



**2008
PRAYER LIST**

Lorena Buehler	Homebound
Casel & Evelyn Bush	Homebound
Bill Cherry	Homebound
Dorothy Gilreath	Homebound
Maury Green	Homebound
Ardythe Hester	Homebound
Lois Hoffman	Homebound
Wanda Love	Homebound
Janie Allen	Good Samaritan
Raymond Ayers	Holiday Village
Posey & Gerri Gaines	Holiday Village
Mabel Georgesen	Heritage Center
Margaret Hollingsworth	Good Samaritan
Thelma Julian	Transcendent Healthcare
Ruth McMillan	Core Nursing Home
Stella Neel	Holiday Village
LaVone Peach	Good Samaritan
Anne Peterman	Heritage Center
Bessie Pfingston	Mt Vernon Nursing
Gladys Rezek	Solarbron Pointe
Dr. Robert Williams	Heritage Center
Ruth Wilson	Good Samaritan
Allan Reeves	US Air Force, Afghanistan
David James	US Army
Steven A. Michaels	US Marines - Japan
Tim Chrockrem (retired)	US Navy (health issues)

Home & Foreign Missionaries

The Howell Family
 Marc Klein
 Lois Hoffman
 Ben Hirschauer's friend - - Luann & Family

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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.



From
the
Pastor

OK, so it is cold outside, which is what happens when we hit winter in Evansville, but the heat is on at the church and there is a world of great opportunities going on here. If you can brave the weather to get here, we will make sure that it is worth your while.

Diane Legler, Annabelle Wilson and I recently attended a workshop on Congregational Hospitality put on by the Center for Congregations. At that workshop I realized that hospitality can not be the job of the pastor or of a committee but it is something that takes the commitment of the entire congregation. That means that when you are in church you are on the hospitality committee. We were asked to think of the things that have made us feel welcome (a smile, a hand shake, a listening ear) and to make sure that we extend these to all and particularly to the stranger.

Think of it this way, if Jesus were to come to First Baptist Church, how would you treat Him? Now go and treat everyone (members, visitors, staff, etc.) that way. (Matthew 25:40) *"The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'" So when we encounter the other we need to see it as an encounter with Christ. Sometimes that is easier to do with the stranger than it is to do with the one who has failed to show hospitality to us sometime in the past.*

There are two more sessions to this workshop and I would be glad to have others join me. It is February 3 and March 3 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM and includes lunch. If you would like more information just let me know.

We are in need of someone with an artistic flair. There is a sign board on the Fourth Street side of the building and it now stands empty. It would be wonderful to have a poster in there that would give the times of services, Sunday School etc. If you or someone you know could take on this task that would be wonderful. Let me know if you would volunteer or if you have a nomination for the task.

Grace and Peace, Pastor George



Valentine's Day Dinner

You are invited

February 14, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. to

First Baptist Church

Fellowship Hall

Enjoy

Great Music, Appetizers,

Dinner & Dancing

Open to Couples and Singles

Reservations are needed

I/We will be attending the Valentine's Dinner

At First Baptist Church on February 14th at 5:00 pm

Name: _____

Number Attending: _____

One Great Hour - - - \$413

EDNA MARTIN CIRCLE will be having a meeting February 1st from 11:30am to 12:30pm. Come and join us for fellowship.

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"SOLES FOR SOULS"

Shoes are still being gathered to be given to homeless people, women and children in homes for the battered and abused and for any people who need shoes to wear (women's, men's and children's shoes -- any size, any condition). All help will be greatly appreciated! Just call me, Margie Sutton 963-3642 and I will be happy to pick up your shoes or you may bring them to the church and place them in the box marked "SOLES FOR SOULS". (Ends Feb. 28, 2010)

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FBC CHILI COOK-OFF



Its that time of year again! Dust off that crock-pot and get your best chili recipe. The annual FBC Chili Cook-Off will be Sun., Feb. 21st following morning worship. If you would like to enter the contest and win the "Silver Ladle Award" this year, just bring your pot of chili on the 21st. Your \$5 donation will get all the chili you can eat, sandwich, dessert and drinks. All proceeds go to the Seeker's Sunday School Class mission projects.

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Thank you so much for the sweats, socks, underwear & gloves. I gave out a pair of the pants the day I received them. They are much needed & much appreciated. Thank you for thinking of us & providing assistance to our students. *Lisa Keeney, School Nurse*



Dear Friends at FBC, Thank you so much for your donation of clothing to our

school. We appreciate your kind gesture for our students in need. *Caze Elementary School*

Save these dates!

The Special Events Team has been newly appointed and is off to a great start. Already in the works are several events. The first will be the Valentines Day Dinner, Sunday February 14 at 5:00 PM. Please see the insert in this issue of the celebrations for details. Next will be the Church wide Birthday Party April 11th after church. Come join us as we celebrate your birthday. Sunday July 4th will be an outdoor worship with a picnic and a day of games and activities. Saturday October 30th will be a harvest festival. If you would like to help with any of these or if you have some ideas of your own please contact any team member. Team members are: Norm Evans, Chairman, Dennis Don, Dan and Melinda Langhorst, Jeremy Buente, Samantha Smith, Bruce Carlton, George and Joanne Huffsmith.

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THOUGHTS TO PONDER . . .

Janet Duckworth shared the following with me and it blessed me so much, I wanted to share with you all. I hope you receive a blessing also. *Rose Williams*

"I like to look around at our church family and see all of the special people.

One could not be a church. One could not get it done. Some do more than others, but I look at this as teaching. Some show us how to serve by doing.

The people who serve our church are breaking ground for a path to show others how they can serve.

God hasn't given up on any of us. We have a new opportunity each day.

Thank you for blessing us. We are watching. We have a mighty little church!

I pray that God talks to me and shows me a new way to serve for this new year."

A SOUTHWEST LUNCHEON SERIES

First Presbyterian Church, 609 SE 2nd St.

Join us for a luncheon (provided) series about hospitality and welcoming in congregations. Participants will explore the topic from 3 different perspectives as leaders in hospitality share their stories and engage in interactive conversation in this S/W Indiana program.

- 1) Learning Hospitality from the Benedictines -- Wed., Jan. 20th
- 2) Welcoming from the Heart -- Wed., Feb. 3rd
- 3) From First Visit through First Year -- Wed., Mar. 3rd

Session times are: 11:00am – 1:00pm -- cost is \$10 per session or \$25 for the whole series.

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Attention all veterans,

We have been collecting information about veterans that are part of First Baptist Church but we know there are several we have not heard from yet. If you have served in the military we want to hear about you. Please include the branch of the service you were in, your rank, where you served and any special awards or recognition you received. A photo of you in your uniform would be also welcome. We would like to include active duty personnel or any one you would like to tell us about in memory of their service.



THE PATH SUPERBOWL PARTY

All Middle School and High School youth are invited to The Path

Super Bowl Party on Sun., Feb. 7th at 5:00pm. The party is at the Behme house at 9130 Clear Creek Dr. (868-0012). Bring a snack to share and 2 canned goods for the food pantry! Bring your friends!

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30-HOUR FAMINE - - On Feb. 12-13th many of our youth will be participating in the 30-Hour Famine which raises awareness and funds to stop world hunger. The 30 hours will be filled with service projects, worship and fellowship. Watch the mail for more details!