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PRAYER LIST**

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| 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            |
| 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  
Gerri Gaines  
Stella Neel

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# THE CELEBRATIONS



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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.*



It is always exciting when I get a request from someone that feels that God has been leading them to join in the membership of the church I am serving. It is even more exciting when that person will be joining by baptism and is a fairly new Christian. Right now I am starting a new member / baptism class Sunday mornings at 9:30 in my office. There are currently two members and there is room for several more. If you want to know more about what it means to be a Christian or what it means to be baptized, maybe this is a class for you. Our plan is that those who choose to be baptized will be baptized during the worship service Easter Sunday morning.

The earthquake in Haiti has begun to fade from the 24 hour news cycle but the rebuilding of lives, homes, and families has only begun. This Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> there will be a "Bake Sale for Haiti" in the Koffee Klatch area. Those of you who would like to donate baked goods can bring them in and place them on the table. Please label things with your name and what the item is. This way no one gets home with surprises. ("I didn't realize that had coconut in it.") If you wish to purchase items, there will be a donation box to put your money in. Please be as generous as possible. All money collected will go to the Haiti relief through American Baptist Channels.

We are now in the season of Lent. This year for Lent, I gave up listening to the radio in the car. For some of you that might not seem like a big deal, but for me, when I am traveling alone, the music and conversation are my companions. I have decided that I can listen to God instead; I hope that I don't hear any complaints about my driving. Lent is the time in the year when we remember Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness. He was with God, tested by Satan, and prepared for his ministry. I think that it is always a great time for us to consider the ministry we have been called to and how we can best serve God. Are you living up to all God expects of you? If not, what is stopping you? Is there anything the church or I can do to help you get from where you are now to the place you need to be? As a church family we serve best when we serve together, so you don't have to be alone to best serve God.

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"From the Pastor")

I have noticed that some of you have been missing on Sunday morning. While some may be wintering in a warmer climate or had a conflict with a work schedule, some may have just gotten out of the habit and others may be hurting from an unfortunate encounter. If you have been wronged in some way, let's get together and practice the Christian art of reconciliation. If you have gotten out of the habit, then please remember that we are both stronger together than we are on our own. I do miss you.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor George

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America For Christ---\$225 (to-date)

Gods House ---\$120

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**Evansville Association  
American Baptist Men**

Join us at our next meeting...

March 29, 2010

6:30pm

Covered Dish Dinner

Forest Hills Baptist Church

2800 Hartmetz Ave.

Evansville, IN 47712

Program: Mark Simpson

Mark is a member of ABE and currently serves as Dean of Innovative Learning at Trinity College of the Bible & Theological Seminary

For more information contact

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### 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. Next will be the Church wide Birthday Party April 11<sup>th</sup> after church. Come join us as we celebrate your birthday. Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup> will be a special worship with a picnic and a day of games and activities. Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup> 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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**"SOLES FOR SOULS"**

Extended to March 14<sup>th</sup>

Our collection of shoes for "Soles for Souls" will be extended to March 14<sup>th</sup>. Thus far we've collected a large amount of shoes to be donated. Thank you all for your help. I know they will be truly appreciated. And if anyone still has shoes they haven't brought in, you still have some time. If you have questions or need me to pick up your shoes, I'll be glad to do so. Just call me, Margie Sutton 963-3642.



It's just  
around the  
corner!

### BECKY LAUER'S JUNIOR RECITAL

Becky was finally able to set a date for her Junior Recital. It will be Friday, April 30 at 5:00 in Ford Hall at IU. (Pickings were slim by the time the juniors were allowed to schedule!) We would love for you all to be able to come and support her. We'll have a little reception afterward. Maybe we can make it a field trip! Mark your calendars!!!

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**First we need to Celebrate!**

First Baptist Church put together 22 Baby Care Kits and 85 Hygiene Kits. Joannie Hollis-Smith's class at Lodge Elementary sponsored a drive at their school and created 42 complete kits. They also brought almost every piece to send off 52 more kits!!! All they need from us is a little help to reach a grand number of 94 hygiene kits from Lodge Elementary.

In order to complete these kits we need: 51 nail clippers and 41 hand towels

If we can bring in these items, together with our partners at Lodge Elementary, we will have shipped 179 hygiene kits and 22 baby care kits to the folks in Haiti.

We can also use cash donations to cover postage for these kits which is quite substantial.

Thank you for being a church family that cares about people in need.

Denise

### FELLOWSHIP FUND

Our Fellowship Fund has had a lot of use and it is low at this time. This fund is used to help those in need whether it be members of FBC or non-members. There's a big demand with the economy as it is today. Please be generous when you contribute to this worthwhile fund.

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**HAITI RELIEF KITS**

First Baptist Church and Lodge Elementary School partnered to send hygiene and baby care kits to Church World Service for use in the Haitian earthquake relief effort. Due to the generosity of both groups, we were able to ship 188 hygiene kits and 23 baby care kits. If you would still like to support this effort, we would gladly accept donations to defray the \$2.00 per kit shipping costs, and postage from here to New Windsor, MD.

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**Nursery Help**

Please consider ministering to the littlest ones in our church family by volunteering to spend a Sunday or two in the church nursery. If you can help, please contact Denise Farmer.