

## **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 - UPDATE** - Finalized arrangements have been made. Memorial Service will be [here](#) at SBFN Saturday, October 28th at 11:00 a.m. Then a luncheon will follow in the FLC. If you can help with food or in the kitchen, contact Sandy Williams at 574-532-2438 by Wednesday, October 25th. Thank you in advance for your willingness to serve in this way!

\***Pete Thompson - UPDATE/PRAISE** - recovering slowly from his recent fall. Went to see his PCP on 10/17 to be rechecked due to the healing process taking so long and still hurting. **PRAISE** his PCP stated all is good, healing is just taking longer due to all the damage he did and still has. Please continue to pray for the healing to continue to progress, and the pain to continue to get better.

\***Howard** - (Sue Kelly's brother) has prostate cancer, has just been told the cancer has spread to his spine as well.

\***Sue Tyler** - (Jim Gilbert's sister) in the hospital with fluid around her heart and lungs.

\***Louise Womack** - (Carolyn Wallace's 100-year old mother-in-law) her breast cancer has returned. She's a fighter (has had cancer 5 times). She will start radiation therapy on 10/19.

\***Rev. Jerry & Sue Harris** - Please pray for both of them, they both have very bad colds and are sick.

\***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.

\***Sue Harris - UPDATE/PRAISE** - Continue to pray for full healing from infection and pain 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.

## **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.**

This 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.

### QUICK VIEW OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

#### OCTOBER - PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

**TODAY** - Children's Christmas Program practices begin for ages 3 - 5th grade

**27 - 28** Youth Quiz Fest at ONU

**29** - Youth & Family Harvest Festival (5 p.m. - 8 p.m.)

#### NOVEMBER

**2 - 4** - Youth Conference - Navigating Cultural Chaos

**3 - 4** - Men's Retreat at Shiloh Park

**5** - Daylight Savings Time **Ends** - (set clocks **BACK** 1 hour)

**11** - All Church Workday - **OUTSIDE WORK** (8:30 a.m.)

**11** - Youth District Bible Quiz @ Kokomo

**19** - Gratitude Sunday

**22** - No Youth Group - Enjoy Thanksgiving; help your parents get ready!!

**23** - Thanksgiving Day - Office Closed

**24** - Office Closed

**30** - Youth St. Louis Quiz Meet



# Finding Balance

Current Sermon Series



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# WELCOME!

## October 22, 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

*This Is Amazing Grace*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS/OFFERING

*Great Is Your Faithfulness  
Great Is Thy Faithfulness  
Whom Shall I Fear*

### MESSAGE FROM GOD'S WORD

*"Finding Balance: Blessing of Sabbath Rest"  
Exod. 20:8-11; Mark 2:23-28; Col. 2:16-17  
Lead Pastor Andy Lauer*

### LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS

Sunday a.m. Discipleship	111
Sunday a.m. Worship	135
Midweek Activities	102
On-Line Views	61

### 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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Connection Center Open</b>
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
11:30 a.m.	Connection Center Open
12:00 p.m.	Youth Quiz Practice

<b>Wednesday</b>	
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" - Ransom Ebersole
	Youth Group
6:30 p.m.	Worship Team Rehearsal

<b>Thursday</b>	
6:00 p.m.	Women's Quilting
7:00 p.m.	Men's Basketball

<b>Friday/Saturday</b>	Youth Quiz Fest at ONU
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<b>Next Sunday</b>	
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
5:00 p.m.	Youth & Family Harvest Fest

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Thank you for your faithful & generous giving!

<b>Tithes &amp; Offering</b>	
Received week of	(10/15/23) \$3,243.32
Needed Weekly	\$6,473.33
Average Giving YTD	\$6,802.01

<b>September Missional Giving</b>	
World Evangelism Fund	\$1,500.94
Child Sponsorship	\$30.00
Thompson Deputation	\$859.00
Alabaster	\$778.38

<b>Church Building &amp; Facilities</b>	
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://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.

### PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH IS HERE!!

Just a reminder that this Wednesday, October 25th will be the last day the Church Life Team will be able to collect any gifts/cards you may have for our pastors. Then next Sunday, October 29th, Sandy Williams will be presenting the GRATITUDE cards/gifts to ALL of the Pastors. If you have any questions or requests, please contact Sandy Williams at 574-532-2438 before Wed., October 25th.



### VISIT THE CONNECTION CENTER TODAY!

Today after the morning Worship time we're inviting those who are newer to SBFN to visit our Connection Center. The Connection Center is located in our lobby and we do this to better connect with those who are relatively new here at SBFN. This will give you a better chance to meet our pastoral staff one on one and ask questions about SBFN. **We will also have a few special gifts for you and an opportunity for you to choose a free discipleship resource as well.** Our Connection Center is set up every 4th Sunday of each month. We hope to meet you there after the service today!



### "COME TO THE WATER": MID - WEEK WORSHIP

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

### 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 Fischer with any questions or to turn in your deposit.



### DISCOVERING SBFN: MEMBERSHIP CLASS

\*\*\*\*\* **RESCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 5th** \*\*\*\*\*  
Membership is an exciting opportunity to become a part of all that God is doing through the ministry of SBFN. If you

have ever thought about being a member here at SBFN now you have an opportunity to learn more about being a member during our "Discovering SBFN" membership class. If you've ever wanted to know more about the mission and ministry of SBFN, this is the best way to do that and explore membership without having to make a commitment until you're ready to do so. **\*\*NO CHILDCARE PROVIDED\*\***

### YOUTH & FAMILY HARVEST FESTIVAL - Oct. 29th

Join us for a Harvest Festival!! Come dressed up as Farmers ONLY (flannels will suffice). No Farmer costume, no entry. The Festival begins at 5 p.m. and ends 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. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Christina at [cfischer@sbfnaz.org](mailto:cfischer@sbfnaz.org).

### UPCOMING WORK DAY - Saturday, November 11th

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.



### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS - Sunday, Nov., 5th

This is a REMINDER that coming up on Sunday, November 5th, Daylight Savings Time ENDS. So before you go to bed on Saturday, November 4th, **REMEMBER TO TURN ALL YOUR CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR.** This way you will enjoy an extra hour of sleep before you get up and come to church Sunday, November 5th morning. We hope to see you then!!

### PARKING TO SHOW WE CARE

We all love to find that perfect parking spot, but when your mobility is limited or you're a guest in a new place, few things are more important to making you feel welcome. At SBFN, we want to make sure that visitors and those among us who truly *need* them find the best parking spaces. **With the weather starting to cool down and it raining, more we ask anyone that is able to please consider parking along the edges or towards the back part of the parking lot** and reserve the spaces in the center and directly beside the building for our guests and those who need them. Thanks for being a servant for the Lord!



### ATTENTION MINISTRY LEADERS!!

Ministry Leaders **PLEASE** stop by and check your mailbox weekly and clean them out. There may be important correspondence in there that needs to be addressed right away. Some are time sensitive or board-related.