

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 shared 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 and other world areas.
- *Pray for U.S. Soldiers, Police, First Responders, and families.
- *Pray for those who have lost loved ones.

SPECIFIC PRAYER CONCERNS: (New is in bold)

- ***Sue Harris - UPDATE/PRAISE** - has been released from Wellbrooke Rehab. Center. Continued prayers for full healing from recent infection.
- ***Gerry Wood - UPDATE** - (Janet & David Dodd's mom) in her last stages of pancreatic cancer. The family believes that God can heal, so they are asking us all to pray for healing as well.
- ***Mary Nafrady** - continues to heal from a fractured clavicle and ribs from a recent fall. Her daughter is asking that we continue to pray that the pain will continue to subside, and she will be able to heal quickly.
- ***Deb Stone - UPDATE** - (Nichole Stone's Aunt) since her stroke, Deb has been moved to a Rehab. Center to focus on getting her functional and independent enough to be home alone and not need a 24 nurse. Doctor's tell them that due to part of her brain dying during the stroke she will never be able to regain movement on her left side. But they both are believers and are praying for a miracle, and they have us to join in their prayer for that miracle as well.
- ***Reggie Nicholson** - prayers for Reggie and Paris' spiritual and relationship concerns.
- ***Barry** - (friend of Clint Dickens) battling stomach cancer
- ***Roosevelt** - (Mel Conard's Great-Grandson) has serious behavioral problems. Prayers for him and for the family to know the right help to give him.
- ***Bobbie Hale - UPDATE** - admitted to the hospital and not doing well. Doctors believe her kidneys are shutting down. Also, Melanie, her daughter-in-law was just advised for the nursing facility that Bobbie resides in that they are closing their doors for good so she will have to find Bobbie a new place to live ASAP. So Melanie has asked that we pray for Bobbie to get better in the hospital. But also say a prayer for herself due to the stress of her trying to juggle her job, being at the hospital for Bobbie & the doctors, and also now trying to find a new place for Bobbie to live with all her special needs. Prayers God will lead her to the right place.

UPCOMING CHURCH ACTIVITIES

OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

SBFN has been so blessed with great pastors over the past 100 years. That as God continues to bless us with such great pastors that still continue to serve here at SBFN. We want to remind everyone that October is Pastor Appreciation Month.

Beginning in October or anytime really, we want to show our entire pastoral staff how much we love them. So for the entire month of October do something special for the current and retired pastors below. We have provided a few ideas for you below or feel free to come up with your own little way to say "We Appreciate You".

Here are some ideas for you to think about:

- *Take a pastor to lunch or dinner.
 - *Send a card or letter of appreciation.
 - *Buy them a small gift or gift card to their favorite store or restaurant.
 - *Put a little extra money in the offering and dedicate it to Pastor Appreciation.
- (The church will use those funds to provide gifts to all the pastoral staff.)
- *Pray for them - All Year!

Our Wonderful Pastoral Staff includes:

- *Andy Lauer - Lead Pastor
 - *Brenda El-Talabani - Children's Pastor
 - *Christina Fischer - Youth Pastor
 - *Jim & Rebekah Gilbert - Worship Directors
- Also, don't forget about the retired pastors currently attending and serving here at SBFN:
- *Rev. Louis Staubs
 - *Rev. Ransom Ebersole
 - *Rev. Jerry Harris
 - *Rev. Rick El-Talabani
- Contact Sandy Williams if you have any questions.

OCTOBER - PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

- 7 - Youth Bible Quiz @ Valpo
- 8 - Youth Prayer Partner Luncheon after the morning worship time
- 13 - 15 - Youth District Fall Retreat: parents see the website for sign - up and cost information.
- 15 - Discovering SBFN: Membership Class after the morning worship time
- 17 - Last Ladies Bible Study
- 22 - Children's Christmas Program Practices begin for ages 3 - 5th grade
- 22 - New Members will join SBFN during the morning worship time
- 27 - 28 Youth Quiz Fest at ONU
- 29 - Youth & Family Harvest Festival (5 p.m. - 8 p.m.)

NOVEMBER

- 3 - 4 - Men's Retreat at Shiloh Park
- 5 - Daylight Savings Time **Ends** - (set clocks back 1 hour)
- 19 - Gratitude Sunday



Finding Balance

Current Sermon Series



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WELCOME!

October 1, 2023

**We're so glad you worshiped with us today!
Our prayer is that you would experience God's love and truth through Jesus Christ!**

- * 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: **SBFNet!10**

TODAY'S WORSHIP GATHERING

Take You At Your Word

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OFFERING

*Firm Foundation
Glorious
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

MESSAGE FROM GOD'S WORD

*"Finding Balance: Making God's Time Our Time"
Eccl. 3:1-8; Psa. 31:14-15; Rom. 5:6;
Eph. 5:15-20
Lead Pastor Andy Lauer*

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS

Sunday a.m. Discipleship	116
Sunday a.m. Worship	138
Midweek Activities	86
On-Line Views	17

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. Worship Team Rehearsal
9:00 a.m. S.S./Discipleship: Children, Youth, & Adult
9:00 a.m. Managing Money with a Biblical Worldview
10:15 a.m. Morning Worship Gathering
12:00 p.m. Youth Quiz Practice

Tuesday

6:30 p.m. Ladies' Bible Study

Wednesday

All Day Prayer and Fasting
9:00 a.m. Women's Sewing
5:30 p.m. Mommy & Me
CM Quizzing
6:00 p.m. "Come to the Water" - Jerry Harris
Youth Group
6:30 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

Thursday

6:00 p.m. Women's Quilting
7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

Saturday

Youth Quiz meet @ Valparaiso

Next Sunday

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Thank you for your faithful & generous giving!

Tithes & Offering

Received week of	(9/24/23)	\$7,756.28
Needed Weekly		\$6,473.33
Average Giving YTD		\$6,819.03

August Missional Giving

WEF	\$1,437.96
Child Sponsorship	\$30.00

Church Building & Facilities

Mortgage Balance	\$617,890.70
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UPCOMING EVENTS & INFORMATION

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

It doesn't take much for life to spiral out of control. A 2022 Gallup survey revealed that 1 in 3 people globally feel like their life is out of balance. A 2021 [Indeed.com](https://indeed.com) study found that 52% of Americans are experiencing burnout at work. Although ebbs and flows in life are normal, chaos is unnecessary; there is a way to experience balance and "peace that passes all understanding" (Phil. 4:7). Join us the next few weeks as we explore what God's word reveals about finding the balance God intends for us.

MANAGING MONEY WITH A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW

There is just 3 more weeks left after today of the **God's plan for personal money management class**. They meet in room FC101 and begin at 9:00 a.m. These classes are designed with you in mind - whether your net worth is very low, very high, or somewhere in between. The class helps you whether you're in the early stages of building a career or nearing retirement and beyond. Come gain practical, biblical perspectives and advice, money saving tips, and tax expertise. But hurry there's only 3 more weeks left after today.



PRAYER PARTNER LUNCHEON RSVP TODAY!

Are you a Prayer Partner for one of our youth here at SBFN? If so please plan to join us for our Potluck Luncheon here **next Sunday** after the morning worship time to fellowship with your prayer partner and also the rest of our Youth. The Fried Chicken, and Mashed Potatoes will be provided, we are asking that everyone else please bring a side dish to share. If you plan to attend **PLEASE RSVP TODAY** with Pastor Christina. We look forward to seeing everyone next Sunday.



"COME TO THE WATER": MID - WEEK WORSHIP

This week's "Come to the Water" Mid - Week Worship will be lead by Jerry Harris. "Come to the Water" will meet every Wednesday through November 15th at 6:00 p.m.

YOUTH QUIZ MEET - Saturday, October 7th

On Saturday, October 7th the youth will be having a District Bible Quiz Meet at Valparaiso Nazarene. Parents, please check with Pastor Christina about arrangements so that your teen can be ready for the meet.



CHURCH BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, October 10th

Tuesday, October 10th is the next board meeting at 6:30 p.m. Committee leads please have your reports in to Carole by Monday, October 9th at 2:30 p.m. If you have anything for the agenda, please turn that in to Pastor Andy by 10:00 a.m. the day of the board meeting. If you're unable to attend for the meeting for **ANY** reason contact Pastor Andy **PRIOR** to this day.

I AM SECOND SUNDAY

We would love to hear your testimony of how God transformed your life. If you feel led to share, please fill out a yellow connection card with your contact information, write "I Am Second" on it, and turn it in. Alternately, you can talk with pastor Andy directly about sharing your testimony. Pastor Andy will contact you about a time to share. We look forward to hearing what God has done in you!



DISCOVERING SBFN: MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Membership is an exciting opportunity to become a part of all that God is doing through the ministry of SBFN. You will have an opportunity to learn more about becoming a member of SBFN during our **"Discovering SBFN" membership class on Sunday, October 15th, from noon - 3 p.m.** in room FC107 located in the gym. If you've ever wanted to know more about the mission and ministry of SBFN, this is the best way to explore membership without having to make a commitment until you're ready. Please if you are planning to attend this class fill out a yellow connection card with your name and write "Discovering SBFN" on it and turn it in so pastor Andy will know how much to food to order for the lunch. **No Childcare Available.**



YOUTH & FAMILY HARVEST FESTIVAL - Oct. 29th

Join us for a Harvest Festival!! Come dressed up as Farmers ONLY. No Farmer costume, no entry. The Festival will begin at 5:00 p.m. and end at 8:00 p.m. Bring a dish to share that uses apples, pumpkins, or corn - all things fall harvest! Fried Chicken and Lemonade will be provided by the youth group. Contact Pastor Christina @ cfischer@sbfnaz.org with any questions.

UPCOMING WORK DAY

Attention SBFN family, the Building & Grounds are planning an All Church Work Day for Saturday, November 11th from 8:30 a.m. - Noon. Work will be outside work. More information will be updated later in the month. Any questions contact Mark Fowler at 574-612-4133.

