

## 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 (A.J. Braun), Police, First Responders, and the families.
- \*Pray for those who have lost loved ones.
- \*Please pray for our newly elected General Superintendents as well as the rest of the Board.

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

- \***Mel Conard** - Has been transferred to Stevensville to begin rehab. on his hip. Please continue to prayer for a full recovery and quick healing.
- \***Debbie Kish** - Has a staff infection in her ankle, and is being treated at St. Joseph Hospital. Pray for complete healing.
- \***Reggie Nicholson** - needing continued family, and relationships prayers.
- \***Pastor Christina Fischer** - prayers are appreciated as she continues to recover from her recent surgery.
- \***Carol Lohry - UPDATE** - (Marsha Gorbitz's mom) home from the hospital and doing better, still recovering from COVID. She needs continued prayers to get over all the different symptoms COVID.
- \***Rhonda - UPDATE** - (Erica Watkin's mom) Rhonda is doing better, still waiting on two biopsy results to come back. Pray for clarity as to what the problem is so that it can be treated effectively. Also pray for Erica as she provides care for her.
- \***Julie Brown** - continued prayers for her are appreciated as she is still recovering from a major stroke. She is home but still rehabbing.
- \***Ed Brown** - serious heart concerns
- \***Melanie Conn** - 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.
- \***Tim** - (Evelyn Lowrance's great grandson) had surgery due to a recurring infection on his lower back. Please pray for a quick recovery and complete healing.
- \***Toby Braun** - recovering from drug additions. Continued prayers are very much appreciated.
- \***Jenna Rose - PRAISE** - (Mel Conard's great granddaughter) her last scans show the tumors have not grown. She will go back in a year for another scan. Praise the Lord for a great report.

## 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](http://www.sbfnaz.org), choose About SBFN, Online Giving from the scroll down box, then proceed from there.



SCAN ME

### 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.



### 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. Check it out at [www.sbfnaz.org](http://www.sbfnaz.org). Check it out, and share it with family and friends.



### UPCOMING CHURCH ACTIVITIES

#### AUGUST

##### Today:

- Back to School Prayer Stations (10:15 a.m.)
- Children's Prayer Stations (11:30 a.m.)
- Family Day at the Zoo (1:30 p.m.)
- 18 - NMI at Hannah's House (6 - 8 p.m.)
- 19 - Parent Day Out (4 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.)
- 19 - Youth Quiz Kick - Off here at SBFN (All - Day)
- 20 - Youth Quiz Practices begins (Sundays noon - 3 p.m.)
- 23 - Youth Group begins (Wednesday's 6 - 8 p.m.)
- 26 - NWI Family Fun Day at Potato Creek State Park

#### SEPTEMBER

- 3 - Youth Quiz Practices (noon - 3 p.m.)
- 6 - Mid-Week "Come to the Water" Bible Study Begins (7 p.m.)
- 9 - Youth Quiz Meet @ Highland (time TBD)
- 10 - SBFN Ministry Fair Back to Church Day (9 a.m. - noon)
- 12 - Ladies Bible Study Begins (6:30 p.m.)
- 13 - Missionaries Jordan & Rachel Thompson from Papua New Guinea here at SBFN (6:00 p.m.)
- 13 - CM Quiz begins (5:30 - 6:45 p.m.)
- 16 - Team Safety Training Day here at SBFN (9 a.m. - noon)



South  
Bend  
First  
Nazarene



Find us on Facebook Tithes and Offerings Connection Card

51690 Ironwood Road • South Bend • Indiana • 46635 • 574.272.6466

secretary@southbendfirst.org

www.sbfnaz.org

**WELCOME!**  
**August 13, 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**

*God So Loved*

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENT/OFFERING**

*All Because Of Jesus  
Christ Be Magnified  
Be Lifted Up*

**MORNING SERMON**

"Stay Tuned: The Holy Spirit and the Word"  
2 Kings 22:8-12; Psalm 1:1-3; John 16:13-14;  
2 Timothy 3:16-17  
Lead Pastor, Andy Lauer

**LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS**

<i>Sunday a.m. Discipleship</i>	86
<i>Sunday a.m. Worship</i>	115
<i>Midweek Activities</i>	22
<i>On-Line Views</i>	18

**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>	8-11:15 a.m.	<b>I AM SECOND SUNDAY</b> Prayer Room is Open
	8:00 a.m.	Band & Singers Practice
	9:00 a.m.	S.S./Discipleship: Children, Youth, Adult & Foundations
	10:15 a.m.	Morning Worship Gathering / <b>I AM SECOND SUNDAY</b>
	11:30 a.m.	Back-To-School Prayer Stations
	1:30 p.m.	Family Day at the Zoo
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30 p.m.	Church Board Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	All Day	Prayer and Fasting
	12:00 p.m.	Women's Sewing
	6:30 p.m.	Worship Team Rehearsal
<b>Thursday</b>	6:00 p.m.	Women's Quilting
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Basketball
<b>Friday</b>	6:00 p.m.	NMI @ Hannah's House
<b>Saturday</b>	8:30 a.m.	Annual Youth Quiz Kick Off
	4:00 p.m.	Parent's Day Out
<b>Next 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, Foundations Class, Adult
	10:15 a.m.	Morning Worship Gathering
	12:00 p.m.	Youth Quiz Practice begins

\*\*\*\*\*

*Thank you for your faithful & generous giving!*

<b>Tithes &amp; Offering</b>		
<i>Received week of</i>	(8/6/23)	\$7,691.44
<i>Needed Weekly</i>		\$6,473.33
<i>Average Giving YTD</i>		\$6,795.21

<b>July Missional Giving</b>		
<i>WEF</i>		\$1,644.08
<i>Child Sponsorship</i>		\$30.00

<b>Church Building &amp; Facilities</b>		
<i>Mortgage Balance</i>		\$624,285.01

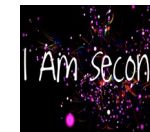
**UPCOMING EVENTS & INFORMATION**

**STAY TUNED: LISTENING FOR GOD'S VOICE**

There are many voices vying for our attention in our lives, but the most important voice we can listen to is God's. Over the next two months we will discover how to tune out the voices that would distract us from hearing what God wants to say to us and instead how to tune in to God's voice of truth, guidance, strength, and hope. God still speaks to His followers today!

**I AM SECOND SUNDAY! - Today**

Today during our I Am Second Sunday we will hear the testimony of how God has saved and transformed the life of one of the church family members of our congregation. Listen as we hear firsthand what God can and did do in their life. You won't want to miss it. If you would like to share your testimony please fill out a yellow connection card, write your name, number, and put "I Am Second Sunday" on it. Then place in the offering plate or in one of the connection boxes. Pastor Andy will then reach out to you to arrange a time in the next few months to share your testimony.



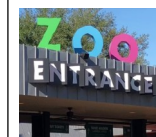
**BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER STATIONS - TODAY**

Following this morning's worship service, the children will be participating in their Back-to-School Prayer Stations. Parent's please go and collect your children and head to the gym to one of the prayer stations. All 3 prayer stations are identical, so pick a station, pray the prayers at that station with your children, then head over to the school supply area. If your children are 5 year old - 5<sup>th</sup> graders they will collect a variety of school supply items to take with them, while the 4 year old and younger children will find an "art supplies bag" for them to take with them. We also encourage you to start finding time in your daily schedules to pray with and over your children. Thank you for always helping support the SBFNaz Kidz!



**FAMILY DAY AT THE ZOO - TODAY**

The Crusaders for Truth ABF Class is hosting a family day at the Potawatomi Zoo today beginning at 1:30 p.m. The cost of Admission is \$10 for ages 3 - 14, and \$12 for ages 15 and up, Zoo members and children under 2 are free. If you didn't RSVP, no worries, just text Becky Hunt (419-302-4605), or Megan Williamson (574-261-5704) to find out where to meet up with everyone. All are welcome to attend! We hope you will join us for a fun day of fellowship.



**PARENT'S DAY OUT - Saturday, August 19th**

Our next Parents' Day Out is Saturday, August 19th, from 4 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. This is for families with infants - 5th grade to enjoy a few hours of kid-free time to shop or just spend

time together. We are asking families that participate in this night out to also schedule to help with a childcare time as well. The childcare schedule will be on a rotating basis with all the families taking a turn caring for the children. Additionally, in order to participate, parents must have a background check and be NazSafe certified, which are processed right here at the church for you. If you have any questions or want to start participating please contact Karen Greer at 419-604-0031 to get the necessary paperwork.



**ALL YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES BEGIN**

Beginning Saturday, August 19th at 8:00 a.m. the youth will have their Annual Quiz Kick-Off here at SBFN. They will be here all day, so parents, plan accordingly. Then on Sunday, August 20th, our quiz practice begin right after the morning worship and will be every Sunday from noon - 3:00 p.m., remember to bring a sack lunch. Then Wednesday evening, August 23rd, Youth Group's begin again from 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. If you have questions about these upcoming activities see Pastor Christina Fischer.

**"COME TO THE WATER": MID-WEEK WORSHIP**

Need a mid-week spiritual recharge? Are you looking for more Christian fellowship? Do you enjoy singing, biblical teaching, prayer, and food? If so, mark your calendars now to join us for "Come to the Water" on Wednesday evenings beginning September 6th at 6 p.m. "Come to the Water" will meet each Wednesday through November 15th.

**LADIES SAVE THE DATE!!**

Ladies, beginning Tuesday, September 12th through Tuesday, October 17th we will be meeting here at SBFN for a 6 week Ladies Bible Study. The study will be on Friendships of Women and we will meet in room FC106 (located right off the Gym). The Study will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. All ladies, regardless of your age, are welcome. If you have any questions contact Barb Motuelle at 269-362-5567, or call the church office at 574-272-6466.



**GIFT CARD SHOWER FOR MISSIONARIES**

Jordan and Rachel Thompson, missionaries to Papua New Guinea, will be here on deputation and will be sharing with SBFN on Wednesday, September 13th at 6 p.m. In addition, the NMI Team would like to bless them with a card shower to help with their traveling needs and expenses. If you would like to give, a box to collect the gift cards (food, gas, etc.) will be located in the lobby. Thank you for your generosity.

**A BIG THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!!**

Terry & Holly Minix would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to all who came out to help Wednesday evening at their home for the Youth SERVE night. There were so many that showed up and it made such a huge difference in getting so much done. We love and appreciate you all very much.

Terry & Holly Minix