



**2008
PRAYER LIST**

Lorena Buehler	Homebound
Bill Cherry	Homebound
Bette French	Homebound
Posey & Gerri Gaines	Homebound
Dorothy Gilreath	Homebound
Maury Green	Homebound
Ardythe Hester	Homebound
Wanda Love	Homebound
Ruth Wilson	Homebound
Janie Allen	Good Samaritan
Carl Bruce	Protestant Home
Casel Bush	Protestant Home
Mabel Georgeson	Heritage Center
Margaret Hollingsworth	Good Samaritan
Thelma Julian	Atria Assisted Living
Ruth McMillan	Core Nursing Home
Stella Neel	Holiday Village
LaVone Peach	Good Samaritan
Anne Peterman	Heritage Center
Bessie Pffingston	Mt Vernon Nursing
Gladys Rezek	Solarbron
Roberta VonHarten	Atria Assisted Living
Benita Williams	Solarbron
Dr. Robert Williams	Heritage Center
Allan Reeves	US Air Force, Afghanistan
Megan Peninger	US Air Force
David James	US Army
Steven A. Michaels	US Marines - Japan
Matthew Peninger	US Army
Tim Chrockrem	US Navy
Home & Foreign Missionaries	
The Howell Family	Marc Klein
Prentice Ethington	Gretchen Barth
Judi Schneider	Carl Bruce
Stella Neel & Roberta VonHarten	-- Deaconess

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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.



Maybe I'm just getting older but the opportunity to be together with family this past week has been a very special time. I feel so blessed in the fact that I can spend time with my children (though they are grown and away from home now) and my parents that have had some health issues but have still been able to maintain a home in Hornell, NY. I watch my children and I am so proud of all they have done and are accomplishing and then I have the chance to learn from the deep well of wisdom that is my father. Being about 700 miles away from them leads to missing them but it also makes me cherish the moment that we do have together and it keeps me from taking their presence in my life for granted.

How about you? Do you really cherish the moments you have with the members of your family? Are the relationships you have with your children, parents, or even your spouse cherished as special and wonderful gifts? Or is their constant presence in you life taken for granted? I would like to challenge you to tell those who are most important to you how special they really are and what it means to you to have them as a part of your life. Today is a great day to celebrate all the wonderful people God has placed in our family.

Don't forget your church family. While we enjoyed the time with parents and children we also missed each one of you. You are all so very special to Joanne and I and we give thanks daily for all of the love and support you have shown to us here at First Baptist Evansville. You are all invited to our home 1325 East Gum Street this Sunday, September 27th, from 1-5 PM. We will be having an open house format so drop in when you can, leave when you must. We will be serving a few western New York favorites, White Hots (a white pork hot dog) and Salt Potatoes. We have returned from New York with these delicacies to share with you as part of our very special family. Joanne and I hope that you can be there. It might get crowded but I have been told that in a house filled with love there is always room for more people.

Grace and Peace,
 Pastor George



Children's Church Schedule

- Sept. 27 - Joannie Hollis-Smith & Christian Smith
- Oct. 4 - SPROUTS-Bruce Carlton
- Oct. 11 - Nichole Freiburger
- Oct. 18 - Chris Behme & Noah Farmer
- Oct. 25 - Debbie Hayes

Van Driver's Schedule

- Sept. 27th - Doris Harris & Jamie Mills (pickup)
- Diane Legler (return)
- Oct. 4th - Becky Arvin & Steve Winternheimer
- Oct. 11th - Cheryl Bingemer & Diane Legler
- Oct. 18th - Charlie Grable & Bryan Turley
- Oct. 25th - Doris Harris & Jamie Mills (pickup)
- Diane Legler (return)



NOON-TIME BIBLE STUDY

Noon-Time Bible Study moving to Monday. Fall session begins October 5th from Noon to 1:00pm in the Seekers Sunday School Class room. EVERYONE INVITED!!

*Mr. and Mrs. Harold A. Bloss
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Sarah Elizabeth
to
Mr. Zachary William Harris
son of
Mr. and Mrs. Freddie L. Harris
Saturday, the twenty-sixth of September
Two thousand and nine
at two-thirty in the afternoon
First Baptist Church
320 Cherry Street
Evansville, Indiana*

*Dessert Reception
immediately following ceremony
in Church Fellowship Hall*

Euvenice Bible Class Celebration

On October 18, 2009 the Euvenice Bible Class will have its final celebration with breakfast at 9:00am with a special program to follow in the fellowship hall. Mark your calendar, you are invited. Call Vada with reservations at the office (425-8296). If you have information about the Euvenice Bible Class left by your mother, aunt, or grandmother and want to share, please bring it to me or bring it to the office and leave it with Vada.

Elton Melton

Stuffing Collection

Once again FBC will help the community by collecting boxes of stuffing mix for the Rescue Missions Annual Gobbler Gathering. During October we'll collect the stuffing to be distributed to area families on Tues., Nov. 24th at the Rescue Mission. Last year the Rescue Mission provided dinners to over 1800 families in the community. With the present state of the economy, they are expecting an even bigger need this year. Beginning on Sun., Oct. 4th you can bring in your contribution and place it on the table near the elevator on the main floor.



Notes from Julie

CHOIR REHEARSALS

Our choir rehearsals are in full swing as we prepare music for worship as well as preparing for our December presentation of Handel's "Messiah." Every rehearsal is very important, and we still have room for more singers. We practice on Wednesdays from 7-8:15, immediately following the worship service. If you are interested only in singing "Messiah" with us, that's OK. Call Julie (985-7450) and she'll give you the rehearsal schedule and a practice cd.

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Christian Fellowship Church Orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Jack Hamilton, will be joining us for

worship on Sunday morning, September 27th. They will provide special music as well as accompany our congregational singing. Please invite your friends and neighbors for this special service.



Soccer Shak Time!

It's that time of year again! The FBC Youth will once again be operating the Soccer Shak at the soccer fields on Vann Ave. Our youth have operated this fundraiser for many, many years and it's the single, largest contributor to our youth funds. We could really use your help! There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby where you can pick a day and time that you can serve. It's easy to do and fun! The Fall season runs from Sept. 9th - Oct. 17th. Have questions? See Diane Legler.

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supposed to be.
It's the way it is.
The way you cope with it is what
makes the difference'*