

## Praise & Prayer

(If you would like a Praise or Prayer Request put on our list, or if you know in advance of a scheduled surgery or extended hospital stay, please let the church office know by filling out a blue Prayer Card and placing it in the offering plate. Please remember to keep us updated.)

### ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS:

- \*Pray for the Gospel to continue to be spread throughout the world. Pray for the Lord's soon return.
- \*Pray for the Global Church to be faithful to God and His Word.
- \*Pray for Persecuted Christians, Missionaries, SBFN, our Church Staff, our Elected Leaders, our Courts, and our Country.
- \*Pray for Hannah's House, and other Crisis Pregnancy Centers that are helping mothers who keep their children from abortion.
- \*Pray for an end to legal abortion in the U.S.
- \*Pray for conflicts to end in Ukraine.
- \*Pray for U.S. Soldiers (A.J. Braun), Police, First Responders, and the families.
- \*Pray for those who have lost loved ones.

### SPECIFIC PRAYER CONCERNS: (New ones in bold)

\***Ed Bateman** - passed away on 4/26. The family asked that we continue to pray for the family as they work to finalize arrangements, make the trip back to South Bend.

\***David and Sandy Williams** - **PRAISE** - both had some medical testing done last week. Praise there are no major issues.

\***Ava Barksdan** - (neighbor of Hope Fitch) prayers for her mom and her family.

\***Len Holt** - **UPDATE** - spoke to Connie (his wife) on 4/26 and Len is still in the hospital but recovering. Len's blood pressure is now under control, he has gained a little bit of weight back, and his kidney functions are now good.

Doctors plan to send him home this weekend. Connie said God has certainly sent the right people to care for him this time in the hospital. They want to thank everyone for their prayers.

\***George Sherwood** - **UPDATE** - (Scott & Carole Snyder's family friend) began rehab. a couple of weeks ago at Healthwinds. Was taken by ambulance back to the hospital on 4/26 for concerns of possible kidney failure. Doctors did exploratory surgery to figure out the issues, during surgery they had to place a catheter due to an enlarged prostate that wasn't allowing him to urinate well. **PRAISE** as he isn't in complete kidney failure, but prayers he can recover from the surgery quickly and without any complications. Also, prayers for his wife Eunice, and the family as they have decided he will not be going back to Healthwinds and they will be caring for him themselves at home.

\***Jackie Lowrance** - passed away on 4/19. Prayers for the family are appreciated during this difficult time.

\***Kaylynn Davis** - **UPDATE** - (Dan & Judie Ruffner's 19 yr. old granddaughter) - having some heart issues. Meeting with cardiologist on 5/8 to discuss the results of her implanted monitor. Then they will discuss further need for the heart ablation and when it will be scheduled. Prayers

## SBFN INFORMATION

### SBFN ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE

You can give from anywhere using your desktop, laptop, or smart phone. You have options to make a one-time gift, or a recurring gift such as weekly, monthly, every two weeks, or twice a month. You can also link the online giving account to your bank account, or debit or credit card. From your smartphone camera, focus it on the QR Code provided on the front of this bulletin, and it will take you straight to the online giving website. From your laptop or desktop you can simply go to the online giving option on our church's webpage and sign up there. Go to: [www.sbfnaz.org](http://www.sbfnaz.org), choose About SBFN, Online Giving from the scroll down box, then proceed from there.



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### SBFN WEBSITE

Have you visited the SBFN website since it has been redone? It's a great resource for you, your family, and your friends to discover more about our church, our beliefs, and what's going on weekly. You can find it at [www.sbfnaz.org](http://www.sbfnaz.org). Check it out, and share it with family and friends.



### SBFN CONNECTION BOXES



We want to hear from you. In order to better do that, we have Connection boxes throughout the building. Please place your Connection Cards/Prayer Cards in these boxes.

### UPCOMING CHURCH ACTIVITIES

#### APRIL

**Today** - Faith Promise guest Speaker:  
The Branstetter Family

#### MAY

**7** - Prayer Partner Luncheon  
**11 - 13** - NYI Celebrate Life @ ONU  
**13** - Parents' Day Out  
**21** - Membership Class  
**28** - Membership Service

#### JUNE

**4** - Promotion Sunday  
Elena Correll's Graduation Party here at SBFN  
**9 - 16** - General Assembly/NYI Convention  
**21** - SERVE begins



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# WELCOME!

## April 30, 2023

**Our prayer is that you would discover and experience the love of God through Jesus Christ today!**

*We're so glad you worshiped with us today!*

*A staffed nursery is available during this morning's worship gathering.*

*Aid for the hearing impaired is available. Please see an usher for assistance.*

*Need Internet?*

*SBFN Guest Password: **SBFNet10!***

### TODAY'S WORSHIP GATHERING

*Glorious Day*

### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENT/OFFERING

*God My Rock  
Overcome  
We Fall Down*

### MORNING SERMON FAITH PROMISE SUNDAY

*Guest Speakers: Chris & Julie Branstetter  
(Serving in Asia for over 14 years)*

### LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS

Sunday a.m. Discipleship	103
Sunday a.m. Worship	217
Midweek Activities	20
On-Line Views	34

### SBFN MINISTRY TEAM

*Lead Pastor - Andy Lauer  
Children's Pastor - Brenda El-Talabani  
Youth Pastor - Christina Fischer  
Worship Pastor - Rebekah Gilbert  
Missions Director - Sue Harris  
Office Administrator - Carole Snyder*

### THIS WEEK AT SBFN

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Faith Promise Sunday</b>
8-11:15 a.m.	Prayer Room is Open
8:00 a.m.	Band & Singers Practice
9:00 a.m.	S.S./Discipleship: Children, Youth, Adult
9:00 a.m.	Intentional Parenting Class
10:15 a.m.	<b>Faith Promise Speakers:</b> Chris & Julie Branstetter
10:15 a.m.	Morning Worship Gathering

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Prayer and Fasting</b>
All Day	Women's Sewing
12:00 p.m.	Youth Group
6:00 p.m.	Worship Team Rehearsal
6:30 p.m.	

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>National Day of Prayer</b>
6:00 p.m.	Women's Quilting
7:00 p.m.	Men's Basketball

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11:30 a.m.	Youth Prayer Partner Luncheon

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*Thank you for your faithful & generous giving!*

<b>Tithes &amp; Offering</b>	
Received week of	(4/23/23) \$13,135.68
Needed Weekly	\$6,473.33
Average Giving YTD	\$7,996.67

<b>March Missional Giving</b>	
WEF	\$1,479.03
Child Sponsorship	\$30.00

<b>Church Building &amp; Facilities</b>	
Mortgage Balance	\$640,336.11

## UPCOMING EVENTS & INFORMATION

### NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER - Thursday, May 4th

The United States of America will celebrate this year's National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 4, 2023. It is observed annually on the first Thursday in May. The theme for this year's National Day of Prayer is "Pray Fervently in Righteousness and Avail Much." This is from James 5:16b, which reads, "The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. (NIV). This theme is chosen each year by the National Day of Prayer Task Force, a Christian nonprofit organization that helps organize and coordinate prayers for our nation throughout the country on this annual observance.



### YOUTH PRAYER PARTNER LUNCHEON

Are you a Prayer Partner for one of our youth here at SBFN? If so you are invited to our Potluck Luncheon here at SBFN on Sunday, May 7th to fellowship with your prayer partner and the rest of our Youth. Please make your plans now to come. RSVP to Pastor Christina @ 847-951-2154.



### NYI CELEBRATE LIFE - May 11th - 13th

Celebrate Life is a multi-day event, open to students currently in 7th - 12th grade, which takes place May 11th - 13th, at Olivet Nazarene University. Celebrate Life is designed to encourage the development and abilities of students in the name of Jesus. Each year, hundreds of students from all over the Central Field (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Wisconsin) convene on ONU's campus to worship and fellowship together and to celebrate the gifts and talents God has given to them. It's a wonderful weekend of Christian community and a great opportunity for students to experience what ONU has to offer! Question contact Pastor Christina Fischer at 847-951-2154.



### PARENTS' DAY OUT - Saturday, May 13th

Do you have a child in 5th grade or younger? If so do you remember the last time you were able to just go out? The CM here at SBFN has put together a group of parents that will come to the church monthly and watch your children while you go out and enjoy a day out. The next Parents' Day Out is Saturday, May 13th, from 4 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. If you wish to participate in any of the parents' days out, you will also have to be scheduled to

help with the childcare as well. The childcare will be on a rotation basis with the other families that are participating. **Please note any parent that wants to participate, must have a background check and NazSafe completed.** Contact Karen Greer (419-604-0031) to get the necessary paperwork and to start enjoying a night out each month.

### YOUTH "SERVE" BEGINS WED., JUNE 1st.

Youth "SERVE" will begin on Wednesday, June 21st! If you want to help the youth during a Wednesday evening SERVE project text or call Pastor Christina (847-951-2154) by Wednesday afternoons each week to find out where they will be meeting and what projects are planned. This way you will know exactly what kind of tools to bring to help. SERVE begins at **6:00 p.m. and finish around 8:00 p.m.** Everyone is welcome to join, there's **ALWAYS** something for everyone to do. (Kids under age 11 **must** have a parent present).



### WELCOME TEAM - SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

At SBFN, we believe strongly in the importance of welcoming the guests God sends our way. We have some great opportunities for you to help with that each week from being a greeter at the door, helping at the Welcome Center, to making coffee and serving pastries. It doesn't take much time but could make an eternity's difference. If you would say "Yes! I want to welcome others in Jesus' name!" please fill out a yellow connection card, write **Welcome** on it, and turn it in today.



### SCHEDULING AN EVENT AT THE CHURCH?

If you are wanting to schedule an event in the church building or use it for a class or ministry purposes, **please be sure to check with the church office first.** We are so glad that we have many ministries, including some outside groups, who use the building on a regular or scheduled basis. We want to be sure that everyone is able to use the building for the glory of God without having accidental scheduling conflicts. Thank you for joining us in ministry!

### ATTENTION ABF/MINISTRY LEADERS

Have an announcement that you would like to show on our Sunday morning slides? Email Pastor Rebekah at [rgilbert@sbfnaz.org](mailto:rgilbert@sbfnaz.org) with the following information: the name of the ministry, a preferred graphic (optional), the announcement text, and the dates of the announcement.