



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
The Howell Family
Adrian Glaser
Nell Ernspiger
Tom McKinnis
Adolph Buente
Marc Klein
Anne Peterman
Nancy Bradley St. Marys
Mary Glaser St. Marys

Church Staff:

Rev. Dr. George Huffsmith - Pastor
H. Posey Gaines - Pastor Emeritus
Julie Lauer - Music Director
Olivia Yates - Organist
Marge Baker - Pianist
Rhonda Wilson - Financial Secretary
Vada Chrockrem - Church Secretary
Beth & Sarah Bloss - Nursery Attendants
Nelya Palamarchuk - Custodian

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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.



We finally have a budget for 2009. It has been a long process and it is likely far from perfect, but it is a budget that anticipates us spending no more than what we take in for the year. With the economy and our level of cash reserves this was something we really needed to do.

Thank you to the Finance Team. There have been some tough decisions to make. We have laid-off some staff and reduced to part-time some others. Each of these persons is an important part of the First Baptist Staff, but funds were not available to continue staffing the church at traditional levels. Tough decisions were made and the team did their best to move with a combination of wisdom and care.

Some of the staff that has been laid-off have chosen to continue in their positions as volunteers, God bless you! Others have worked closely with the Finance Team and me to lessen the impact of this transition in the overall ministry of the church. Thanks to you for your understanding and cooperation.

There have also been folks that have offered to step in volunteering to take up some of the slack that has been caused by the reduction of paid staff. I thank all of you that are considering the gift of your time and talents in this way. It will go a long way in reducing the impact of these cuts on the ministry of the church.

There are a couple of things we can all do at this time. First be understanding. You may not get someone when you call the church or you may get someone you did not expect. We will try to do our best but it may not be all you expect. Second, take some responsibility. You may need to clean up after yourself, move things back where you found them or make sure the lights are off and the doors are locked. And then of course keep your church staff in your prayers as we adjust to the new realities here at First Baptist.

Grace, Peace, and Love,
Pastor George



Koffee Klatch
 March 22nd
 Pastoral Care
 Providers & Choir

**SUNDAY VAN SCHEDULE
 FOR MARCH**

15th – Cheryl Bingemer
 & Diane Legler
 22nd – Becky Arvin &
 Steve Winternheimer
 29th – Charlie Grable & Bryan Turley



2009

REGION MISSION CONFERENCE

March 28 at Greencastle FBC
 More information coming!!

SINGING & FELLOWSHIP

Souls Harbor Trio to be with us Sunday, April
 5th at 6:00pm. There will be a “pot luck” at
 5:00pm. Bring your family and friends for this
 time of singing, fellowship, and food. We
 have posters available in the church office.

CONGRATULATIONS EMILY

March 2nd Emily Slade met with the
 Committee on Ordination Recognition for the
 American Baptist Churches of Indiana &
 Kentucky. After thorough review of her
 ordination papers, the committee
 recommended that we proceed with Emily’s
 Ordination. Emily will be graduating from
 Duke Divinity School this fall and will be
 ordained May 25th, Memorial Day, at 3:00pm.
 Mark your calendars now and plan to share in
 this celebration.



My office hours will be
 Monday, Tuesday, and
 Thursday from 8:00am
 4:00pm.

Because of the change, all
CELEBRATION information will need to be
 in the church office by 10:00am on
 Tuesdays. Celebrations will be printed on
 Tuesday. The volunteer staff will label and
 fold the Celebrations to be mailed out on
 Thursday mornings.

BULLETIN information will need to be
 in the church office by 10:00am on
 Thursdays, so the bulletin can be printed,
 folded and inserts placed for Sunday
 morning services.

Thank you for your assistance in this
 matter.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

We have several boxes of Offering Envelopes
 haven’t been picked up. They have been
 placed on the Resource Table outside the
 elevator for your convenience.

RESCUE MISSION

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

RESOURCE TABLE

New literature on the Resource Table just
 outside the elevator for you. New “Daily
 Devotionals...The Word for You Today” and
 “The Christian Business Directory”, free of
 charge.

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

The annual Easter Egg hunt will be hosted by
 Forest Hills Baptist Church this year. It will
 be held at the home of Bob and Doris Hollis
 at 8305 Hogue Rd. Mark your calendar for
 10:00am on Saturday April 11, so you don’t
 miss the fun. Any child up to fifth grade is
 invited to come and hunt! If you need
 transportation, you MUST contact the church
 office. Contact Denise Farmer if you would
 like to come help hide eggs.

HELP WANTED: The children at “The
 Well” could use you. We have a couple of
 openings in our Sunday School teaching
 teams that we must fill. It’s fun to share in a
 team atmosphere; the literature is easy to
 use; and you serve 3 times a year for only a
 month each time! What could be better
 working conditions? Contact Denise Farmer
 if you can help.

NOTES FROM

Julie Lauer

Please make plans for our Easter
 Celebrations. Several new members will be
 baptized, we will sing about and hear again of
 our Savior’s glorious resurrection. The choir
 will be sharing our cantata, “Come, Touch the
 Robe”, by Pepper Choplin. Ask family and
 friends to join you in a day of blessings.

MUSICAL TALENTS

Please contact Julie at
djablauer@cheerful.com if you would like to
 share your musical talents, either
 instrumental or soloist or in an ensemble or
 orchestra.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

During the month of March our church
 will be collecting for the “One Great Hour of
 Sharing”. This special offering brings
 several Christian denominations together
 to answer the Lord’s call to help
 individuals in our world who are in need
 or suffering. You may place your
 donation in the special envelopes
 provided in your bulletin, or obtain an
 offering box from the church office. This
 special offering will continue until Easter
 Sunday, April 12th.



MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

All middle school students are invited to
 a getaway weekend at Beaver Lodge on
 beautiful Lake Barley for our spring
 Retreat, “World Changers”. We’ll leave
 on Friday, April 17th and return on Sunday,
 April 19th. Watch the mail for more
 information coming soon.

HIGH SCHOOL & YAUT

Thursday, March 19th at 6:00pm
 Banana Blast