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, Elected Leaders, 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 (<u>A.J. Braun</u>), Police, First Responders, and the families.

*Pray for those who have lost loved ones.

SPECIFIC PRAYER CONCERNS: (New is in bold)

***Radabaugh Family** - Her sister, Barb passed away on 5/19. Prayers for the family as they grieve her passing . ***Kaylynn Davis UPDATE**- (Dan & Judie Ruffner's 19 vr. old

granddaughter) - having some heart issues. Prayers for her and her family as she totaled her car this week due to blacking out from the heart issues.

*Nancy Mills - having hip replacement on 5/22 at Elkhart General Hospital. Prayers as she prepares for the surgery and recovery time. Also, pray that God will give her peace, confidence, and gladness that the surgery will take away the pain she has endured for so long now.

<u>*Reggie Nicholson</u> - prayers for his job, relationships, and home concerns.

<u>*Dodd Family</u> - Janet's Mother was given her 3 - 6 months to live, she has pancreatic cancer and has been put on hospice care. <u>*Melanie Conn</u> - prayers for her, her marriage, her children, and prayers for her to be able to lay everything down at God's feet and trust that God can & will help her.

<u>*Len Holt - UPDATE</u> - Len is home and recovering. He feels graciously blessed.

*Mary Paulus - health concerns.

*<u>Ava Barksdan</u> - (neighbor of Hope Fitch) prayers for her mom and her family.

<u>*Julie Brown</u> - continues to recover from a stroke at home Your continued prayers are greatly appreciated.

<u>*Ava</u> - (Amber Kaste friend's niece) She is 12 years old has been admitted to Riley Children's Hospital in Indy with brain swelling & kidneys that are shutting down. Prayers for healing for Ava and for Ava's family. Also, prayers for the doctors to know how to treat her.

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, scan QR Code provided, 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, choose About SBFN, Online Giving from the scroll down box, then proceed from there.

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.



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. Check it out at <u>www.sbfnaz.org</u>. Check it out, and share it with family and friends.

UPCOMING CHURCH ACTIVITIES

MAY

21 - Membership Class: Noon—3 p.m.
22 - Men's Softball @ 8 p.m. & 9 p.m. (Green field)
28 - Membership Sunday

JUNE

4 - Promotion Sunday
5 - Men's Softball @ 6 p.m. & 7 p.m. (Yellow field)
9 - 16 - General Assembly/NYI Convention
12 - Men's Softball @ 8 p.m. & 9 p.m. (Green field)
19 - Last Men's Softball @ 6 p.m. & 7 p.m. (Red field)
21 - SERVE begins
28 - SERVE

JULY
2 - Missionaries Vidal & Marie Cole at SBFN; All Church Picnic
5 - Nazarene Youth Conference in FL.
12 - SERVE

16 - Children's Ministry - Ice Cream Sundae

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<u>WELCOME!</u>

May 21, 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?
UPDATED SBFN Guest Password: SBFNet!10

TODAY'S WORSHIP GATHERING

All Because of Jesus

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENT/OFFERING

My Reward What He's Done I Exalt Thee

MORNING SERMON

"Choosing the Right Way" Joshua 24:15 Pastor Christina Fischer

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS

Sunday a.m. Discipleship	86
Sunday a.m. Worship	141
Midweek Activities	20
On-Line Views	19

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

Sunday

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.	Morning Worship Gathering
12:00 p.m.	Membership Class

Monday 8:00 p.m.

Men's Softball @ Byer's Softball Complex

Wednesdav All Day 12:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

Prayer and Fasting Women's Sewing Youth Group Worship Team Rehearsal

Thursday 6:00 p.m.

Women's Quilting 7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

Next Sunday Membership Sunday

Prayer Room is Open
Band & Singers Practice
S.S./Discipleship: Children,
Youth, Adult
Intentional Parenting Class
Morning Worship Gathering

Thank you for your faithful & generous giving!

Tithes & Offering

Received week of	(5/14/23)	\$5,880.84
Needed Weekly	. ,	\$6,473.33
Average Giving YTD		\$7,496.53

April Missional Giving

WEF	\$2,540.38
Child Sponsorship	\$30.00

Church Building & Facilities Mortgage Balance \$636,605.37

UPCOMING EVENTS & INFORMATION

VISIT THE CONNECTION CENTER NEXT WEEK!

In order to better connect with those who are relatively new to SBFN, we're inviting anyone who has started worshiping with us recently to visit our new Connection Center next Sunday after the morning Worship time in the lobby to meet and get to know the pastoral staff better. There will be a few special gifts for you and

an opportunity for you to choose a free discipleship resource. The **Connection Center** will be set up every 4th Sunday of each month. Hope to see you there next week!

FOUNDATIONS CLASS WILL BEGIN JUNE 4th

Have you just started attending SBFN? Are you interested in learning about the basics of Christianity? Or maybe you have just become a new believer and



so, then the NEW Foundations Class is for you! The class meets during the S.S./ Discipleship hour and gathers in Class Room WC102 (right by the church

need a group that will help you grow? If

Library). Anyone is welcome to join, just plan to come beginning Sunday, June 4th. Teachers for the class are Pastor Rick El-Talabani and Dean Cates.

PROMOTION SUNDAY - Sunday, June 4th

Children's & Youth Ministry Promotion Sunday is on Sunday, June 4th during the 10:15 a.m. morning worship hour. Our children will be dismissed to Children's Church as usual following the morning prayer, but before Pastor Andy's sermon.

2023 GENERAL ASSEMBLY - June 9th - 12th

Every four years, more than 20,000 Nazarenes from around the world gather for the General Assembly and Conventions in Indianapolis, IN. This General Assembly is the 30th in the denomination's history. This global family reunion includes times of worship service, fellowship, training, and making important decisions that will affect future generations of Nazarenes. The General Assembly is thought of as the "supreme doctrine-formulating, lawmaking, and elective authority of the Church of the Nazarene." We look forward to seeing everyone there. If vou need information contact Pastor

Andy here at SBFN (574-272-6466).



YOUTH "SERVE" BEGINS ON WED., JUNE 7th

Youth "SERVE" begins on Wednesday, June 7th If you want to help the youth during a Wednesday evening SERVE project you can text or call Pastor Christina @



847-951-2154. SERVE begins at 6:00 p.m. and finishes around 8:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join, and there's ALWAYS something for everyone to do. (Kids under age 11 MUST have a parent present).

MEN'S SOFTBALL

The Men's Softball Team will be playing at Byer's Softball Complex (located at 1300 S. Mayflower Rd.) this Monday, May 22nd. The games are at 8:00 p.m.

and 9:00 p.m. on the Green field. Players PLEASE be at the field no later than 5:30 p.m. for warm ups. Make plans now to come out tomorrow and cheer on our guys. We look forward to seeing everyone out there!



SBFN WALKING/PRAYER TRAIL

Now that Spring is here and the weather is starting to get warm. It is definitely a great time to get outdoors. You are now able to do that right here on SBFN's property! You are invited to enjoy the cleared walking/ prayer trail through 10 acres of the church's property to the north and east of the building. Who knows if you come at the right time you may see a few deer or turkey. Although the trail is not yet marked, it is wide and easy to follow. The entrance is to the north side of the building. This is a beautiful and peaceful place to spend some time walking and talking with God and enjoying His creation. We hope you will do both soon!

UPCOMING GRADUATION PARTIES

*Christopher Watkins - His graduation party will be at 1604 Church Street in Baroda, MI 49101, on Saturday, June 3rd from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. All SBFN church family is welcome to join as we celebrate Christopher.

*Elena Correll - Everyone is welcome to attend Elena's graduation open house at the church, on Sunday, June 4th from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm. She will be attending Huntington University in the fall to study Youth Ministry.

*Aidan Hunt - His graduation party is here at SBFN on Sunday July 9th from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. All SBFN church family is welcome to join as we celebrate Aidan.

*Aubray Bartley - Her graduation party will be at 3255 Field Hawk Drive, Valparaiso on Sunday, June 4th from 1:00—5:00pm CST. All SBFN church family is welcome to join as we celebrate Aubray.

