world. There is and I have had my share of personal encounters with it, but I fall back on these words from Romans 12:21 "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." The times we face are filled with challenges, but they are also filled with opportunity. Let us take advantage together of the opportunities God is giving to us.

Grace, Peace, and Love,
Pastor George

SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST

IMMEDIATELY AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE THERE WILL BE A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING HELD TO VOTE ON FBC'S 2009 BUDGET



KOFFEE KLATCH

MARCH

8th – last name A-M

22nd – Pastoral Care

Providers & Choir

RESCUE MISSION

FBC will be collecting cake mixes during the month of March for the Rescue Missions "4th Annual Ham Give-A-Way".

SUNDAY VAN SCHEDULE FOR MARCH



1st -- Charlie Grable & Bryan Turley

8th – Doris Harris & Jamie Mills (pick-up)

Regina Garnett (return)

15th – Cheryl Bingemer & Diane Legler

22nd – Becky Arvin & Steve Winterheimer

29th – Charlie Grable & Bryan Turley



Thank you so much for caring about Dan and I, and our

family during the recent illnesses and the death of our son-in-law. We appreciate the prayers, cards and calls, as well as Pastor George's comforting visits and words. Many friends and family members enjoyed the food provided for them at our home by our special friends from church. With thanks and love to all of you.

Nell & Dan Ernspiger

NUTS & BOLTS

2009 SW ANNUAL MEETING

Registration is \$7 (lunch included). Please make checks payable to: First Baptist Church of Orleans. Must be in by Monday, March 2.

Registration forms are in the office. Pastor Huffsmith will be presenting a workshop on Bible Study & Preparation.

BALLROOM DANCE CLASSES

Beginning Tuesday, March 3rd at 6:30-7:30pm. Lessons last one hour and run for six weeks, the cost is \$25 per person for the series. Official registration will be from 6:00-6:30pm March 3rd.

SINGING & FELLOWSHIP

Mark your calendar for Sunday, April 5th at 6:00pm. Souls Harbor Trio will be at FBC for singing, fellowship, and food.

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REGION MISSION CONFERENCE

March 28 at Greencastle First Baptist Church

More information coming.=!!



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Juli

e Lauer

Please make plans right now to invite family and friends to our Easter Celebrations here at FBC. Several new members will be baptized, and we will sing about and hear again of our Savior's glorious resurrection. The choir will also be sharing our cantata, "Come, Touch the Robe," by Pepper Choplin. It will be a wonderful way to share your joy with your loved ones and your Lord. We might even get a few extra minutes of blessing that day.

See you then!

SHARING MUSICAL TALENTS

If you are interested in sharing your instrumental talent, either as a solo, or in an ensemble or orchestra, please contact Julie at djablauer@cheerful.com. She'll



need to know your name, instrument, and your availability for rehearsal.

MIDDLER SCHOOLERS night on Sunday, March 8th at 6:00pm. Meet at the church

*****UPCOMING EVENTS***** and bring \$10, if you can. The rest is a MYSTERY!

HIGH SCHOOL and YAUT

are invited to a Banana Blast on Saturday, March 7th at 6:00pm. We'll meet in the youth room upstairs. Bring a banana and a friend!
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RIVERCITY FAITHFEST '09

Saturday, July 11, 2009 from 12:00 noon to 6:00pm . . . All American Baptist Youth from Grade 6 through College are invited to a day of worship, music, food, fellowship, and fun! There will be guest bands, guest speakers, giant inflatables, free food and drinks, vendor booths, and a concert room.

Registration: \$20 per person (1 leader per group/free) includes free food, t-shirt, and all activities.

More info will be coming soon!