

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)

- ***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
- ***Carole Snyder - PRAISE/UPDATE** - A very good visit with endocrinologist recently. Please with how things are going and will be taking her off of some medications. Thankful for the good news!
- ***Barb Motuelle** - had x-rays done on her back on 8/23. Doctors called on 8/25 to advise her she has a compression fracture on her T12 vertebra in her back. She will have an MRI done on 9/5 to determine the doctors next steps for her. Please continue to pray for some pain relief for her.
- ***Evelyn Lowrance** - Is still very sick with what turned out to be COVID. Slowly getting better. Please pray for her full recovery.
- ***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.
- ***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.
- ***Mel Conard** - has been transferred to Stevensville to begin rehab. on his hip. Please continue to prayer for a full recovery and healing.
- ***Reggie Nicholson** - needing continued family, relationships prayers.
- ***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

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.



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. Check it out, and share it with family and friends.



UPCOMING CHURCH ACTIVITIES

SEPTEMBER

- 6 - Mid-Week "Come to the Water" Bible Study Begins (7 p.m.)
- 9 - Youth Bible Quiz @ Highland
- 10 - **Back to Church Sunday** (9 a.m. - noon)
- 10 - SBFN Ministry Fair (after the 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 from Papua New Guinea here (6 p.m.)
- 16 - Team Safety Training Day here at SBFN (10 a.m. - noon)
- 16 - Youth & Family Bonfire @ the Williamsons (7 p.m. - 10 p.m.)
- 24 - Alabaster Sunday - Collection during the morning Worship

OCTOBER

- 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

- 19 - Gratitude Sunday



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WELCOME!

SEPTEMBER 3, 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

Fall on Us Now

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENT/OFFERING

*The Lion and the Lamb
Thank You Jesus for the Blood
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

MORNING SERMON

"Stay Tuned: Pastoral Conversations"
Numbers 14:11-12; Proverbs 6:1-5
Matthew 21:28-32; James 1:2-4
Pastors Andy Lauer and Rick El-Talabani

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS

<i>Sunday a.m. Discipleship</i>	92
<i>Sunday a.m. Worship</i>	141
<i>Midweek Activities</i>	47
<i>On-Line Views</i>	22

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. Youth Quiz Practice begins

Monday

LABOR DAY (Office Closed)

Wednesday

All Day Prayer and Fasting
9:00 a.m. Women's Sewing
6:00 p.m. Mid-Week: "Come to the Water" 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 @ Highland

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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

Thank you for your faithful & generous giving!

Tithes & Offering

<i>Received week of</i>	<i>(8/27/23)</i>	\$3,538.84
<i>Needed Weekly</i>		\$6,473.33
<i>Average Giving YTD</i>		\$6,697.10

July Missional Giving

<i>WEF</i>	\$1,644.08
<i>Child Sponsorship</i>	\$30.00

Church Building & Facilities

<i>Mortgage Balance</i>	\$624,285.01
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UPCOMING EVENTS & INFORMATION

BACK TO CHURCH - Next Sunday, September 10th

Invite a friend or family member to this special opportunity to have a life-changing experience with God through Jesus. New sermon series: "Finding Balance" begins.

"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, plan to join us **THIS WEDNESDAY** at 6:00 p.m. for our "Come to the Water" Mid - Week Worship. "Come to the Water" will meet every Wednesday through November 15th.

SBFN MINISTRY FAIR - Sunday, September 10th

Churches and their ministries are always changing and adapting, and sometimes it's hard to keep up with it all. Join us on Sunday, September 10th after the morning worship gathering to learn more about all the different ministries we have here at SBFN at our annual Ministries Fair. Discover the many different ways you, your family, and your friends can connect, grow, and serve here at SBFN. If you are a Leader, now is the time for you to start preparing your display boards for your ministry tables. You can set up early Sunday morning before 9 a.m. or Friday afternoon before 5 p.m.



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. Ladies of all ages are welcome. If you have any questions contact Barb Motuelle at 269-362-5567, or the church office.



SBFN Naz KIDZ QUIZZING - Wednesday, Sept. 13th

SBFN Naz Kidz Bible Quizzing will begin on Wednesday, September 13th for children in 1st - 5th grad. We will start the evening out with some gym time at 5:30 p.m. Followed by the Kick-Off for our 2023 - 2024 Bible Quizzing year. Then beginning at 5:45 p.m. we will head upstairs and begin our first lesson for Bible quizzing. We will dismiss at 6:30 p.m. due to it being a school night. Please remember, if you haven't already, pick up a calendar at the Children's Welcome Desk. If you have questions contact Pastor Brenda at 904-625-2121.

UPCOMING TEAM SAFETY TRAINING DAY

All church Teachers, Leaders, CERT, and Safety Team members, or anyone else who serves in any capacity here at SBFN! Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the "Team Safety Training Day" here on Saturday, September 16th from 10:00 a.m. - noon. The day will focus on several very important items. We will see how some of the new medical devices we have here at the church work, and we will also be focusing on the important aspects of church safety and security procedures. We need as many as possible to attend.

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. The class will begin at 9 a.m. in Room FC 101.

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

Men 18 and older, set aside Fri—Sat, November 3rd and 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 and Convention Center, in Marion, IN. There will be activities like skeet and target shooting, a corn hole tournament, games, and other kinds of activities. More details to come. Save the date now!!

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 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. 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.

ATTENTION SBFN FAMILY: NEW OFFICE HOURS

To better accommodate the Church Staff, our Office Administrator, Carole Snyder, has new office hours. They are as follows: **Monday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., and Friday's: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** If you have any questions or need anything on the days Carole is not in the office please call and leave a message, and she will return your call the next day.