



## 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 Georgesen	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
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	Illness
The Howell Family	Death
Bev Thurgood	Illness
Anne Peterman	Illness
Veda Epley	Illness
Marie Vessels	Illness

**Church Staff:** Dr. George Huffsmith - Reverend,  
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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.

### Psalm 100:3-5 (New International Version)



- 3 Know that the LORD is God.  
It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.
- 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and praise his name.
- 5 For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;  
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Yes, the LORD is good and we do have so very much to be thankful for.

So maybe there are a number of problems in our world. Our financial institutions are in trouble, the stock market is in a deep hole, the war on terror has not been going well, unemployment is up and consumer confidence is down. I have heard people using word like recession, depression and deflation. There is enough fuel for us to have a national anxiety attack.

Maybe it is a good thing that we are coming up on Thanksgiving, a time to stop and take an inventory of all the blessings the LORD has showered upon us. Maybe we need to stop listening to people tell us how bad things are and start listening to the psalmist who reminds us how good and faithful the LORD is. There may be a shortage of money or a shortage of oil but love of the LORD is limitless and that is something to be thankful for. As we receive God's blessings we can over flow with thanksgiving and praise.

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So what are some of the things I am thankful for? I am thankful for Joanne who is a most wonderful partner in both marriage and ministry. I am thankful for my children who have grown up to become amazing young ladies. I am thankful for my job and the privilege of serving with some of the finest people on this planet. And I am thankful for the LORD who has helped to bring each of these blessings into my life. There is so much to be thankful for, let us praise and worship the LORD together.

Grace & Peace,  
Pastor George

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**WORLD MISSION OFFERING**  
\$1,680.02 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**  
16<sup>th</sup> – Challengers & CDC  
30<sup>th</sup> – Entire Church

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If you or if you know of anyone that was married at Camp Reveal's Chapel in Evansville, please give Rev. Thomas or Mrs. Leah Dugan a call at 812-962-3841. Or email them at [www adaytorememberweddingchapel.com](http://www adaytorememberweddingchapel.com)

### FAMILY FUN FAIR

The Family Fun Fair is now history and we want to thank all of you that had a part, big or small, for all of you efforts. There were a number of children who enjoyed the children's activities while the Craft/Antique Show raised \$1066.44. The plan is that these funds would be used as addition principal payment on the church debt. Thanks again as we continue to be an effective presence for Christ in Downtown Evansville.

### STUFFING MIX UPDATE

A big thank you goes out to everyone that brought stuffing mixes in for the Rescue Mission Thanksgiving baskets. First Baptist collected 377 boxes which will be a big help to families in need.

### POINSETTIAS

We are taking orders for Poinsettias to be purchased in memory or honor of our loved ones. The cost is \$10.00 per poinsettia, checks to be made out to First Baptist Church annotated as poinsettia. You can mail your check into the office or drop it in the offering plate. Deadline date for ordering is December 12<sup>th</sup>.



### 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 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am in the fellowship hall.

Thanksgiving Day comes, by statute, once a year; to the honest man it comes as frequently as the heart of gratitude will allow.

~Edward Sandford Martin



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Due to scheduling conflicts, we've postponed our High School and YAUT mystery night until Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. Bring \$5 to contribute and meet at church!

### UPCOMING DATES . . .

- Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> Middle School Christmas Party at the Gore's
- Dec. 13-14<sup>th</sup> Living Nativity
- Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> Children's Christmas Program/dinner
- Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> High School/YAUT Christmas Party at the Smith's