



## 2008 PRAYER LIST

Lorena Buehler	Homebound
Casel & Evelyn Bush	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
Raymond Ayers	Holiday Village
Mabel Georgesen	Heritage Center
Margaret Hollingsworth	Good Samaritan
Lois Hoffman	River Pointe
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
Benita Williams	Solarbron
Dr. Robert Williams	Heritage Center
Allan Reeves	US Air Force, Afghanistan
David James	US Army
Steven A. Michaels	US Marines - Japan
Tim Chrockrem	US Navy (retired)

Home & Foreign Missionaries

The Howell Family  
Marc Klein  
Nell Ernsperger

### Church Staff:

Rev. Dr. George Huffsmith – Pastor, H. Posey Gaines - Pastor Emeritus, Julie Lauer - Music Director, Olivia Yates – Organist, Marge Baker – Pianist, Rhonda Wilson - Financial Secretary, Vada Chrockrem - Church Secretary, Beth & Sarah Bloss – Nursery Attendants, Julie Kremer - Custodian

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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.*



How does the opportunity to see the river Nile and walk in the land of the pyramids sound to you? When Jesus was just a baby his family traveled to Egypt, is it time for you to go there now? Here is the deal, Xtreme Team 2010 is going to be traveling to Egypt and they are looking for folk between the ages of 19 and 29 to be part of the group. If you are in that age group don't say no too quickly to an experience that will change your life and maybe even help you change the world.

Are finances the only thing holding you back? I would be glad to work with you to see that enough money is raised if this is something that God is calling you to do. Would you like more information? Check out the website [www.xtremeteamonline.org](http://www.xtremeteamonline.org), talk to former Xtreme team member Rhonda Wilson, or talk to Joanne or I (we have two daughters that have been a part of the program). I think First Baptist Church has several potential Xtremers.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you, Thank you, to all who had anything to do with any or the Advent events this year. The holiday parade, Living Nativity, A Night in Bethlehem, and Handel's Messiah were all done so very well and with a limited pool of human resources, what happened was truly impressive. Some of these took months of planning and hundreds of hours of preparations, but you did it and did it so wonderfully well. First Baptist has been the place to be this Advent Season.

Ballroom dancing class will begin again January 12<sup>th</sup>. It will run for 6 weeks at 7:30 PM for an hour each week. Darrell Sanders of Dance Crafters will be our instructor again. The classes require no previous experience or special footwear, just a willingness to learn and a desire to have a good time.

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(continued "From the Pastors Corner")

Last Sunday night some folks came to the Huffsmith home for a Wii bowling tournament. I said the winner would get a mention in the Celebrations. Congratulations to Adam Lauer! There is some discussion about a possible Church wide Wii bowling tournament. If you would like to challenge the champ get your Mii on and start practicing. If you don't know your Wii from your Mii don't worry, we will get you up to speed in no time.

Thanks for all you have done in 2009. I am excited to see how God will work in our midst in 2010. Have a Happy New Year.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor George

God's House -- \$860 (this week)  
PLUS \$1000 to principal  
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World Mission Offering -- \$1016 (total)  
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Retired Ministers/Missionaries Offering  
\$674

### "SOLES FOR SOULS"

I am pleased to be one of a group of collectors of shoes for the above-named organization. We are asking for help in gathering women's, men's and children's shoes --- any size, any condition --- to be given to homeless people, women and children in homes for the battered and abused and for any people who need shoes to wear. Any help will be greatly appreciated! Just call me, Margie Sutton 963-3642 and I will be happy to pick up your shoes or you may bring them to the church and place them in the box marked "SOLES FOR SOULS". (Ends Feb. 28, 2010) Thank you!!

ALL GIFTS NEED TO BE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE BY JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup> FOR 2009 POSTING.

FBC Staff  
wishes  
everyone  
a safe and  
Happy New Year!!!



### Notes from Julie

We offer a huge "THANK YOU" to everyone who made our presentation of *Messiah* so wonderful. Behind the scenes folks . . . thanks so much for the help with set up, tear down, sound, reception, publicity, fund raising, decorating ... the list goes on and on. To our friends at Eastminster Presbyterian and the Philharmonic Chorus . . . thank you for singing with us. And especially to our choir . . . thank you for your willingness to add the extra effort necessary to learn such a difficult work. This whole endeavor was a real team effort and the end result was a blessing for all who participated and all who listened. God was truly praised!

### CHOIR REHEARSALS

Regular choir rehearsals will start on Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. If you would like to share your talent with our group of dedicated singers, come join us!



The Path meets on the first Sunday of each month. They will be meeting this Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00pm to 7:30pm in the First Baptist Church youth area. Please come and join us to impact your spiritual lives.



God is always there