



**2008
PRAYER LIST**

Lorena Buehler	Homebound
Bill Cherry	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 Georgesen	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
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
Adolph Buente	Alyce Sanders
Carl Bruce	

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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.



It was great to have a time for vacation. To relax and enjoy watching a sunrise or listen to the sounds of waves along the shoreline. The time has given me the opportunity to appreciate all the blessings that God has placed in my life and to be thankful for the opportunity to serve God through the many ministries of First Baptist Church of Evansville. There are several opportunities for you to be involved in ministries in the church and the community and I hope that you will find an opportunity or two to serve in Christ's name.

Our annual "Living Nativity" is being planned. This is a great time of coming together to remind our community of "The Reason for the Season". There is a job for everyone who wishes to be involved so I encourage you to keep you eyes open for further details as this special event is planned.

The Downtown Ministers Association of Evansville is planning a special service to pray for the needs of our community. The service will be Sunday, November 22nd at St Mary's Church. We encourage you to join with the community to lift up in prayer those who have found life difficult in these tough economic times.

A beautiful display of wood mosaic panels depicting scenes from the life of Christ are on display at the Washington Square Mall now through December 23rd. They have been asking for volunteers from local churches to help man the display that is open during regular mall hours. I have agreed to ask for volunteers from First Baptist for December 7th & 8th. I will be placing a signup sheet outside the church office. If you can help, please consider signing up. For more information about the display go to myfatherslove-evansville.com or visit the display during regular mall hours.

The Salvation Army is looking for folks to be bell ringers for their kettle drive. If you could spend a few hours ringing a bell between now and Christmas just call or email the church office for further details and contact information for the person who is coordinating the volunteers for this effort.

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"From the Pastor")

We are collecting stuffing for the Evansville Rescue Missions Thanksgiving meals. Just bring boxes of stuffing mix to drop off to the church this week and help us help others.

We are participating in Operation Christmas Child. Collecting shoeboxes of gifts for children who might not otherwise have a gift this Christmas. Your willingness to fill a box or donate will help make Christmas special for another child or two.

Our choir is once again teaming up with the choir from Eastminster Presbyterian Church for the Christmas Cantata. Sunday evening December 20 the combined choir will be presenting "Handel's Messiah". If you want to sing contact Julie, there is still room for a few more voices. If you don't sing there will be need for ushers, greeters, people to bake cookies and snacks, and folks to help with publicity for the event. We hope that by moving it away from Sunday morning it will be an event that will attract folk from all over Evansville to come to First Baptist and share in this musical celebration.

There is much to participate in over the next couple of months and there is a place for everyone to fit in. I want to thank you in advance for your willingness to be a part of those things God is calling you to be involved in.

*Grace & Peace,
Pastor George*



My thanks to Diane and all those people who worked hard to help me clost the Euvenice Bible Class with dignity and fun. The program talents, the cooks, those who served so gracefully. Not to forget the clean up crew and Bill who hung the quilt. It was all so beautifully done. The Euvenice Class members want to "thank you".

Elton M. Melton

A NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM

Haven't you always wished you could have been present in Bethlehem the night Jesus was born? This year you will have the chance to visit that busy city, participate in the census and visit the manger with the shepherds themselves. Begin now to invite your friends and families to attend "A Night In Bethlehem" on December 16, 2009 from 6-8:00pm. This event will be especially exciting for families with children. We will need lots of workers, along with financial and prayer support. Watch for information about how you can help make this a memorable event.

BALLROOM DANCE CLASSES

Would you like to learn a few new moves and be prepared to hit the dance floor this Christmas? We will be holding another series of Ballroom dance classes in the fellowship hall. Classes will be Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30pm beginning November 10th and running 5 weeks until December 8th. The classes will be lead by Darrell Sanders of Dancecrafters Studio in Evansville and the cost for the five weeks will be \$25. Invite your friend and family to join for this time of fun and learning.

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.

A NOTE FROM ALYCE

I feel like I have been a Euvenice all my life. My mother was a Euvenice.

In the early days there were 150-200 who met in the church sanctuary for Sunday School. They were divided into groups and each group had the name of a woman in the Bible. Mothers group had the name of Hannah. Each group had a meeting once a month in a members home. I love it when they met at our house. I was too young to be trusted with food or hot coffee, so Momma let me pass out the napkins. I felt so important.

I had Sunday School friends whose mothers were in different groups. After I got married I joined my Mothers group. My friends got married and went to their mothers group.

In the early 40's we decided to form our own group, so we became the Rebeccas. We have been blessed with wonderful teachers. Ms. Colter was the first teacher, she taught the class before my Euvenice days. My Mother loved her and had her come to our house for Sunday dinner many times. Then there was Mrs. LaRoe, to know her was to love her. She was the first person to come to our house when our Mother passed away.

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Mr. Matthews was our only man teacher. We called him Sandy because of the color of his hair. He was from Scotland and his accent made his lessons all the more interesting.

Like I said, we have always had wonderful teachers. Most recent we've had Gloria Strott and Marilyn Klenck to carry on the tradition.

I'm proud that my daughter, Nancy Bradley, has been a Euvenice for several years. I know Momma is smiling down on us.

It's with a sad heart I say "Good-bye dear Euvenice, thanks for the memories, I'll miss you, but will never forget you." Alyce Sanders



Thank you to everyone for your cards and prayers. As of my last CAT Scan . . . no more cancer is showing up in my lungs.

Barbara Egan

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 not only puts shoeboxes into the hands of children with little or nothing, but also is a visible way of showing them the love of Jesus.

There's an opportunity for everyone to get involved 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; 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 are yoyos, jump ropes, kazoos, harmonicas, slinkys, dolls, small cars, stuffed animals, or small balls; toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap, comb, small brush, and washcloth; pencils, sharpeners, pens, markers, crayons, scissors, and notepads; 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 NOT to 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 "boy" or "girl" with 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

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KOFFEE KLATCH

Nov. 1st - Last Name A-M

Nov. 15th - Leadership Team

Nov. 29th - Last Name N-Z

Nov. 1 - SPROUTS -
D. Carlton



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Nov. 8 - J. Mills

Nov. 15 - S. Smith/R. Smith

Nov. 22 - P. Haas/C. Behme

Nov. 30 - D. Legler/L. Carlton



Nov. 1 - B. Arvin/S. Winternheimer

Nov. 8 - C. Bingemer/D. Legler

Nov. 15 - C. Grable/B. Turley

Nov. 22 - D. Harris/J. Mills
D. Legler

Nov. 29 - B. Arvin/S. Winternheimer