



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
Delashmit Family	
Marc Klein	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,
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.



From the Pastor,

OK, it is true; I am just a little bit excited, actually I am very excited. February 21st my oldest daughter, Tasha, is getting married. Not only do I get to walk her down the aisle but I also get to co-officiate with here pastor there at First Baptist Church of Rochester, New York. I love weddings. Working with couples as they plan a wedding service and plan to spend the rest of their lives together. It is always a sacred time and it such a privilege to be part of the process and when the bride is your daughter it is even a greater honor.

Whenever I officiate at weddings I speak to the bride and groom. I encourage them to remember the vows they make to one another, and I remember the vows Joanne and I made to each other when we were married. "For better or worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish until we are parted by death." These are more than just words spoken, they are promises made. They are promises kept when we live them out in the words we say and the way we live toward one another within a marriage.

Valentines Day is almost here and I hope you will take the opportunity to tell those most important to you how much they mean to you. And if there is some one very special to you, maybe some one who you have made those promises with, or some one who you expect to make those promises with sometime soon. Make sure you let them know how very special they are to you. It is just one of those things that you can not hear too much or say too often

Grace, Peace and Love,
Pastor George

KOFFEE KLATCH

Feb. 22nd Challengers & Come Double

SUNDAY VAN SCHEDULE

Feb. 15th Cheryl Binegmer & Diane Legler
Feb. 22nd Becky Arvin &
Steve Winterheimer

CHILI COOK-OFF

With efforts from the Seeker's Sunday School class, Turley's Jewelers and other volunteers, we had another successful chili cook-off on February 8th. This year we had 17 different chili entries. Our Silver Ladle winners were: Judge's Choice - Ann Yates and Popular Choice - Kim Don (with Mabel Turley in a VERY close 2nd place). Thanks to all who brought chili and participated, the Seeker's Class raised almost \$400 to use for their ministries and missions.

GUEST PREACHERS

We have some special guests preaching at FBC. Sunday, February 22nd Dr. Don Scott, Associate Executive Minister & Minister of Support for the ABC of IN & KY will be bringing the morning message. Then Sunday, March 1st Emily (Farmer) Slade will be preaching. Emily will be completing her studies and receiving her Master of Divinity Degree from Duke Divinity School this Spring. March 2nd Emily will be meeting with the Region Committee on Ordination Recognition as she works toward ordination. Please keep Emily in your prayers as she responds to God's call.

NUTS & BOLTS

Of Local Church Ministry

Annual Southwest Area Meeting of
American Baptist Churches of IN & KY at
First Baptist Church of Orleans
P.O. Box 164, Orleans, IN 47452
(located 1 mile SE of Orleans on Rt # 337)

March 7, 2009

Registration at 9:15am

Opening Session 9:30am

The day will include:

Worship, Workshops, Fellowship, Food

10:15-11:00am Workshop Sessions #1

11:15am-12:00noon Worship Sessions #II

12:00n-12:45pm Lunch & Business
Session

1:00-2:00pm Worship

led by Steve Gorman & 3-4-1

Devotion by Tom Johnson

New Church Planting Coord ABC/USA

Workshop #1 – Worship

Steve Gorman, FBC, Salem

Workshop # 2 – Missions & Evangelism

David Hoskins, Mt. Pleasant BC, Orleans

Workshop #3 – Prayer

Lee Brown, FBC, Tell City

Workshop #4 – Stewardship In Uncertain

Times, Don Scott, ABC of IN & KY

Workshop #5 – Bible Study & Preparation

George Huffsmith, FBC, Evansville

(Each participant can choose two workshops.)

SINGING & FELLOWSHIP

Mark your calendar for Sunday, April 5th
at 6:00pm. Souls Harbor Trio will be at
FBC for Singing, Fellowship, and Food.

BALLROOM DANCE CLASSES

For those of you who would like to learn Ballroom dancing, here is your opportunity. Beginning Tuesday, March 3rd at 6:30 – 7:30 pm dance classes will be held in the fellowship hall of the church. The instructor is Darrell Sanders the owner of Dance Crafters School of Ballroom Dancing. Darrell takes dancing serious but also makes learning fun and easy with or without a partner. Darrell has trained with Arthur Murray Studios and has taught and trained at Fred Astaire Studios. (For more information go to www.dancecrafters.com)

You do not need any prior dancing experience. All you need is the desire to have fun and learn together with your friends from church. If you would like to invite others to join you that would be fine as everyone is welcome. The lessons will last one hour and run for six (6) weeks and the cost is \$25 per person for the series. Please call the church office (425-8296) or sign up on the sheets posed outside the office. Official registration will be from 6:00-6:30 pm March 3rd prior to the first class.

Just wanted to let you know how much we appreciate everything you did for Louise. The phone calls, visits, the plant, and the wonderful funeral dinner. Louise was blessed to have a church family like you.
Louise's Family

RIVERCITY FAITHFEST

Our Youth Ministry Team is planning a big event this summer on Saturday, July 11. Other American Baptist Youth groups from the tri-state area will be invited to our church for the Rivercity Faithfest. It will be a day of worship, music, food, fellowship and fun! This outdoor event will include guest bands, speakers, a giant inflatable, food, and vendor booths. As the big day draws closer we will be asking the congregation for help in several different areas. Please mark the date on your calendar and commit it to prayer as a day that could bring youth to a closer relationship with Christ.

LUNCH HOUR BIBLE STUDY MEETS TUESDAYS AT NOON . . . Feel free to bring a lunch and join us.

YOUTH NEWS . . . UPCOMING EVENTS

MIDDLER SCHOOLERS night on Sunday, March 8th at 6:00pm. Meet at the church and bring \$10, if you can. The rest is a MYSTERY!

HIGH SCHOOL and **YAUT** are invited to a Banana Blast on Saturday, March 7th at 6:00pm. We'll meet in the youth room upstairs. Bring a banana and a friend!
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