



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	Illness
Maury Green	Illness
Bill Mace	Illness

Church Staff: Dr. George Huffsmith - Reverend,
H. Posey Gaines - Pastor Emeritus, Julie Lauer - Music Director,
Olivia Yates - Organist, Marge Baker - Pianist, Beth & Sarah
Bloss - Nursery Attendants, Tom Kinner - Sexton,
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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.



Here we are soon to be in the month of February. For me the big event this month will be the wedding of my oldest daughter Tasha. I remember clearly the day that she was born. February 21 I will have a new memory to cherish as I walk her down the aisle to become Mrs. Wilson. While I am away please show your support to Rev. Dr. Donald Scott who will be preaching February 22nd. Dr. Scott is part of our region staff for the American Baptist Churches of Indiana and Kentucky and serves as Associate Executive Minister, Minister of Mission Support. I have known Don for more than 20 years and I believe you will enjoy hearing what he has to say.

February 25th is Ash Wednesday which begins the season of Lent. While we as Baptist don't feel tied to the church year Lent is 40 days leading up to Easter. Easter is a great time of the year to celebrate Baptism and there is one person who has already expressed an interest in being baptized at that time. If you or if you know someone who might be interested in baptism please let me know or call the church office.

The finance Team has been working hard to get our budget for 2009 together. Please keep them in your prayers. If you have any suggestions how we might bridge the gap between income and expense your input would be valued. Contact any committee member: Jayne Mills, Marilyn Klenck, Dale Lauer, and church treasurer Chester Peak, or you can share your thoughts with me. God has a plan and a dream for First Baptist Church. Together we can find what that dream is and help to see that it becomes a reality. I look forward to all that God will place before us as we continue to serve the cause of Christ from here on the corner of Fourth and Cherry Streets.

Grace & Peace,
Pastor George

KOFFEE KLATCH

February 2009

Feb. 8th Last Name N-Z
Feb. 22nd Challengers &
Come Double

FEBRUARY

SUNDAY VAN SCHEDULE

Feb. 1st Becky Arvin &
Steve Winternheimer
Feb. 8th Doris Harris & Jamie Mills
(pick up)
Regina Garnett (return)
Feb. 15th Cheryl Binemer & Diane Legler
Feb. 22nd Becky Arvin &
Steve Winternheimer

NEW BIBLE STUDY PLANNED

A new Bible study is planned for Tuesdays at Noon with Terry Farmer being the leader. Bring a lunch and join us for this time of fellowship and study. The Bible study will be in session unless schools are closed due to bad weather.



I would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, cards, and prayers while I was in the hospital. Especially thanks to the "Sprouts" for their prayers and card. Thank you so much "God loves you" and so do I.

Gods Love & Blessings,
Mabel Turley

The children of Margaret Pride wish to thank you for the beautiful plant basket sent to express your love for our mother and lift our spirits. Words cannot describe our appreciation for the love garnished on our mom by this church family. Mom was absolutely devoted to First Baptist for her whole life. Her long-time friends defined her life, which was wonderful and fulfilled. We cannot thank you enough for the love bestowed, the happiness, and the comfort you all brought to our mom.

Sincerely,
Linda Pride Thompson
Rick Pride
Sandy Weber



IT'S CHILI COOK-OFF TIME

Get those crockpots ready - it is time for the annual FBC Chili Cook-off (sponsored by the Seeker's Sunday School Class). Mark your calendars for Sunday, February 8th following morning worship. The "Silver Ladle" awards will be awarded for the Judge's Choice and for the Popular vote. A donation of \$5 will be accepted for sandwiches, drink, dessert and all the chili you can eat! Bring friends and family and vote for your favorite chili!

NEED ICE STORM CLEAN UP

Call John Peninger, member of FBC
457-9658

EMAIL FROM THE BENNETT'S

My wife and I looked at all of the pictures...they are wonderful, but we cannot figure out if we know anyone. I recognize the Ernspiger and Stitt names and they would remember us.

I served as the Minister of Education around 1970 or so and served with Dr. MacKenney. I had a great time at the church and enjoyed also working in the music department...we had the "famous" Sanctuary Swingers. Also I helped the church find the Allen Organ, which I am not sure if you still have. You had a Baldwin and it was not working out too well...it seems someone installed the speakers right on the old pipe organ pipes, bending many of them. It was quite a sight when we cleared it out for the new Allen Organ. We still have some of the pipes and I made a small display which sits on our entertainment center over the new TV.

Tell everyone "HI" for us and hopefully you can give a special "HI" to the people who my still remember us. I am retired and living in Sun City, Arizona. Mickie and I have 3 adult children (our oldest, Kip, was born in Welborn Hospital and just had a baby girl in Long Beach). We now have 7 grandchildren ranging from 14 years down to just born on Jan. 13.

Have a good year...God be with ALL of you.

Larry & Mickie Bennett

PASTORAL RELATIONS TEAM

The Pastoral Relations Team (PRT) consists of Jeremy Buente, Jim Waller, and Julie Lauer. This team was set up as a sounding board between the congregation and the pastor. Feel free to bring what's bothering you to one of the PRT members. It will be kept confidential and will be taken directly to the pastor, first to make him aware that there IS a problem, then to try to help resolve it. On the flip side, if the pastor is having difficulty with a member, group, etc., the PRT is available for him, also.

The purpose of this team is to be the "grumbling" board. Don't be afraid that what's bothering you is too small or petty. We want to deal with problems while they are small - before they have a chance to grow into big issues. You are welcome to remain anonymous, but if they don't know who you are, they won't know with whom to report back. Compliments and suggestions are also very welcome. The PRT is here for you.



YOUTH SUPERBOWL PARTIES

Sunday, February 1st our FBC youth will be having 2 Superbowl parties! The Middle Schoolers will meet at the Smith's house at 5:00pm and the Highschool and YAUT will meet at the Huffsmith's house at 5:00pm. Bring a snack or 2 liter to share. Friends are welcome! We will also be collecting canned goods for our Patchwork Central Collections Table so bring some canned goods too! Due to weather, the location of both parties could be changed.