



2008 PRAYER LIST

Lorena Buehler	Homebound
Bill Cherry	Homebound
Bette French	Homebound
Dorothy Gilreath	Homebound
Janie Allen	Good Samaritan
Carl Bruce	Protestant Home
Sharon Buckles	Columbia Healthcare
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
Sgt. Matthew Peninger	US Army-Iraq
Tim Chrockrem	US Navy-Illness
Home & Foreign Missionaries	
Bill Epley, Jr.	Illness
Terry Stilley	Illness
Prentice Ethington	Illness
Sarah Cooper	Illness
The Howell Family	Death
Anne Peterman	Illness
Veda Epley	Illness
Marie Vessels	Illness
Sussie Stotler	Illness

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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.



I keep telling people you are the best and you keep proving me to be right. It was wonderful for Joanne and me to be together with all of our daughters over the Thanksgiving weekend. I want to thank all of you who helped them feel so welcome and those who came out for Tasha's wedding shower. You are all invited to the wedding February 21 at the First Baptist Church of Rochester, NY, a beautiful time of year in Western New York. Just let us know if you are coming and we will have a place for you at the dinner table.

This Sunday, December 7th will be the Christmas Cantata. You won't want to miss it. Our choir will be joined by the voices of the choir from Eastminster Presbyterian Church, and will be accompanied by twelve members of the Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra. Don't forget to invite your friends and neighbors to come hear this special presentation.

Unfortunately, I will not be here that day as my daughter Chelsea will be graduating from University at Albany, NY with a Masters degree in school counseling. Joanne and I will be hosting a graduation open house at our old home, 3 Whitney Farms Circle, Fairport, NY 14450, on December 6th, if you would like to join us.

This past week has had its sad moments. We have said good-bye to a couple of special people here at First Baptist Church. First was Lois Kimmel, he was a member of the church for 58 years, and then Margaret Pride, a member for 70 years but probably a part of the church for her entire 84 years of life. Our sympathies go out to both of these families as well as the family of Bruce and Debbie Carlton in the death of their uncle Jim Lineback.

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(continued "From the Pastor")

I know that the month ahead is going to very busy for most of you with Christmas, New Years and everything else coming up. (Is my daughter's wedding really less than three months away?) I do hope that you will take some time out for yourself and for God, a chance to stop and smell the hot chocolate so to speak. Christmas was meant to be a blessing and I hope that is exactly what you find it to be.

Grace & Peace, Pastor George

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WORLD MISSION OFFERING

\$1,736.63 to-date

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FAMILY LIFE CENTER

A/C unit debt – collection to date

\$6,131 toward \$7,000

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DECEMBER KOFFEE KLATCH

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21st . . . Pastoral Care Providers
and Choir

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**WHOLE CHURCH
BABY SHOWER**

FOR RHONDA & SCOTT

Help us celebrate the upcoming addition to the Scott and Rhonda (Legler) Wilson family. Join us for a baby shower luncheon on Sunday, December 7, immediately following the worship service. Everyone is invited! Baby registries can be found at Target and Babies R Us.

NAVITY SIGNS

Please take a Living Nativity Yard Sign home on Sunday, December 7th and return them on Sunday, December 14th.

Thank you, Larry

Allen



Thank you for contacting Jeff Dieselbery in Bangkok, Thailand, concerning my sister, Janet (Susie) Stotler.

He contacted Rev. Jack Morgan and Rev. Morgan and another Pastor visited Susie at the hospital. Susie was very pleased to see them. Susie became critically ill while visiting in Ayutthaya, Thailand. We were notified on Nov. 16 and arrived on Nov. 18 to be with her. We found in the ICU unit in critical condition. She was moved to the Samitivej Sukumvit Hospital in Bangkok, where she remains in ICU. Her condition has been upgraded to serious, she remains on a ventilator and cannot speak. She is alert and aware of her surroundings. She was very happy to see the pastors and wants them to visit again. We thank you very much for your concern and attention.

God Bless You,
Larry Norvell & Charrieng Hunt

POINSETTIAS

Poinsettias orders are still being taken in memory or honor of a loved one for \$10.00 per poinsettia. Checks made out to First Baptist Church annotated as poinsettia can be mailed, put in the offering plate or dropped by the office. Deadline for ordering is December 12th.

THANKSGIVING MEMORIES

This year Thanksgiving is on my birthday, when that happens, I always take a trip down memory lane.

I was in the 4th grade when we moved into a big house on the corner of Olive & Elliott. "We" means Momma, Daddy and my 3 sisters and 3 brothers, and me. I still start my prayers with "thanks for Momma & Daddy" because that's where all my blessings began. Working hard, making sacrifices, lots of good food and love, taking us to Sunday School and Church every Sunday was their idea of raising a family.

Mother told me she took me to Sunday School (the Crib Dept.) for the first time when I was 2 months old. I've got a certificate to prove that, but she also told me the date 1921 on the church corner stone was for "my" birth date. I found out about that, the Easter bunny and Santa Claus all about the same time.

Every Sunday morning we walked 17 blocks to Sunday School and back 17 blocks, then again in the evening for B.Y.P.U. and church. B.Y.P.U. meaning Baptist Young Peoples Union - - I wish someone had thought of B.Y.F. back then. That P.U. got me a lot of teasing from school friends.

When we sat down to a meal, no matter how hungry we were we always waited for Daddy to pray. I once had a friend tell me she loved to come to our house to each because Momma was a good cook and she love to hear Daddy pray (Me too!). It wasn't unusual to have company for Sunday dinner. Mrs. Colter, the Euvenice class teach before Mrs. LaRoe came often and many times it would be a soldier from Camp Breckenridge who would be visiting the Agoga Bible Class and Daddy or my oldest brother would bring them home.

One Sunday morning I had been feeling bad. I was on the couch under a quilt, Momma was in the kitchen working on one

of her famous Sunday dinners. Our first radio, a Philco table top, was turned on to the Agoga Bible Class, I heard Rev. Rake call on my Daddy to pray. I called Momma to come to the living room. She came in and sat in Daddys chair. I bowed my head because she did, when I looked up she had tears (me too). After that morning I looked at my Daddy a little different. He was a man of few words and real often said them to make us laugh.

To each of you . . . I hope you have a Thanksgiving that makes a sweet memory and when I could my blessings . . . I'll count my family, my church, and each of you twice.

From My Heart, Alyce Sanders



UPCOMING DATES . . .

- Dec. 13th Middle School Christmas Party at the Gore's
- Dec. 13-14th Living Nativity
- Dec. 17th Children's Christmas Program/dinner
- Dec. 20th High School/YAUT Christmas Party at the Smith's