



**2008
PRAYER LIST**

Lorena Buehler	Homebound
Bill Cherry	Homebound
Bette French	Homebound
Dorothy Gilreath	Homebound
Janie Allen	Good Samaritan
Carl Bruce	Protestant Home
Sharon Buckles	Columbia Healthcare
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
David Jones	US Army-Iraq
Sgt. Matthew Peninger	US Army-Iraq
John Tucker	US Army-Iraq
Tim Chrockrem	US Navy-Illness
Home & Foreign Missionaries	
Bill Epley, Jr.	Illness
Terry Stilley	Illness
Prentice Ethington	Illness
Sarah Cooper	Illness
Margaret Pride	
The Howell Family	Death
Bev Thurgood	Health South
Anne Peterman	Illness
Veda Epley	
Marie Vessels	

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

It has just been pointed out to me that it was one year ago that I was preaching my candidating sermon and you were casting your vote to call me as pastor of First Baptist Church. I was pleased and excited when the vote was overwhelmingly positive. The next couple of days were spent touring Evansville and the surrounding area looking for a home to purchase.

One year later do I still feel that God was in the works bringing us together? Absolutely! I love my home, I love my job, and I enjoy working with each and every one of you. You have welcomed JoAnne and me into your church, into your homes and into your lives. I have been impressed by your commitment to Christ and your faith in the future of First Baptist Church.

There are some major challenges that we are facing. One of the challenges is the financial future of the church. For several years we have been spending from reserves, but unlike the Federal Government we can not continue that forever. There are no easy ways to meet the challenges but with God's leading and our faithful response I'm confident we will be able to find our way beyond this hurdle. The Finance Team has worked hard to prepare us to face this issue. I hope you will offer your cooperation, encouragement and prayers as they lead us through this process.

So the first year has gone well, and the second is looking to be even more wonderful. I will be here for the Living Nativity this year. Hal Bloss and Dennis Don are co-chairing the event and plan to kick it off with a Nativity Float in the Holiday Parade. The Christmas Cantata is looking to be quite special this year with a combined choir with Eastminster Church and members of the Philharmonic Orchestra for accompaniment. Make sure you don't miss Sunday morning December 14th. Then in the spring, Emily (Farmer) Slade will be finishing her studies at Duke Divinity School and will be ordained for Christian Ministry. Great things are in the works at First Baptist Church.

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"From the Pastor"



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Just a reminder or two, Daylight Savings time ends this Sunday so don't forget to turn your clocks back. Don't forget to invite your friends and neighbors to the Family Fun Fair this Saturday 8 AM to 4 PM. Tuesday is Election Day. Be sure to cast your vote for the people you think can best serve our nation, state, county and city. But most of all remember that God loves you so very much.

Grace & Peace,
Pastor George

WORLD MISSION OFFERING

\$1,396.35 to-date

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FAMILY LIFE CENTER

A/C unit debt – collection to date

\$6,131 toward \$7,000

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NOVEMBER KOFFEE KLATCH

2nd – last name A~M

16th – Challengers & Come Double

30th – Entire Church

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BAPTIST WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - - Mon., Nov. 3rd at Northeast Park Baptist Church, 1215 N. Boeke Rd.

VISITING MISSIONARIES - - Susan and Kevin Fry, missionaries at the Eden Children's Village in Zimbabwe, will be guests of the Young Adult Sunday School Class on Sun., Nov. 2nd, during the Sunday School hour. All classes are invited to join us in the fellowship hall at 9:30am for a light breakfast and a share time with the Frys.

It has been a long time coming, but I was released on October 17th from my Orthopedic Doctor for my shoulder. A special thank you

to the wonderful people of FBC for prayers, food, calls, and visits. Our congregation is the greatest of all church families.

In Christian Love,
Elton Melton

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Dear FBC Family, Thank you for all the cards, Peace Lily, prayers, and words of condolence you have offered following the death of my mother. It's your love and kind words that sustain us in our time of need.

Sincerely,
Hal Bloss & Family

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FAMILY FUN DAY

- - We're still in need of donations for the Children's Games at the Family Fun Fair on Sat., Nov. 1st. Please bring in bags of candy to use as prizes. We also need a few jars of peanut butter, and a couple of bags of bird seed. We are still in need of volunteers to man some of the tables, i.e., taking Angel Food orders, white elephant and craft table, cookie walk table, food booth, etc. Thank you for helping out with this fun outreach to our neighborhood.

EDNA MARTIN TALENT SALE - - Please join us for our annual sale on Mon., Nov. 3 at 6:30pm in the FLC (ground floor). We'll have snacks and fun for all. So ladies bring your husbands. I'm sure you'll find some great additions to your Christmas gifts. There'll be handmade items, store bought items, baked goods, vacation opportunities, and services, i.e., yard work, snow shoveling, gutter cleaning. Come and be a part of the **FUN & FELLOWSHIP!!**

BRING YOUR STUFFING - - The Evansville Rescue Mission serves families in Vanderburgh, Posey, Warrick, Gibson, and Henderson counties. Last Thanksgiving 1,700

plus families received a free food basket from the Evansville Rescue Mission. FBC can be a part of helping this year by collecting boxes of stuffing mix! We'll be collecting until Sun., Nov. 9th, it will be picked up on the morning of Nov. 12th.

DEAR FRIENDS,

Greetings from Durham, NC! I'm writing to give you an update on my time at Duke Divinity School. This week, I will register for classes for the last time! My class load will include "Pastoral Responsibility for Leadership and Administration" and "Stewardship and Church Finance"—classes that will definitely come in handy down the road as I look towards pastoring my own church! In addition to school, I am an intern at Efland United Methodist Church in Efland, NC. I have the opportunity weekly to practice important skills such as leading worship, leading Bible studies, and offering pastoral care. In my opinion, my real education happens in this field placement!

A couple of weeks ago I traveled to Green Lake, WI. As a kid, my family went to Green Lake every summer for the World Missions Conference (I even met my husband there!), but this time, I was there for the Orientation to American Baptist Life Conference. Having been born and raised ABC, I didn't really need to be *oriented* to ABC life, but to my soon-to-be new capacity in the American Baptist Churches—an ordained pastor.

My time at Green Lake gave me opportunities to learn more about National Ministries, International Ministries, the Office of the General Secretary, the Minister's Council, Regional Ministries, and the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board. It made me proud to be American Baptist—we certainly have a legacy to live up to! It made me proud to be part of such a diverse family of people committed to living into the

call of Jesus Christ. I am in the midst of working on steps toward ordination. I am scheduled to go before the Indiana/Kentucky Council on Ordination and Recognition on March 2, 2009. I covet your prayers as I finish out my six months of seminary and make the transition toward ordained ministry. Thank you so much for your support.

I look forward to being back with my church family for Christmas! See you then!

Sincerely, Emily (Farmer) Slade



YOU ARE INVITED!!!

All women of the church (and men) are invited to a wedding shower for Tasha Huffsmith. The shower is sponsored by Diane Legler, JoAnne and George Huffsmith. The date will be Friday, November 28th at 10am in the fellowship hall.

The next YMT MEETING will be Sun., Nov. 2nd immediately following worship.



All HIGH SCHOOL and YAUT are invited to a MYSTERY NIGHT on Sat., Nov. 8th. Meet at church and bring \$5.00.

All MIDDLE SCHOOLERS are invited to a RAKE and RUN on Sun., Nov. 9th at the Huffsmith's house. Bring a rake and trash bag!