



**2008
PRAYER LIST**

Lorena Buehler	Homebound
Bill Cherry	Homebound
Bette French	Homebound
Posey & Gerri Gaines	Homebound
Dorothy Gilreath	Homebound
Maury Green	Homebound
Ardythe Hester	Homebound
Wanda Love	Homebound
Ruth Wilson	Homebound
Janie Allen	Good Samaritan
Carl Bruce	Protestant Home
Casel Bush	Protestant Home
Mabel Georges	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 Pffingston	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	
The Howell Family	Marc Klein
Gretchen Barth	Carl Bruce
Judi Schneider	Stella Neel
Roberta VonHarten	Sarah Cooper

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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 all of you who came to our home on Sunday. Joanne and I enjoyed the friendship and fellowship of our church family. We know that no matter what date we would choose there would be some who would not be able to be there but you were missed and we hope to have another gathering next year and we hope you will join us next time.

Sunday, October 18th, will be “Euvenice Sunday”. The Euvenice class was started October 19, 1919 when the AMOMA class was divided so there would be a class to meet the needs of the younger women in the church.

This class of younger women was named Euvenice. There will be a special Breakfast at 9 AM that will be the final gathering of the class and a special celebration of their 90 years of service. You may express your appreciation for their service to Christ and First Baptist Church by donating to the expense of this final celebration. You can make a special offering this Sunday, October 11 or send a donation to the church office. They have also invited all those who would like to join them for the breakfast. It is requested that you make reservation if you expect to be there so there is enough food for everyone.

I am looking for some people who would be willing to serve as part of a new team that would plan 3-5 special events each year. These events would be opportunities to come together as a church family and enjoy the fellowship of one another and get to know each other better. I have some people who have agreed to be a part of this group but we could use a few more. If this is something you might enjoy then let me know and we can begin planning our first event.

October 25th I will be away on vacation and while the pastor’s absence is a reason for some to stay home you might wish to reconsider that line of thought. October 25th Rev. Dr. Gene Ton will be the guest preacher. Dr. Ton is a former pastor here at First Baptist Church and then served as Executive Minister of the American Baptist Churches of Indiana. He skillfully led the church through some important times of transition and it will be wonderful to have him back here in Evansville. If you know of someone who was part of First Baptist during Dr. Ton’s ministry who no longer attends please invite them to join us here for worship that morning.

Grace and Peace,
 Pastor George

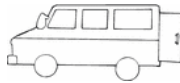


Children's Church Schedule

Oct. 11 - Nichole Freiberger
Oct. 18 - Chris Behme & Noah Farmer
Oct. 25 - Debbie Hayes

Van Driver's Schedule

Oct. 11th - Cheryl Bingemer & Diane Legler
Oct. 18th - Charlie Grable & Bryan Turley
Oct. 25th - Doris Harris & Jamie Mills (pickup)
Diane Legler (return)



Euvenice Bible Class Celebration

On October 18, 2009 the Euvenice Bible Class will have its final celebration with breakfast at 9:00am with a special program to follow in the fellowship hall. Mark your calendar, you are invited. Call the office with reservations (425-8296). If you have information about the Euvenice Bible Class left by your mother, aunt, or grandmother and want to share, please bring it to me or bring it to the office.
Elton Melton



Thank you to all who sent us cards celebrating our "50th Wedding Anniversary". They were appreciated.
Floyd & Norma Greulich

Stuffing Collection

For the month of October FBC is helping our community by collecting boxes of stuffing mix for the Rescue Missions Annual Gobbler Gathering to be distributed to area families on Tues., Nov. 24th. The Rescue Mission provided dinners to over 1800 families in the community last year. With the present state of the economy, they are expecting an even bigger need this year. Bring in your contribution and place it on the table near the elevator on the main floor.

ABW FALL CONFERENCE

A reminder of the American Baptist Women (ABW) Fall Conference on October 26. The conference is from 9:30am - 1:30 pm with a carry in/pot luck lunch. It is to be held at American Baptist East (ABE) here in Evansville. If you want to go as a group Diane will drive the church van. Let her know 479-1839. The van will leave the church parking lot at 9:15am.

Notes from Julie



CHOIR REHEARSALS

Our choir rehearsals are in full swing as we prepare music for worship as well as preparing for our December presentation of Handel's "Messiah." Every rehearsal is very important, and we still have room for more singers. We practice on Wednesdays from 7-8:15, immediately following the worship service. If you are interested only in singing "Messiah" with us, that's OK. Call Julie (985-7450) and she'll give you the rehearsal schedule and a practice cd.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child is a ministry that sends shoeboxes filled with gifts to nearly 8 million children in 100 countries around the world. It is a Franklin Graham Ministry and not only puts shoeboxes into the hands of children with little or nothing, but also is a very visible way of showing them the love of Jesus.

There is an opportunity for everyone to get involve from supplying a cardboard or plastic shoebox or wrapping one, filling a box, donating items to put into a box, donating \$7 to ship a box or praying for a child.

If you are interested in filling a box, first decide on whether you want to buy for either a boy or girl; the age group 2-4 years old, 5-9 years old or 10-14 year old; and then pray for the child that will receive it.

Items to be included in the box are toys, such as yoyos, jump ropes, kazoos, harmonicas, slinkys, dolls, small cars, stuffed animals, or small balls; personal items, such as toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap, comb, small brush, and washcloth; school supplies, such as pencils, sharpeners, pens, markers, crayons, scizzors, and notepads; and other items, such as hard candy, mints, gum, t-shirts, socks, underwear, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, and small flashlights with extra batteries; and a personal note or photo to place in the box. You can also include your address and maybe the child will write to you.

Items that SHOULD NOT be sent include chocolate, soft candy, food,

liquids, lotions, vitamins, medications, glass items, aerosol cans, war toys such as guns or knives, and rubber or plastic snakes.

Boxes should be marked whether it is a boy or girl and the appropriate age and brought to the church by Sunday, November 22.

If you have any questions please contact Cheryl Bingemer at church, at home at 812 482-5676, or email at cbingemer@insightbb.com

You can also get more information online at Operation Christmas Child and you may pay the shipping fee online at the EZ Give sight and the final destination will be sent to you via email.



Soccer Shak Time!

It's that time of year again! The FBC Youth will once again be operating the Soccer Shak at the soccer fields on Vann Ave. Our youth have operated this fundraiser for many, many years and it's the single, largest contributor to our youth funds. We could really use your help! There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby where you can pick a day and time that you can serve. It's easy to do and fun! The Fall season runs from Sept. 9th - Oct. 17th. Have questions? See Diane Legler.