



**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
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David Jones	US Army-Iraq
Sgt. Matthew Peninger	US Army-Iraq
John Tucker	US Army-Iraq
Dr. Wayne & Katherine Niles (serving in the Democratic Republic of the Congo) Home & Foreign Missionaries	
Bill Epley, Jr.	Illness
Terry Stilley	Illness
Quinn O'Brien	Dog Bite
Rick & Laci Daugherty	Car Wreck
Prentice Ethington	Illness
Allison Holder	Riley's
JoAnn Hahn	Illness
Sarah Cooper	Illness
Margaret Pride	Deaconess
The Howell Family	Death

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,



I want to thank each and every one of you for your love, your support, your encouragement and your prayers. You have helped Joanne and I as well as our family feel blessed even in the midst of tragedy.

For those of you that do not know the story yet here is what happened. August 28th, our nephew, 25 year old, Marty Howell, son of Joanne's Sister Debbie and John Howell was giving a ride home to a friend Brandee Thorpe and her two children, Austyn and Kinsee ages 1 & 2. The car they were in broke down, so they went on foot to get help. They were walking along a frontage road when an SUV came from behind, striking and killing all four of them. We got the news when the phone rang about 2:30 Friday morning. Joanne's sister called to tell us that her son had been killed.

Joanne and I traveled to Robinson, Texas, a suburb of Waco, to surround Debbie and John, and their two remaining children, James and Dyan with all the love and support we could muster. While we were there we held an informal memorial service in the park where we cried and prayed and shared stories of some of our most cherished memories of Marty.

When we first got the call Joanne and I talked about going to Texas after church Sunday, but when a few folks told us "We will take care of Sunday Morning, you take care of your family" we were soon on the road and on our way. We went with your prayers and even with a donation to help with gas and expenses. We cried, we hugged, we cleaned, we cooked, and we made a difference with God's strength and with your support.

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We still have one more trip to make. Thursday, September 11th we will be driving to Bonifay, Florida. There I will be co-officiating at a memorial service for Marty and he will be laid to rest. I can not overstate the deep gratitude I have for all of you. Your love and prayers have been a constant source of strength for us. The Howell Family has told us how meaningful your cards and notes have been, like a ray of light in a very deep and dark place.

So I want to say thank you to all of you, and Thanks to God for bringing me together with some of the finest people on earth.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor George

FAMILY LIFE CENTER

A/C unit debt – collection to date
\$5,415 toward \$7,000

SEPTEMBER KOFFEE KLATCH

21ST Seekers & Trustees

EVANSVILLE ASSOC OF AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES

Meeting, Sept. 21, 2008
Larkin Baptist Church
535 S. 9th St., Rockport, IN
Pitch-In Dinner at 5:15pm
Business Mtg 6:00pm
Musical Program 6:30pm
(Rockport is on CST)

CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS

Please remember to schedule your photo appointment with Sarah Bloss or visit the church's website and click on the link there. Photo sessions will take place Sept. 18th & Sept. 19th from 2:30-9:00pm, and Sept. 20th from 10:00am-5:00pm. No purchase is necessary. For participating you will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a directory! Don't forget to sign up, we want you all there!! Sarah - - 473-0455

2008 Region Biennial Meeting
Crawfordsville First Baptist
Oct. 3 – 7:00pm-8:30pm
Oct. 4 – 8:30am-2:45pm
Conference fee - \$49 per person
www.abc-indiana.org

YOUTH CELEBRITIES

Our FBC Youth Group will be Celebrity Servers at the Golden Corral on the West side of Evansville on Tuesday, Sept. 23rd from 5:00-8:00pm. Golden Corral will give \$1 for each patron that signs in with our group, plus all tips will go to our group. All proceeds will go to the FB Children's Ministry. Bring your friends and family for a good meal, fellowship, and an opportunity to support this growing ministry at First Baptist.

EVANSVILLE CITY WIDE REVIVAL
presents ...Dr. Tony Evans
Pastor of Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship
Dallas, TX
September 15-17, 2008

Thank You!

at the Victory
Theatre

NOTES...

"We would like to thank the congregation for your thoughts and prayers on our recent marriage. We greatly appreciate your support." Mr. & Mrs. Tom Kinner

Dear Church Family,
Our sincere thanks for the beautiful floral basket, cards, and prayers during a difficult time for our family. A special thanks to Pastor George for his visit and prayers. What a blessing and comfort it is to be part of the FBC Family.

Sincerely,
Dennis Don Family

Dear Pastor George & FBC Family,
Thank you for your kind words of encouragement and continuous prayer. I appreciate your thoughts and support - - prayer has no boundaries and has reached us close by in Tennessee as well as all the way in Iraq. While David enters month twelve of a 15-month deployment, I can report only by God's grace has his unit suffered ZERO casualties this time around! Again, we appreciate you and think of you often. Sincerely,
Sarah & Staff Sgt. David Jones
Ft. Campbell, KY

P.S. We will bring baby Sean up to meet everyone very soon!



BONFIRE

All High School, YAUT and their friends are invited to a Bonfire on Sat., Sept. 13th at the Hollis' at 8305 Hogue Road. Meet at their house at 6:00pm. Call the church office if you need a ride.

PIZZA & GAMES

All Middle Schoolers and their friends are invited to join us on Sun., Sept. 14th at 6:00pm for pizza and games. Call the church office if you need a ride!

ALL-CHURCH BIRTHDAY PARTY

The Young Adult Sunday School Class is sponsoring an All-Church Birthday Party. Join us on Sun., Oct. 5 following morning worship for a baked potato and salad bar lunch followed by a "Disney themed" birthday party. There will be a cake given away for each birthday month plus some fun activities for all ages! The Youth Ministry Team will be providing the food for us. Come and join us for a birthday party for everyone!

YOUTH FALL RETREAT

All High School students and YAUT are invited to our Fall retreat on Oct. 17-19 at Beaver Lodge on Barkley Lake. Our theme is "Get out of the Salt Shaker". More info will be coming in the mail.

WORLD MISSION OFFERING

During the month of October, FBC will be collecting monies for support of The World Mission Offering. We will also be highlighting some of the missionaries. There is more information on-line for you to check out. Go to www.worldmissionoffering.org

Magda
Aguirre

El Salvador

Magda Aguirre has a wide-ranging ministry with the Baptist Federation of El Salvador (FEBES).



She assists with new church planting, pastoral work and economic development – especially

with women in poor communities. She also teaches and helps with organizational duties at the seminary in Santa Ana (SEBLA).

“For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father’s family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?” Ester 4:14

We never imagined the importance of promoting, guiding, and supporting God’s people.

We celebrated three retreats for women pastors and women who felt that they had a calling in Central America from 2005 to 2007. Zorina Masferrer was a silent participant, but was able to hear the women pastors’ testimonies.

On November 24, 2007, Pastor Zorina Masferrer was installed as the pastor of the Baptist Community Church of Zacatecoluca. She spoke of how the women pastors’ retreats have been so uplifting and inspired her to be courageous, and that the leaders of her church motivated her to accept the call as a woman pastor.

She is a testimony to the women that decide to obey God in the midst of the

pressures of church work and given the reality of Salvadorian culture.

When the man who was pasturing this church resigned, he praised Zorina for her inspiration and dedication.

She declares that her call was through people that affirmed her, and who believed she was anointed for doing the work of his kingdom.