

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)

- *Karl** - (Sandy Williams; brother) traveling to Uganda for work 9/8. He will be gone for 2 weeks. Pray for a safe trip there, and home, and for God's protection while in Uganda.
- *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.
- *Barb Motuelle - UPDATE/PRAISE** - Doctors determined she has a compression fracture on her T12 vertebra. She had an MRI done on 9/5 to determine the next steps for her. Praise that she's had significant pain relief this past week. Waiting on MRI results.
- *Evelyn Lowrance - UPDATE** - has been back to the hospital. Still very sick with COVID, and now a UTI. Please continue to pray for a full and quick recovery for her.
- *Patty - PRAISE/UPDATE** - (David Kennel's sister) blood clots have been removed, and she is now home from the hospital. She started on her blood thinners, and all is going good. Praise the Lord!!
- *Beth Nusbaum - PRAISE/UPDATE** - Last blood test showed cancer numbers were down. Last endoscope showed tumor was gone! Doctors are dumbfounded. Only God. Waiting on further tests for confirmation.
- *Rick Burger Family** - (Marsha Gorbitz husband's nephew) passed away unexpectedly, he was in his early 50's.
- *Gerry Wood** - (Janet (Dodd) Candler mom) has pancreatic cancer. Gerry & Janet believes that God can heal her. Janet ask's that we pray for the same healing.
- *Mel Conard** - has been transferred to Stevensville to begin rehab on his hip. Please continue to prayer for a full recovery and healing.

UPCOMING CHURCH ACTIVITIES

SEPTEMBER - ALABASTER MONTH

- 10** - Back to Church Sunday (9 a.m. - noon)
- 10** - SBFN Ministry Fair (after morning worship)
- 10** - Worship Team Picnic (1 p.m. - 6 p.m.)
- 12** - Ladies' Bible Study Begins (6:30 p.m.)
Church Board Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
- 13** - CM Quizzing begins (5:30 - 6:30 p.m.)
Missionaries Jordan & Rachel Thompson here (6pm)
- 16** - Team Safety Training Day here at SBFN (10 a.m. - noon)
- 16** - Youth & Family Bonfire @ the Williamsons's (7 p.m. - 10 p.m.)
- 24** - Alabaster Sunday - Collection during morning worship

OCTOBER - PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

- 7** - Youth Bible Quiz @ Valpo
- 13-15** - Youth District Fall Retreat: see website for sign-up and cost information.
- 22** - Children's Christmas Program Practices Begin
- 29** - Youth & Family Harvest Festival (5 p.m. - 8 p.m.)

NOVEMBER

- 5** - Daylight Savings Time Ends - (set clocks back 1 hour)
- 19** - Gratitude Sunday

NEI MEN'S RETREAT 2023



Speaker:
Rick Schwartz

Lead Pastor at First Missionary Church
Berne, IN



Friday-Saturday, Nov 3 & 4, 2023 at Shiloh Park

****Please make checks to NEI NDI**

**Mail \$60 each and registration form to
Tom Hartman, 275 Oberli St, Berne, IN 46711**

Postmarked by Monday, October 23

(No walk-ins or online pay accepted for this event! Forms at neinazarene.org)

***Please bring your own towels and bedding
*If skeet shooting, bring a gun and shells**



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WELCOME!

SEPTEMBER 10, 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

Sing, Sing, Sing

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OFFERING

Stand In Your Love
Who You Say I Am
Lord, I Need You

MESSAGE FROM GOD'S WORD

"Finding Balance: First Things First"
Psalm 40:1-3; Haggai 1:5-8; Matthew 6:33
Lead Pastor Andy Lauer

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS

Sunday a.m. Discipleship	92
Sunday a.m. Worship	126
Midweek Activities	54
On-Line Views	29

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
	10:15 a.m.	Morning Worship Gathering
	12:00 p.m.	SBFN Ministry Fair & Back to Church Day
	1:00 p.m.	Worship Team Picnic
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Ladies Bible Study Begins
	6:30 p.m.	Church Board Meeting
Wednesday	All Day	Prayer and Fasting
	9:00 a.m.	Women's Sewing
	5:30 p.m.	Youth Group
	6:00 p.m.	CM Quizzing Begins
	6:00 p.m.	Mid-Week: "Come to the Water" NMI service w/Missionaries Jordan & Rachel Thompson
	6:30 p.m.	Worship Team Rehearsal
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Women's Quilting
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Basketball
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Team Safety Training
Next 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
	10:15 a.m.	Morning Worship Gathering
	12:00 p.m.	Youth Quiz Practice begins

Thank you for your faithful & generous giving!

Tithes & Offering		
Received week of	(9/3/23)	\$9,581.36
Needed Weekly		\$6,473.33
Average Giving YTD		\$6,803.92

August Missional Giving		
WEF		\$1,437.96
Child Sponsorship		\$30.00

Church Building & Facilities		
Mortgage Balance		\$617,890.70

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.

LADIES!! BEGINNING THIS TUESDAY

Ladies, beginning this 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 begins promptly at 6:30 p.m. Ladies of all ages are welcome. If you have any questions contact Barb Motuelle at 269-362-5567, or the church office.

MOMMY & ME BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY

Our Mommy & Me Bible Study is a great time of studying God's word together and building community and fellowship for moms or caregivers of children kindergarten and younger. The Bible Study will meet every Wednesday starting this week, September 13th, through November 15th at 5:30 p.m. If you have any questions contact Sarah Fischer at 574-549-0727 or Sara Erdahl at 517-391-6931.



UPCOMING TEAM SAFETY TRAINING DAY

This is a **REMINDER** that this Saturday, September 16th from 10:00 a.m. - noon, is our Team Safety Training Day! **If you are an Usher, Teacher, Leader, CERT team member, Safety Team member, or serve in any capacity here at SBFN, make it a priority to attend this training!** We will be focusing on several very important items, including how some of the new medical devices work that we have here around the church building. We will also be focusing on the important aspects of church safety and security procedures. We need as many of you that can to please attend this very important meeting. Coffee and donuts provided!



MANAGING MONEY WITH A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW

This 6-week class that begins September 17th, and will go through October 22nd, will help you understand **God's plan for personal money management**. It is designed with you in mind - whether your net worth is very low, very high, or somewhere in between. This class also will help you whether you're in the early stages of building a career or nearing retirement and beyond. Come and gain practical, biblical perspectives and advice, money saving tips, and tax expertise with Janelle St. Clair, a certified Kingdom Advisor and financial planner with many years of experience. They will meet in room FC101 @ 9 a.m.



PARENTS' DAY OUT - Saturday, September 23rd

The next Parents' Day Out is Saturday, September 23rd, from 4 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. This is for families that have infants - 5th graders. We hope that this will allow you a few hours of kid-free time to spend some time together. We are asking families that participate in this day out to also schedule to help with a day out childcare time as well. The childcare schedule is on a rotating basis with all the other families that are participating. Additionally, in order to participate, parents you will need to fill out some necessary paperwork first. If you have any questions or want to participate, please see Karen Greer, or you can call her at 419-604-0031 to get started.



ATTN: MEN'S RETREAT - November 3rd and 4th

Men 18 and older, plan now to set aside Fri. - Sat., November 3rd & 4th, for our annual Men's Retreat. This will be a great weekend of fun, spiritual development, and friendship. This year we are going to Shiloh Retreat Center, in Marion, IN. There will be activities like skeet and target shooting, a corn hole tournament, and other kinds of games as well. More details to come. Save the date now!!

PICK UP YOUR ALABASTER BOX TODAY!!

Every year, the Church of the Nazarene receives a special offering called the Alabaster Offering. It's based on Luke 7:36-50 and speaks to offering something of precious value to the Lord. 100% of Alabaster offerings received go directly toward building churches, hospitals, orphanages, parsonages and other missional buildings around the world. You can participate in the Alabaster offering by collecting your change in the box provided or simply giving what God lays on your heart. **Our Alabaster Offering will be collected during the service on September 24th.**

