



**2008
PRAYER LIST**

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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
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Judi Schneider	Stella Neel
Roberta VonHarten	Sarah Cooper
Adolph Buente	Raymond Ayers
Ruth McMillan	

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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 has begun; Calvary Baptist Church is renting space in the Family Life Center where they are holding worship services and other church activities. Their first service was November 8th and they will be having services both Sunday Morning and Wednesday evening. When you run into folks from Calvary Baptist please be sure to welcome them and show them our best First Baptist hospitality. They will be going through a difficult time of transition and we need to keep them in our prayers and be an encouragement as they discern God's will for their future. We need to keep them in mind as we plan activities, particularly those that involve the use of the Family Life Center. This might present some new challenges but it also presents some new opportunities for both churches.

There is much to look forward to between now and the end of the year. Sunday, November 22nd, we will be having a float in the Evansville Holiday Parade. This will be a great opportunity to remind folks that the meaning of Christmas is the birth of the Christ child. If you will be able to be a part of the parade you can sign up on the poster outside of the church office.

Also the 22nd is the Night of Prayer for the Needs of Our Community. This service is sponsored by the Downtown Ministers Association and is a time to share our concern for those who are falling behind in these tough times. You can find the detail in this issue of Celebrations.

Tuesday evenings at 7:30 we are having Ballroom Dancing classes. If you would like to learn to foxtrot you might not be dancing with the stars but you can be dancing with the Baptist. Darrell Sanders from Dancecrafters Dance Studio is the instructor.

Out of High School but haven't hit thirty yet? You are invited to the Huffsmith home, Saturday, November 28th at 6:30 PM. There will be snacks and activities. If you want to take a dip in the Hot-tub bring a towel and bathing suite.

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Thanksgiving is coming soon. There are so many blessings in my life and I am so grateful to God. I will be remembering some of those blessing as I fill out my promise card this year. Many of the things I am thankful for are a part of First Baptist Church, and many of you have been so generous in your support. For that I want to thank you and then ask you to join me in support of God's work through First Baptist in 2010. Your participation means children are in Sunday School learning of God's love and about Jesus Christ, people are being baptized, good news is being preached and missionaries being sent. This is all because of the presence of God's spirit, and you faithful support. So what about you? What are some of your best blessings? And finally how will you respond?

I hope this is a great Thanksgiving for you and for those you love.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor George

CALENDAR/SCHEDULES

We're setting up the church calendar for November and December and 2010. If you have any dates you want scheduled, please call or come in the office with your information.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

God's House -- \$1,015 toward the Principle
World Mission Offering to-date -- \$439.12

Night of Prayer for the Needs of Our Community

There are times when whole communities are "brought to their knees," compelled to turn to the Lord in trust and prayer. Responding to the very real and immediate suffering in our Evansville community.

The Congregations of The Downtown Ministers Association are hosting a night of prayer and reflection.

Sunday, November 22 at 6:00 pm

St. Marys Catholic Church

Our neighbors are suffering as a direct result of the economy, unemployment, inadequate healthcare and the housing crisis.

In the midst of these challenges, we remain mindful that suffering is universal, that the suffering of one affects us all.

This night of prayer will provide an opportunity for all to gather as one people at prayer.

A reception will follow next door in Rager Hall.

CHURCH KEYS

We need anyone that has keys to the Church or the Family Life Center to turn them in, if you don't need them any more. If you have keys and need them could you please call in

and let us know which ones you have. We're missing a bunch of keys.
Thank you.

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.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

FBC has collected a few boxes, naturally more are needed.

The very latest these boxes can be brought into the church is Wed., Nov. 25th.

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.

Christmas Dinner Theater

Mark Sunday, November 29th on your calendars! Following worship, the adult choir of First Baptist will present a Christmas Dinner Theater. Bring your family and friends and enjoy good food and great entertainment. The cost of the meal is \$7.00 and free for children under 5. Proceeds will go towards the cost of the Chamber Orchestra that will accompany the Messiah performances.



The Path

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All middle school and high school students are invited to The Path on Sunday, Dec. 6th at 6:00. Dress warmly as we will be going on a winter outing!

Christmas Caroling Party

On Friday, Dec. 18th at 5:00 all middle school and high school students are invited to a caroling-Christmas-progressive dinner party! We'll meet at church and then head out. Dress warmly and bring a \$5-\$10 gift to exchange.