

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** - is in the hospital with several health concerns. Please pray doctors can get things taken care of quickly and she can be back home quickly.

***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.

***Barb Motuelle - UPDATE/PRAISE** - still waiting on MRI results. Will be leaving for FL. earlier than expected this year. Her children have asked her to not to drive this year, they prefer her to fly. So she will be flying to FL. and her kids will be driving her car down to her. Praise they are willing to do this for her, and that she is not having very little pain with out pain meds.

***Mel Conard - UPDATE/PRAISE** - has been in Stevensville at the rehab for his broken hip. Praise he is being released to go home.

***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.

***Gerry Wood** - (Janet (Dodd) Candler mom) has pancreatic cancer. Gerry & Janet believes that God can heal her. Janet asks that we pray for the same healing.

***Debbie Kish** - had surgery on 8/18 to remove old hardware in her ankle, they are hopeful this will alleviate all further infections. Prayers are appreciated.

***Reggie Nicholson** - needing continued family, relationships prayers.

UPCOMING CHURCH ACTIVITIES

SEPTEMBER - ALABASTER MONTH

- 17** - Managing Money with a Biblical Worldview begins in room FC101 (9 a.m.)
- 23** - Parent's Night Out in the Gymnasium (4 p.m.)
- 24** - **Alabaster Sunday** - Collection during morning Worship (10:15 a.m.)
- 24** - 2024 Appalachia Mission Trip meeting in Youth room after morning worship time (11:45 a.m.)

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: see website for sign-up and cost information.
- 15** - Membership Class
- 22** - Member's Joining during the morning worship hour
- 22** - Children's Christmas Program Practices Begin
- 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

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 17, 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

I Am Free

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OFFERING

No Turning Back
Goodness Of God
Just As I Am

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	105
Sunday a.m. Worship	172
Midweek Activities	67
On-Line Views	26

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 begins
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 Begins Youth Group
	CM Quizzing
6:00 p.m.	"Come to the Water" - Ransom Ebersole
6:30 p.m.	Worship Team Rehearsal
Thursday	
6:00 p.m.	Women's Quilting
7:00 p.m.	Men's Basketball
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Thank you for your faithful & generous giving!

Tithes & Offering		
Received week of	(9/10/23)	\$5,191.61
Needed Weekly		\$6,473.33
Average Giving YTD		\$6,752.39

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://www.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.

REMINDER LADIES!! BIBLE STUDY HAS BEGUN

Our Ladies' Bible Study started last week and will continue for the next 5 weeks. If you forgot and would still like to join they will be meeting in room FC106 (located right off the Gym) for the next 5 weeks. They start promptly at 6:30 p.m. For any questions see Barb Motuelle.

MOMMY & ME BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY

Our Mommy & Me Bible Study began last week and will continue to meet for the next 9 weeks. They will meet beginning at 5:30 p.m. If you missed last week's meeting you still have time to come and join with other mothers and their children. If you have any questions contact Sarah Fischer at 574-549-0727 or Sara Erdahl at 517-391-6931.



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 are meeting in room FC101 @ 9 a.m.



"COME TO THE WATER": MID - WEEK WORSHIP

This weeks "Come to the Water" Mid - Week Worship will be lead by Ransom Ebersole. "Come to the Water" will meet every Wednesday through November 15th at 6:00 p.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.



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. Be praying on what God would have you give. **Our Alabaster Offering will be collected during the service next Sunday, September 24th.**



UPCOMING APPALACHIA MISSION TRIP 2024

SBFN family, we are planning another Appalachia Mission Trip sometime in 2024. As many of you can remember we have been able to accomplish many things for the people of Inez, KY. We are hoping to be able to go back again in 2024 and do the same. If you think you might be interested in going **please make plans to come next Sunday, September 24th, to an informational meeting at 11:45am (immediately following our morning worship time) in the Youth Room.** Pastor Christina Fischer will be discussing what the trip involves and also what the dates and costs look like as well.

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. **No Childcare Available.**