



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 Georgeses	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
David Jones	US Army-Iraq
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	Select Hospital
The Howell Family	Death
Bev Thurgood	Select Hospital
Anne Peterman	Illness
Nelya Palamarchuk	Illness
Veda Epley	
Marie Vessels	

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

There are so many exciting things happening at First Baptist Church that it is a great time to be a part of this fellowship. What makes this church so exciting are the wonderfully talented people that help to make so much happen. Yet even with all the great people that give so much there are still some folks who don't seem to be as engaged as they might be. As a pastor I want to see that the church gives every individual the opportunity to serve Christ through the church using whatever gifts and talents God has given to them.

As I have been thinking about what might prevent people from being more involved I began to wonder if part of the problem is that there is not an understanding of where people's gifts are needed. So I thought about making a list of the many ways we need people to serve God through the church. So I started, we need van drivers and soccer shak workers, prayers and singers, coordinators and cleaners. I quickly realized that if I were to make the list alone I would probably miss several important areas of service. So I need your help.

If you are involved in any of the churches ministries and you know where people could volunteer to help, email the church office (firstbaptistchurch@fbcevanville.org) with your needs before the next Celebrations goes to print and we will publish a "Help Wanted" list in the next newsletter. Maybe you are not part of a current ministry but would like to start something new if you only had someone to come along side you and give you some support. That would be all right too.

There are two things I believe about the church. 1) If God really wants us to be doing something, then the people needed are already here or on their way. 2) God gives gifts and talent to everyone and expects everyone to use those gifts.

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So help me out and give me a list of the volunteers you know we need and maybe then we can see that there are no dormant gifts going untapped in the family of First Baptist Church.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor George

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9th at 11:30 am, the Euvence Class will celebrate their 89th Anniversary with a luncheon at the Carousel Restaurant.

QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING will be held October 12, 2008 in the fellowship hall immediately following morning worship. Lunch will be provided by the church after the meeting.

DEAR FRIENDS, Thank you for your contribution to the Food pantry at Patchwork. We appreciate your support.
Laura Weaver

WORLD MISSION OFFERING
\$283 to-date

FAMILY LIFE CENTER
A/C unit debt – collection to date
\$6,031 toward \$7,000

OCTOBER KOFFEE KLATCH
19th - - Seekers & Financial Team

VISITING MISSIONARIES - Susan and Kevin Fry, missionaries at the Eden Children's Village in Zimbabwe, will be guests of the Young Adult Sunday School Class on Sunday, November 2, during the Sunday School hour. All other classes are invited to join us in the fellowship hall at 9:30 a.m. for a light breakfast and a share time with the Frys.

HELP WANTED - On Saturday, November 1 First Baptist Church will be hosting a Family Fun Day, we need your help. The purpose of the day is to provide a day of fun for the Evansville community and to help raise some funds for the church. There will be a craft and antique show, games and prizes, food for sale and much more.

We need people to help get the word out. Could you take some fliers to the grocery store or the beauty parlor? Could you invite your neighbors or the members of your fraternal group?

We will be having a cookie walk. Could you bake 4-5 dozen cookies? Could you give us the recipe so we can put together a cookie cook book?

There are games that will need people to man them. Could you give some time to run a game?

We need helpers to work in the kitchen. Could you help work in the kitchen?

We need to set up ahead of time, plan and arrange spaces for vendors. Could you give some time for set up and preparation?

We plan to have a church table with crafts, collectibles or other items we can sell or raffle. Could you make a donation to this table? Could you staff the table for part of the day?

If you can help, please contact the church office or speak to Bruce Carlton or Joanne Huffsmith.

BRING YOUR STUFFING - The Evansville Rescue Mission serves families in Vanderburgh, Posey, Warrick, Gibson, and Henderson counties. Last Thanksgiving more than 1,700 families received a free food basket from the Evansville Rescue Mission. First Baptist can be a part of helping out this year by collecting boxes of stuffing mix! We will be collecting until Sunday, November 9th.

CELEBRITY SERVER UPDATE- A big thank you to all that participate in the Golden Corral Celebrity Server night! We were 9 people short of our goal – however, we were still able to earn \$131 in tips! It was a fun evening of food and fellowship – plus, some of us gained a new appreciation for waiting tables! All proceeds from the evening went to the FBC Children's ministry. You can still help out by bringing your receipts from Golden Corral and placing them in the box on the bulletin board!

NOTES FROM JULIE -The Christmas season is quickly approaching, and the Sanctuary choir has some exciting news. This year, we will be collaborating with Eastminster Presbyterian's choir to present our Christmas Cantata, "The Christmas Promise" by Lloyd Larson. We will be accompanied by our own Marge Baker, and 12 members of the Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra. The cantata will be presented at FBC during morning worship on Dec. 7. The following Sunday, Dec. 14, we will go to Eastminster. Please tell you friends and make plans to attend this very special worship service celebrating the birth of Our Savior.

EVANSVILLE YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE PARKING AREA - Have you had your brain sandwich yet? How about a delicious funnel cake or pronto pup? If you will be heading down to the Fall Festival during the day, please park in the Evansville Youth Soccer League parking area on 11th Street, between Iowa and Virginia. Mr. Peterson, who heads up that soccer league, has graciously donated the proceeds from this week's daytime parking to help defray the large expense for the Philharmonic Orchestra. Our own Youth Ministry Team and Sanctuary Choir members will be manning the lot during the day. Hope to see you there!



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.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BONFIRE
October 12th -- 6:00 pm
at the Hollis'

**FALL RETREAT
FOR
HIGH SCHOOL & YAUT**
October 17th -- 19th
at Beaver Lodge