



2008 PRAYER LIST

Lorena Buehler	Homebound
Bill Cherry	Homebound
Bette French	Homebound
Dorothy Gilreath	Homebound
Maury Green	Homebound
Ardythe Hester	Homebound
Janie Allen	Good Samaritan
Carl Bruce	Protestant Home
Byran Buehler	Good Samaritan
Mabel Georgesen	Heritage Center
Margaret Hollingsworth	Good Samaritan
Thelma Julian	Protestant Home
Ruth McMillan	Core Nursing Home
Stella Neel	Holiday Village
LaVone Peach	Good Samaritan
Bessie Pflingston	Mt Vernon Nursing
Gladys Rezek	Solarbron
Roberta VonHarten	Atria Assisted Living
Dr. Robert Williams	Heritage Center
Allan Reeves	US Air Force, Afghanistan
Megan Peninger	US Air Force
Tim Chrockrem	US Navy
Home & Foreign Missionaries	
Sarah Cooper	
The Howell Family	
Nell Ernsperger	
Tom McKinnis	
Marc Klein	
Anne Peterman	Health South
Mary Glaser	St Marys
Byran Buehler	St Marys
Adolph Buente	Deaconess

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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.



Memorial Day weekend is shaping up to be a very exciting time here at First Baptist Evansville and while a holiday weekend is often a great time to get away this will be a time to be here at church.

First will be the opportunity to get to spend time with American Baptist Missionary Stan Slade. Stan is a Global Consultant for Theological Education. In this role Stan has traveled to many places where American Baptist mission work is occurring and worked there to train church leaders.

That morning (May 24th), he will be speaking to all interested at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall, answering your questions and sharing his passion for ABC mission work. If you have ever wondered where your mission dollars are going or how you can be more involved, this will be an exciting opportunity.

Monday, Memorial Day, First Baptist Church of Evansville, Indiana invites you to share in the Ordination of Emily Slade to Christian Ministry. Emily grew up at First Baptist, daughter of proud parents Terry and Denise Farmer. Emily's grandfather was the Reverend Ray Bartle who served as pastor of Forest Hills Baptist Church here in Evansville for more than 30 years. Emily graduates this spring from Duke Divinity School with a Masters of Divinity degree and has met all requirements for ordination in the American Baptist Churches. Participants in the service will include Emily's father-in-law Rev. Stan Slade, former pastor here at First Baptist Rev. Reg Mills and others. The service will be at 3:00 PM and we invite everyone who is able to come and to join us.

One more invitation if I may. In June American Baptist from all over the United States will come together for the Biennial meeting in Pasadena, California. There will be people representing all aspects of this diverse family of American Baptist. You can be there too. Joanne and I will be there and we would be glad to share this special gathering with you. If you would like further information check out the American Baptist Churches website or contact me at the church office.

So see you in church this Sunday, until then walk with God.

Pastor George

Grace & Peace,

Mark your calendar for Vacation Bible School at First Baptist. VBS will be June 17, 18 & 19 from 9:00-12:00. There will be classes for children from preschool to those who have just finished fifth grade. We will need lots of volunteers. Be thinking about how you can best contribute!



Womens Breakfast

What are you doing for Mother's Day? All women are invited for breakfast that morning, May 10th at 8:30am. There will be a delicious breakfast prepared and served by some of the church's best cooks so invite someone to join you and come enjoy the fun food and fellowship.

BIBLES

Want to clean out your library and give some Bibles to the church for donations that you don't want or need? If so, please bring them to the church office.

LICENSE FEE

Our CVLI fee is due . . . this gives FBC the authority to show movies without a charge. Previously this was sponsored by a church member, so we are asking if anyone would want to sponsor this fee. (\$196.00 for 2009)

CONGRATULATIONS

TO: Gloria Strott on the the birth of her granddaughter, Savannah Rose Strott, born April 17, 2009, weighing in at 7 lbs. 2 oz., 18.5 in. The proud parents are John & Kathi Strott in Kenosha, WI.

DOROTHY RAPP MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP
This scholarship has been awarded to Rebecca L. Lauer. Please join us in congratulating Becky.

BALLROOM DANCING

Ballroom Dancing will begin again April 28th. Darrell Sanders the owner of Dance Crafters will be our instructor again. The class is open to anyone and does not assume any previous experience in ballroom dancing. Just wear comfortable clothing and shoes and come ready to learn something new and have a good time. Classes will be meeting for six (6) Tuesdays at 6:30 PM and will run for about one (1) hour. Anyone is welcome to join us so feel free to invite your friends and neighbors. The cost will be \$25 per person for six lessons or \$5 per lesson if you can not make the entire series. For more information you may contact the church office: 425-8296.

CAKE MIX UPDATE

A big thank you to all who contributed to the 4th Annual Ham Give-away by bringing in cake mixes. First Baptist collected over 300 cake mixes that went to the Evansville Rescue Mission to help tri-state families with their Easter dinners. Thank you so much for following Jesus' example of giving to others.

ABW SPRING CONFERENCE

Dolores Guyer, Diane D. Legler, Mabel Turley and Annabelle Grace Wilson attended the Indiana/Kentucky Association of American Baptist Women's Spring Conference last Thursday We elected a new President, Dru Burrows (Forest Hills) and a Personal Development representative, Diane D. Legler (First Baptist). It was a wonderful day.

ANNUAL MAY FELLOWSHIP DAY CELEBRATION

Our annual May Fellowship Day Celebration for Church Women United will be held this Friday, May 1, at Liberty Missionary Baptist Church 701 Oak St. That's just down the street from us. Registration and refreshments are at 9:00. The program is from 9:30 - 11:00. We will enjoy a carry in salad luncheon after the program. Please join us and bring a friend.

♪ NOTES FROM JULIE ♪

Summer Singers Get Ready! Mark your calendars now for the one-time only rehearsal for the summer choir, aka Summer Singers. It will be Wednesday, May 27 from 6-8. (Note the time difference.) If you are not a regular Sanctuary Choir member, but would like to sing during the summers without having to commit every Wednesday evening to rehearsals, come join us. Our summer repertoire consists of favorites from the past year or so. They will already be familiar to the choir members, so you'll have someone to lean on. We welcome anyone from high school through senior adult to join us in making a joyful noise unto our Lord.

Evansville Philharmonic Chorus

The Evansville Philharmonic Chorus will be presenting their spring concert, "An Evening of Passion and Praise," on May 2 at 8:00 p.m. at St. Benedict's Cathedral on Lincoln Ave. Tickets are on sale in advance or at the door. It will be a wonderful evening of choral music featuring several special arrangements of sacred music you may already know. If you would like further information, please

contact Dale and Julie Lauer. (985-7450 or djablauer@cheerful.com)

Dear Dr. Huffsmith,

The First Baptist family has been a very important part of my life over the last years, and I would like to share with you (and everyone) some exciting news. Today I received a letter informing me of my acceptance into the PhD program in Near Eastern Language and Culture at Harvard University. They have offered full funding and a generous stipend. I am ecstatic at the news, and very thankful for the opportunity to continue my education there. I would like to express my thanks for the support and encouragement the church has given to me through the years, as I look forward to taking full advantage of my few remaining months in Jerusalem and the exciting prospects of this coming Fall.

Peace, Matt

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Saturday, July 11
12noon to 6pm