

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)

***Joe** - (Anika's husband, Evelyn's granddaughter) Joe's been transferred to a specialized facility in Indy to help better care for him and all his needs at this time. Anika has been advised by the doctors that the brain tumor is growing rapidly, and at this time has already taken his sight. Joe is very confused, extremely agitated, and in a lot of pain. Please pray for God's mercy and comfort on Joe, and also for Anika and all their small children at this time.

***Todd** - (Barb Motuelle's son) had a very complex sinus surgery done on 11/20 at Northwestern University Medical Center on 11/20, and doctor's are saying the surgery was a success. PTL!!! Todd is now at home and resting peacefully. Thank you all for praying him through this. Please pray for pain relief, healing, and no further issues.

***Marisol** - (Suzy & Jack Krumroy's daughter) had a follow-up MRI done on 11/19. Results show no changes from the last MRI, so she will be going down to Riley Children's Hospital in Indy for more testing and to see a new specialist there.

***Reggie Nicholson** - request prayer for his friend and his friend's family. He asked for prayers for their emotional, home, and physical concerns and that they have a good life.

***Gerry Wood - UPDATE** - (Janet & David Dodd's mom) in her last stages of pancreatic cancer. The family believes that God can heal.

***Isabella** - (Courtney Hoover's niece) has been admitted to St. Joseph hospital with RSV, she is only 7 months old. Please pray for quick and effective treatment.

***Sue Tyler - UPDATE** - (Jim Gilbert's sister) The family believes she will be going home very soon. She's doing better, but has a diagnosis of congestive heart failure.

***Monica Rowdon's Grandma** - has been placed in Hospice Care. Monica will be staying with her overnights for the next few days. They expect that she will be passing soon. Pray for peace, comfort and an easy passing.

***Freeman/Eckert Family** - prayers for the family during this difficult time. Prayers for Renee, & the kids mentally, physically, & financially.

2023 Holiday Services

December 3 First Sunday of Advent

December 10 Second Sunday of Advent &
Kids' Christmas Program

December 17 Third Sunday of Advent &
Adam's Voice Concert

December 24 Fourth Sunday of Advent &
Christmas Eve Service 7pm

QUICK VIEW OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

NOVEMBER

28 - Deck the Halls (6:30 p.m.)

DECEMBER - Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

11/30 - 12/3 - Youth - St. Louis All Star Bible Quiz

1 - NMI @ Hannah's House

2 - Parents' Day Out (4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.)

9 - Youth Quiz @ SBFN

9 - Children's Christmas Program practice/Party (10-2)

10 - Intergenerational Final practice for **All** Participants (9a)

10 - Intergenerational Christmas Program (10:15 a.m.)

17 - No Youth Quiz Practice

17 - Adams Voice Christmas Concert - (10:15 a.m.)

24 - No Youth Quiz Practice

24 - Christmas Eve Service (7:00 p.m.)

25 - Merry Christmas - Office Closed

31 - No Youth Quiz Practice



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WELCOME!

November 26, 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

God Of All Splendor

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OFFERING

God So Loved
No Other Name
Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

MESSAGE FROM GOD'S WORD

"What if...the prophets hadn't spoken?"
Isaiah 7:14; 9:2-7, Jeremiah 23:5-6, Micah 5:2
Lead Pastor, Andy Lauer

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS

Sunday a.m. Discipleship	124
Sunday a.m. Worship	163
Midweek Activities	85
On-Line Views	N/A

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	
10:15 a.m.	Connection Center Open	
12:00 p.m.	Youth Quiz Practice	

Tuesday		
6:30 p.m.	Deck the Halls	

Wednesday		
All Day	Prayer and Fasting	
9:00 a.m.	Women's Sewing	
6:00 p.m.	"Come to the Water" - Louis Staubs	
	WIRED Youth Group	
6:30 p.m.	Worship Team Rehearsal	

Next Sunday		
8-11:15 a.m.	Prayer Room is Open	
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Thank you for your faithful & generous giving!

Tithes & Offering			
Received week of	(11/19/23)	\$7,424.92	
Needed Weekly		\$6,473.33	
Average Giving YTD		\$6,766.80	

October Missional Giving			
World Evangelism Fund		\$1,557.66	
Child Sponsorship		\$30.00	

Church Building & Facilities			
Mortgage Balance		\$609,905.79	

UPCOMING EVENTS & INFORMATION

CANDLE FOR NEW LIVES!!

A Candle has been lit and placed on the communion table this morning to celebrate the 2 new lives that have been started with Jesus Christ as their personal Savior this past week.

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 gives 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!



DECK THE HALLS - Tuesday, November 28th

Please make plans now to join us this Tuesday, November 28th at 6:30 p.m. as we decorate the church building in anticipation of Advent and the Christmas seasons. The church will be providing coffee and hot cocoa throughout the evening, we invite you to bring your favorite baked/sweet treats to share with everyone. Plan now to come and help decorate our church this year! **NO CHILDCARE PROVIDED!**



"COME TO THE WATER": MID - WEEK WORSHIP

This week's "Come to the Water" Mid - Week Worship will be lead by Louis Staubs. "Come to the Water" meets every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

PARENTS' DAY OUT - Saturday, December 2nd

Parents' Day Out is on Saturday, December 2nd from 4 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. This is for families that have infants - 5th graders. The hope is that this will allow you a few hours of time to spend together or maybe get some needed errands done kid(s)-free. We do ask families that participate in this kids day out to also schedule to help with childcare time as well. The schedule is on a rotating basis with all families participating. Additionally, parents will need to fill out some necessary paperwork prior to being able to participate the first time. Any questions, see Karen Greer.



MIXED ENSEMBLE GROUP PRACTICE - Sat., December 9th

The Mixed Ensemble's final practice for the Intergenerational Christmas program will be on Saturday, December 9th, at 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. Practice will be an hour. Any questions see Pastor Christina.

CM CHRISTMAS REHEARSAL & PARTY - Sat., December, 9th

The SBFNaz Kidz will have a final Christmas program rehearsal on Saturday, December 9th, from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Practice will include a Christmas party with games and lunch as well.

PARENTS: Children ages 3 years and younger will need a parent to stay with them to help. Contact Pastor Brenda if you have any other questions.

ATTENTION YOUTH & ADULTS FINAL PRACTICE

Both the Youth & Adults that are participating in the Christmas

program will have a final practice on Saturday, December 9th, from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Any questions please see Pastor Christina.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM'S FINAL REHEARSAL: ALL PARTICIPANTS

The final Christmas program rehearsal is on Sunday, Dec. 10th, during the 9 a.m. hour. ALL participants (SBFNaz Kidz: 5th grade and younger, Youth Group, and Adults) will need to arrive to the sanctuary no later than 8:55 a.m. Contact Pastor Brenda or Pastor Christina with questions.

INTERGENERATIONAL CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Join us on Sunday, December 10th at 10:15 a.m. for "A Present For You" an Intergenerational Christmas program. Come along as we explore all the feelings that rise up during the busy holiday season and see where our focus really should be - on the gift of grace that is given through the birth of Jesus. Bring your family and friends as we see SB First family of ALL ages share this message of hope!

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE - Sunday, December 24th

It's easy to get caught up in the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season. This year, to help us put our focus where it truly belongs - on the birth of Jesus Christ - SBFN will be having a Christmas Eve Service @ 7:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity for you, your family and friends to prepare your hearts for Christmas as we retell the story through readings and Christmas carols sung by candlelight. We hope you and your loved ones will join us in reflecting on Jesus' birth this year.



MISSING ITEM - RIGID SHOP VAC

The church's Rigid shop vac (it's orange) has gone missing. Perhaps someone borrowed it and hasn't had a chance to return it yet. If that is you, we kindly ask that you return it as soon as possible. Thank you!



WEATHER CANCELLATION REMINDER

We know inevitably that inclement weather is coming and it may make it unsafe to travel during one of SBFN's regularly scheduled services or events, so we may feel the need to cancel. If we do so **we will post cancellations on both WSBT & WNDU stations by 7a.m. on Sunday mornings, or at least 90 minutes prior to any scheduled activities.** We also ask that if you know of someone that may not get the cancellation notice, please help us spread the word by giving them a courtesy call yourself. Finally, and most importantly, always use your best judgement whether or not you and your family feel safe enough to travel out in the weather.

SBFN MEMBERS & FRIENDS YEAR END GIVING

As we are getting very close to the end of the 2023 year, the Stewardship & Finance Committee would like to express our appreciation to our members and friends for your faithful support. Your prayers and your sacrificial giving have allowed us to gather, prepare, and send followers of Jesus. **We would also like to remind you that for tax purposes your year end giving for 2023 must be RECEIVED here at the church office or postmarked on or before Sunday, December 31st, 2023 to be counted for the 2023 year end giving. If your gift is received or postmarked AFTER December 31st, 2023, it will have to be considered as a gift for 2024 year, EVEN IF THE CHECK IS DATED 2023.** We thank you for your understanding.

