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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
Mabel Georgeses	Heritage Center
Margaret Hollingsworth	Good Samaritan
Thelma Julian	Atria Assisted Living
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
Roberta VonHarten	Atria Assisted Living
Dr. Robert Williams	Heritage Center
Allan Reeves	US Air Force, Afghanistan
Megan Peninger	US Air Force
David James	US Army
Steven A. Michaels	
Matthew Peninger	US Army
Tim Chrockrem	US Navy
Home & Foreign Missionaries	
Sarah Cooper	
The Howell Family	
Nell Ernsperger	
Marc Klein	
Judi Schneider	
Ken & Mary Glasscock	
Benita Williams	Deaconess
Gerri Gaines	Deaconess

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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.*



Wow, what a wonderful week this has been! I was concerned as we were drawing close to the opening of Vacation Bible School. Registrations were down, some of the regular workers were not able to sign on and so many parts of the experience seemed so tentative. I prayed, “Lord you bring who needs to be here, you prepare the workers and the children who will come. We will respond with our best efforts that you might be glorified”. Without a doubt God was present, the children were great, the staff did an outstanding job and God was glorified.

The Freedom Festival, an Evansville tradition, under new leadership was an opportunity for the church to raise funds for the choir and youth programs through the operation of a food booth. It was a challenge and adventure yet even though something new, First Baptist Church can be well proud of their participation. Some of the vendors had been Fall Festival vendors for years, but for all their experience we delivered a quality product with a first rate staff that was second to none. Everyone did an outstanding job and I learned how to pull pork.

It was exciting Sunday to welcome four new young folks into our membership by baptism. Jada Cox, Dylan Barnes, Riley Barnes and Nick Barnes are each very special people who will be an exciting addition to our First Baptist Family.

The grounds are looking great. To those who keep the grass cut, God Bless you!! Thanks to those who have weeded the beds around the church, Diane Legler and Jim Holt on the parking lot side and Greg and Sheila Curtis and family on the fourth street side.

We may need to have some help keeping the church interior in shape. Nelya Palamarchuk who has served as custodian for several years has resigned in order to take a position with Woman’s Hospital. We wish her well in her new position. If you or someone you know is interested in applying for this opening contact the church office for more information and an application.

Joanne and I are traveling to Pasadena, CA for the American Baptist Biennial Convention. Part of the business for the delegates this year will be a restructuring of the denomination. Please keep the American Baptist family in your prayers this week and I will share some insights for this trip in the next issue of Celebrations.

Grace and Peace, Pastor George

**ANGEL FOOD** distribution day is Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 11:00am, if you can volunteer, please be at the Family Life Center at 8:00am. Several of our volunteer families will be out of town, any help will be appreciated.

## NEW CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE

First Baptist has an exciting new worship opportunity coming up. This summer we will be starting a new service that will include a praise and worship band and the use of different media to provide an additional time during the week to worship together. Our first service will be on Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm and our second service will be on Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. If you have to work on Sundays or just want to come and worship together an additional time, please join us.

### VOLUNTEERS FOR CHURCH YARD MAINTENANCE (mowing & trimming)

June 22-28, D. Langhorst	July 20-26, D. Langhorst
June 29-Jul 5, P. Harris	July 27-Aug. 2, B.Hollis
July 6-12, J. Waller	
July 13-19, L. Allen	Aug. 3-9, D. Lauer

## Evansville Christian Singles

July Events Host Betsy Emhuff 430-1950

Wed., July 1<sup>st</sup> 7:00pm -- Meet at Sunset Park to walk, if rain Eastland Mall in the Food Court by the carousel

Sat., July 4<sup>th</sup> 11:00am -- Picnic on the grounds of Trinity UMC, 216 SE 3<sup>rd</sup> St

Wed., July 8<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm -- Meet at Sunset Park to walk, if rain Eastland Mall in the Food Court by the carousel

Fri., July 10<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm -- Concert in Henderson, KY on the riverfront

Sat., July 11<sup>th</sup> 11:00am to 2:00pm -- Ben Ubelhor's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration at Good Shepherd Catholic School Cafeteria, 2301 N. Stockwell Rd. Steve Stewart 867-6464

Sun., July 12<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm -- Bible Study in the Conference Rm at Trinity UMC

Wed., July 15<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm -- Meet at Sunset Park to walk, if rain Eastland Mall in the Food Court by the carousel

Fri., July 17<sup>th</sup> -- 8:15pm -- Mesker Park Amphitheater

Sat., July 18<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm -- Cracker Barrel

Sun., July 19<sup>th</sup> -- Sacred Heart Catholic Church Social

Tues., July 21<sup>st</sup> 7:00pm -- Concert at Newburgh at The Quarter

Wed., July 22<sup>nd</sup> 7:00pm -- Meet at Sunset Park to walk, if rain Eastland Mall in the Food Court by the carousel.

Fri., July 24<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm -- Vanderburgh County 4-H Fair

Sun., July 26<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm -- Bible Study in the Conference Room at Trinity UMC

Wed., July 29<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm -- Meet at Sunset Park to walk, if rain Eastland Mall in the Food Court by the carousel

Fri., July 31<sup>st</sup> 6:45pm -- Otters Game at Bosse Field

## CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Chris and Sara Pillow  
on the birth of  
Nora Caroline Pillow  
9 lbs. 6 ozs.  
21 inches long



Alyce Sanders (great grandson)  
Nancy Bradley (grandson)  
on the birth of  
Ellis Alexander Bradley  
8 lbs. 13 ozs.  
21 inches long



**CAMP E.D.G.E. VBS** was a great event. We learned that God guides, teaches and sends us, and we must follow, learn and go. VBS would not be possible without the commitment of many people. Through the fantastic leadership of over 40 teens and adults, we were able to minister to an average of 38 children each day. We also collected money to provide 6 bales of hay for the horses at Kodiak Baptist Mission in Alaska. Thanks to everyone that made it a fun and fulfilling week!

*Thank You!* To everyone for the cards, flowers, visits and for your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Rhonda Wilson

**PULLED PORK . . .** We will have pulled pork available for purchase on Sunday June 28. It will be frozen in one and two pound packages and needs to be kept frozen until ready to use. The cost is \$5.00 per pound. See Joan Turley or Diane Legler.



## RiverCity Faithfest

Our youth event, River City Faithfest, is coming up very soon on July 11th. There are lots of opportunities for our First Baptist family to help out. If you are available on the day of the event you can come and help out. Or, if you aren't available on July 11th you can help us by bringing in snack sized bags of chips or canned soft drinks. We could also use some food prepared for the day. Above all, we need your prayer support! This is a day that will bring together many American Baptist youth for a time of fun, fellowship and worship. There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby or you can call Joannie at 985-7555.