



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
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
Barbara Egan	Illness
Bev Thurgood	Illness
Thelma Julian	Illness
Delbert Peach	Illness

Church Staff: Dr. George Huffsmith - Reverend,
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Olivia Yates - Organist, Marge Baker - Pianist, Beth & Sarah Bloss - Nursery Attendants, Tom Kinner - Sexton,
Rhonda Wilson - Financial Secretary, Vada Chrockrem - Church Secretary, Donna Waller - Saturday Secretary,
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.



Welcome to 2009! I am so looking forward to working with you in the New Year.

I was recently at the graduation ceremonies for my Daughter Chelsea who graduated from the University of Albany. One of the speakers there was Senator Chuck Schumer who talked about "two tests in life". The first test is the Monday morning test. When you wake up Monday morning how do you feel about going to work? He encouraged the graduates to do something that they love and have passion for. The second test was the Friday evening test. When the workweek is done how do you feel about those you will be going home to? Senator Schumer said that if you pass both of those test then you are truly blessed.

I know that I am truly blessed even though trying to put my schedule into a Monday morning Friday evening test schedule is pretty impossible. I do love what I am doing and I love my family.

I love what I am doing because I feel like I am doing what God made me to do. I wake up in the morning and most mornings I look forward to what I will be doing that day, and when it is time to go home I am ready for that as well.

How about you? How are you doing with your Monday morning test? How about your Friday evening test? Are you passing both of them? If so, you are truly blessed, and don't forget to give thanks for that blessing. However, if you are failing one or both of those test, I would be glad to do everything I am able to help you do what you need to do to get to the place where you can pass those tests in flying colors.

I know that I want to see you have a great New Year. I know God wants you to have a great New Year. So my wish to you is that you find all the blessings that God has given to you so you might understand how loved you truly are. Happy New Year!!

Grace & Peace,
Pastor George

WORLD MISSION OFFERING
\$1,836.63 to-date

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RETIRED MINISTERS & MISSIONARIES
OFFERING
\$1164.37

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CHRISTMAS OFFERING \$1346.00

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2008 Contributions should be in the office by January 1st.

Contribution statements will be out by the end of January.

We will continue to print "Celebrations" on the second and last Wednesdays of each month. Deadlines for articles or information will be 9:00 a.m. on each Wednesday. Otherwise it will have to be printed in the following Celebrations. Thank you for your help in this matter.

CONGRATULATIONS TO Dan & Heather Bevers on the birth of their son, Isaac James, weighing in at 5lbs.13.8ozs., 18.5 inches long on December 15th. Congratulations also goes out to the proud grandparents, Jim & Mary Bevers.



For your convenience -- 2009 Offering Envelopes are available in the lobby outside the church office.

EDNA MARTIN CIRCLE will meet Monday, January 5th at 7:00 p.m. (weather permitting).

SEEKERS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS PARTY is to be hosted by Dale and Julie Lauer at their home (331 Largo Court) December 31st 8:00pm til Midnight. ALL PRESENT AND PAST MEMBERS ARE INVITED. Please bring a \$10 gift and appetizers to share.

WHO CARES?

Who cares if I wake in the morning feeling sad and blue?

Who cares if my day goes badly and I fail in what I do?

Who cares if I feel forsaken by my family and friends?

Who cares if it seems my sorrows will never have an end?

My Jesus cares and loves me, will give me strength for each new day.

If I trust Him to lead and guide me I will not go astray.

He cares about my sorrows and will cheer my aching heart.

He'll put a smile upon my face and give me a brand new start.

I only need to pray to Him with a heart sincere and true.

He'll lift my heavy burdens and give me joy I never knew!

Written by EDNA HARRIS

KOFFEE KLATCH
January 2009
Jan. 4 Last Name A-M
Jan. 18 Seekers & Finance

THANK YOU FROM A VISITOR
Greetings to my fellow brothers and sisters at First Baptist Church of Evansville.

I live in Ohio and while traveling through Indiana with a non-christian friend (Chisu Kim) from Korea, I brought her to your church last Sunday. It was her very first experience of visiting a Christian church in the U.S.

She is back in Korea now, but she told me that she had a wonderful first impression of an American Christian church. She remarked that an American church felt like a heartwarming sanctuary.

I have been praying for her to find Jesus and to ultimately receive Salvation through faith in Jesus' sacrifice on the cross, and I will continue to pray for her.

I want to sincerely thank the many folks at your church who greeted us warmly and gave us sincere invitations to come back to your church in the future. I was very touched by the brotherly warmth that I felt there.

Thank you again, and may God richly bless your church and may He effectively use your church body to lead countless many toward salvation.

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As we come to the end of another year, I wanted to take this

opportunity to thank all of the ushers that have served so faithfully.
Your service and commitment are greatly appreciated.
Thanks Again,
Larry Allen

GIVING TREE

First Baptist will again be collecting clothing for area school children on the Giving Tree in the church lobby. Please donate small sized sweat pants (4T-8), all sizes of underwear, socks, hats and gloves. We'll collect throughout the month of December.

JANUARY SUNDAY VAN SCHEDULE

Jan. 4 – Becky Arvin & Steve Winternheimer

Jan. 11 – Dorris Harris & Jamies Mills (pick up)

Regina Garnett (return)

Jan. 18 – Becky Arvin & Charlie Grable

Jan. 25 – Cheryl Bingemer & Diane Legler

January 10th, 6:00pm

High School & YAUT
Winter Beach Party

