

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)

- ***Bobbie Hale** - passed away on 10/12/2023. Melanie is finalizing arrangements and we will share those as soon as we get them.
- ***Durand** - (Monica Rowdon's uncle) was in a vehicle accident. He is unable to feel his lower limbs at this time. Please pray for a quick recovery of his lower limbs. Pray for God's healing and comfort from the trauma of the accident.
- ***Pete Thompson** - Fell at his home on 9/29. Went to the ER and PRAISE he didn't break any bones. He is still bruised and scraped up and still needing to use a walker to get around the house due to the extreme pain he's in. Pray for healing and relief from pain.
- ***Sue Harris - UPDATE/PRAISE** - Continue to pray for full healing from infection in her leg.
- ***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 subside, and she will be able to heal quickly.
- ***Reggie Nicholson** - Pray for Reggie and Paris's spiritual lives and relationship concerns.
- ***Melanie Conn** - Asks for prayer for her, her marriage, her children, and to be able to lay everything down at God's feet, trusting that God can & will help her.
- ***Barry** - (friend of Clint Dickens) battling stomach cancer.
- ***Roosevelt** - (Mel Conard's Great-Grandson) has serious behavioral problems. Prayer for him and for family to know how to help him.
- ***Julie Brown** - continued prayer for her is appreciated as she is still recovering from a major stroke. She is rehabilitating at home.
- ***Ed Brown** - serious heart concerns.
- ***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.

UPCOMING CHURCH ACTIVITIES

OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

SBFN has been so blessed with great pastors over the past 100 years, and God continues to bless us with such godly and humble pastors who 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, we're encouraging you to 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 way to say "We Appreciate You!"

Here are some ideas for you to consider:

- *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
 - ***Rebekah Gilbert** - Worship Pastor
- 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

- 15** - *****NOTICE***** - Discovering SBFN: Membership Class - *****Postponed due to illness*****
- 17** - Last Ladies' Bible Study
- 22** - Children's Christmas Program practices begin for ages 3 - 5th grade
- 22** - New Members join during the morning worship gathering (may be postponed; see above)
- 27 - 28** Youth Quiz Fest at ONU
- 29** - Youth & Family Harvest Festival (5 p.m. - 8 p.m.)

NOVEMBER

- 2 - 4** - Youth - Navigating Cultural Chaos Conference
- 3 - 4** - Men's Retreat at Shiloh Park
- 5** - Daylight Savings Time **Ends** - (set clocks **BACK** 1 hour)
- 11** - Youth District Bible Quiz @ Kokomo
- 19** - Gratitude Sunday
- 22** - No Youth Group - Enjoy Thanksgiving; help your parents get ready!!



Finding Balance

Current Sermon Series



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WELCOME!

October 15, 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

Our God Saves

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OFFERING

*How Can I Keep From Singing
Hosanna
Jesus, Name Above All Names*

MESSAGE FROM GOD'S WORD

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS

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| Sunday a.m. Discipleship | 114 |
| Sunday a.m. Worship | 152 |
| Midweek Activities | 79 |
| On-Line Views | 21 |

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

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| 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 |
| Tuesday | |
| 6:30 p.m. | Ladies' Last Bible Study |
| Wednesday | |
| All Day | Prayer and Fasting |
| 9:00 a.m. | Women's Sewing |
| 5:30 p.m. | Mommy & Me |
| | Children's Quizzing |
| 6:00 p.m. | "Come to the Water" - Galbraiths Youth Group |
| 6:30 p.m. | Worship Team Rehearsal |
| Thursday | |
| 6:00 p.m. | Women's Quilting |
| 7:00 p.m. | Men's Basketball |
| 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 |
| 12:00 p.m. | Youth Quiz Practice |

Thank you for your faithful & generous giving!

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| Tithes & Offering | | |
| Received week of | (10/8/23) | \$11,387.40 |
| Needed Weekly | | \$6,473.33 |
| Average Giving YTD | | \$6,913.22 |

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| September Missional Giving | |
| WEF | \$1,500.94 |
| Child Sponsorship | \$30.00 |
| Thompson Deputation | \$859.00 |
| Alabaster | \$TBD |
| Church Building & Facilities | |
| Mortgage Balance | \$613,655.44 |

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.

"COME TO THE WATER": MID - WEEK WORSHIP

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

PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH IS HERE!!

Just a reminder that ALL of October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Find a list in the lobby of 50 different ideas to show appreciation to our pastors. If you have a card and/or gift, place it in the baskets located at the WELCOME desk every Sunday. We will be presenting our GRATITUDE gifts to the Pastors on Sunday, October 28th during the morning worship time. Contact Sandy Williams at 574-532-2438 with any questions or requests.



REMINDER: APPALACHIA MISSION TRIP 2024

We are heading back to Inez, KY August 3rd - 9th, 2024 to serve alongside the people of Martin County. We'd love for you to join the team and work with us!



There is room for 20 people. Cost for the trip is \$600/ per person. Forms and the initial deposit of \$150/per person are due by Tuesday, October 31st. See Pastor Christina with any questions or to turn on your deposit.

DISCOVERING SBFN: MEMBERSHIP CLASS

*****NOTICE - POSTPONED DUE TO ILLNESS*****

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. New date TBA.

VISIT THE CONNECTION CENTER NEXT WEEK!

In order to better connect with those who are relatively new to SBFN, we're inviting anyone who has started worshipping with us recently to visit our new Connection Center in the lobby to meet and get to know the



pastoral staff better. **There will be a few special gifts for you and an opportunity for you to choose a free discipleship resource.** The Connection Center will be set up every **4th Sunday of each month.** Hope to see you there next week!

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 begins at 5 p.m. and end at 8 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.

MEN'S RETREAT - PAYMENT DUE TODAY!!!

Men 18 and older, plan now to set aside Nov. 3rd & Nov. 4th, for the annual Men's Retreat. This will be a great weekend of fun, spiritual development, and friendship. We'll be going to Shiloh Retreat Center in Marion, IN. Expect great worship, biblical teaching, humor and friendship, along with skeet & target shooting, corn hole tournament, and other activities to enjoy as well. **Cost is \$60 due by today, Oct. 15th.** See Pastor Rick.

UPCOMING WORK DAY

Attention SBFN family, the Building & Grounds Team has planned an All Church Work Day for Saturday, Nov. 11th from 8:30 a.m. - noon. All projects will be outside work. The Building and Grounds Team is asking that if you have any hedge trimmers, rakes, or any kind of leaf blower please bring them with you to this work day. Also, come dressed for the cooler weather. Bring work gloves, a hat, coat, anything to keep warm if it's cold outside. As long as the weather permits we will be outside. Any questions contact Mark Fowler at 574-612-4133.



ATTENTION MINISTRY LEADERS!!

Ministry Leaders **please** remember to stop by the church office to clean out your mail boxes. There may be bills or other correspondence in there that need to be addressed. Some of the items are time sensitive. Thank you!