



## 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
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 Pflingston	Mt Vernon Nursing
Gladys Rezek	Solarbron
Roberta VonHarten	Atria Assisted Living
Benita Williams	Solarbron
Dr. Robert Williams	Heritage Center
Allan Reeves	US Air Force, Afghanistan
Megan Peninger	US Air Force
David James	US Army
Steven A. Michaels	US Marines - Japan
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	
Gerri Gaines	

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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.*



I want to thank you for giving Joanne and me the opportunity to represent First Baptist Church Evansville at the American Baptist Biennial meeting in Pasadena, California. This was one of the most inspirational biennial meetings that I have ever attended.

I attended a workshop lead by author Leonard Sweet "What's a Gutenberg Groupie to do in a Google World?" We were encouraged to find ways to wrap the gospel in term and methods that communicate to younger generations. Inspired by this challenge I have been looking into ways we might reach a younger audience. Some thoughts include providing a live web stream of our services and then to archive the services for viewing online. This would provide an opportunity for those who can't be here on Sunday morning to experience the service, and for people looking for a church a way to check us out. I also think we could enhance our worship for the younger

image driven society by installing a permanent video projector and screen in our sanctuary. This would allow us to use as, video and power point as part of Sunday morning experience.

Nick Vujcic brought a very moving message. Nick was born without arms or legs but brought a powerful testimony about what it means to be the hands and feet of Christ. We have purchased his DVD's and would be glad to share them with you or you can check out his website at lifewithoutlimbs.org.

We attended an International Ministries Luncheon and enjoyed eating with Mario and Iris Morales, American Baptist Missionaries to Bolivia. We have been invited to form a mission team to go to Bolivia and help with a Vacation Bible School. Would you be interested in an experience that will change your life and help some Bolivian children learn about Jesus next summer? Let me know if you are interested and I can look into this further.

We had the opportunity to help build some Habitat for Humanity Playhouses. Two of them were to go with us to Tijuana, Mexico to Deborah's house. There Adalia and Ray Schillinger-Gutierrez work with the women of the local Baptist Association to provide hope and help for victims of domestic violence. The playhouses would not fit on the bus but we were able to go and see this good work, to hear some of the stories of the women at Deborah's house and play with some of the children there. It is a very important work we are doing in Christ's name.

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There was business meetings as well. There was a proposal to restructure American Baptist Churches. The revisions fail to get the required 2/3<sup>rd</sup> vote by about 12 votes so it is back to the drawing board until the 2011 biennial in San Juan Puerto Rico. The proposal would have streamlined the structure of the ABC saving money for both national and regional bodies of the denomination. This means our financial support of our regional and national ABC family will be even more important.

Thanks again for your support of Joanne and me and for making our participation in this part of American Baptist life possible.

Grace and Peace, Pastor George



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



June 29-July 5 Pete Harris	July 20-26 Dan Langhorst
July 6-12 Larry Allen	July 27-August 2 Bob Hollis
July 13-19 Jim Waller	August 3-9 Dale Lauer

### PLEDGE REMINDER

A gentle reminder from the Finance Team to remember your pledges to the "God's House Campaign". Due to the slow flow of income for the campaign, we have had to use some of the reserve funds.



Your prayers are requested for Marcus and Carol Gore due to the loss of their son, Nicholas Gore, 11 years old. Beth and Steve Gore are the grandparents. Funeral was held Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>.

**JULY 26<sup>th</sup>** my mother, Margaret Hollingsworth, will be 99 years old. I know she would appreciate a birthday card from every one. Under your signature, please add "First Baptist Church". Thank you for making her birthday brighter.

Bev Thurgood

### Evansville Christian Singles

July Events Host Betsy Emhuff 430-1950  
 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

Thank you for all the cards and prayers this past week in the death of my brother. I have been blessed with such a caring church family.

Diane Legler

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Just a "BIG" Thank You for your Love, Time, and Gifts of God you gave my children. They had a wonderful time at VBS.



The Block Family  
 Mrs. Angela Block

Thank You, Thank You!!  
 Emma & Ahren

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Thank you for the flowers and for caring. This is a very hard time for me. Hope to one day get to church.

Lorena Buehler

### NOTE FROM THE KNOPFMEIER'S

Kent Knopfmeier, son of Mr. & Mrs. Howard Knopfmeier has excepted a position as Research Associate at the Cooperative Institute of Mesoscale Meteorological Studies in Norman, Oklahoma. This is located in the National Weather Center.



### RiverCity Faithfest

July 11<sup>th</sup> . . . Our youth event, River City Faithfest!! 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.

### PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO GOVERN . . .

*Lord we pray for our country at all times, we pray for...all those who guide and govern. Help them in every situation to know and to do the things that are right and just, with soundness of judgement in making vital decisions, praying always particularly for the peacemakers, that your Holy life-giving Spirit may ever dwell in their hearts and that the barriers of fear, suspicion and hatred may fall. We pray in the name of your Son, the Prince of Peace. Amen.*