

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)

***Dorothy Fowler - UPDATE** - The Visitation & Funeral are this Friday, December 15, at Miller - Stewart F.H. in Middlebury. In lieu of flowers the family has asked that all donations be donated to the SBFN, NMI Dept.

***Joe - UPDATE** - (Evelyn Lowrance's Granddaughter Anika's, husband) passed away on 12/5. He was only 40 years old. Please remember the family during this difficult time and for comfort and understanding for Anika and the children as well.

***Cheryl Milligan - UPDATE/PRAISE** - diagnosed with Pulmonary Fibrosis. Praise God she has been approved for the ICares Foundation and they will be paying for her very expensive meds. Needed to treat the Pulmonary Fibrosis. She ask that we also pray as she will be starting Pulmonary Rehab Monday, and also she is still trying to find a better option for her continuous portable oxygen. The meds she is taking are to help slow down the progression of Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis.

***Norma Reilly** - (Sue Harris' Mother) has had 3 strokes recently. The strokes have left her unable to speak or eat. She has refused a feeding tube and is now on comfort care. They are providing her only jello and pudding. Praying for her salvation and God's mercy on her.

***Robert** - (Liz Radabaugh son) having heart issues, has to see a cardiologist on 12/18.

***Gerry Wood - UPDATE** - (Janet (Dodd) Candler & David Dodd's Mother) in her last stages of pancreatic cancer. Has been able to make it through the 3-6 month mark of her diagnosis which is great. Continued prayers for her pain, and that she can be healed.

***Helen Stewart** - (Carole Snyder's friend Sherri Howard's Mother) coming to the final stages of her life. Asking for prayer for her salvation and mercy on her. She does not know the Lord.

***Len Holt - UPDATE** - diagnosed w/congestive heart failure. Len will soon be getting a heart valve transplant scheduled. Please continue to pray for him & Connie as she is very concerned for Len.

***Carolyn W. & Darilene T.** - tested positive for COVID couple weeks ago. Prayers Eddie doesn't get it & they get well quickly.

2023 Holiday Services

December 3 First Sunday of Advent

December 10 Second Sunday of Advent &
Kids' Christmas Program

December 17 Third Sunday of Advent &
Adams Voice Concert

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

A QUICK VIEW OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

DECEMBER - Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

- 10 - Intergenerational Final practice for **All** (Today @ 9am)
Intergenerational Christmas Program (Today AM srv.)
NO Youth Quiz Practice
- 12 - 13 - Gym Closed for floor maintenance (both day)
- 15 - Dorothy Fowler Viewing & Funeral @ Miller - Stewart
- 17 - Adams Voice Christmas Concert - (10:15 a.m.)
- 17 - NO Youth Quiz Practice
- 24 - NO Youth Quiz Practice
- 24 - Christmas Eve Service - No Childcare (7 p.m.)
- 25 - 29 - Office Closed: Merry Christmas / Happy New Year
- 27 - Youth & Family Christmas Party (6 p.m. - 8 p.m.)
- 31 - NO Youth Quiz Practice

January

- 1 - Happy New Year - Office Opens
- 12 - Youth Quiz Practice (6 p.m.)
- 13 - Youth Quiz Meet at Highland (TBD)
- 14 - Annual Chili Cookoff (11:30 a.m.)



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WELCOME!

December 10, 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

Joy To The World (Unspeakable Joy)

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OFFERING

*Hark The Herald Angels Sing
It Came Upon The Midnight Clear*

MESSAGE FROM GOD'S WORD

*"What if...Jesus had said no?"
Matthew 1:18-25; 4:1-11; Philippians 2:5-11
Lead Pastor, Andy Lauer*

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS

Sunday a.m. Discipleship	98
Sunday a.m. Worship	163
Midweek Activities	61
On-Line Views	17

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.	Christmas Program's Final Rehearsal
9:00 a.m.	S.S./Discipleship: Children, Youth, & Adult
1 10:15 a.m.	Intergenerational Christmas Service
12:00 p.m.	Youth Quiz Practice

Wednesday

All Day	Prayer and Fasting
6:00 p.m.	"Come to the Water" - Rev. Ransom Ebersole
	WIRED Youth Group
6:30 p.m.	Worship Team Rehearsal

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 Gathering / Adams Voice in Concert
12:00 p.m.	Youth Quiz Practice

Thank you for your faithful & generous giving!

Tithes & Offering

Received week of (12/3/23)	\$5,611.71
Needed Weekly	\$6,473.33
Average Giving YTD	\$6,713.84

November Missional Giving

World Evangelism Fund	\$1,414.78
Child Sponsorship	\$30.00
Thanksgiving	\$950.00

Church Building & Facilities

Mortgage Balance	\$604,903.79
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UPCOMING EVENTS & INFORMATION

CURRENT SERMON SERIES: "WHAT IF . . . ?"

Every year we retell the Christmas accounts - How Jesus' birth was foretold by God through the prophets. How Mary and Joseph traveled to Bethlehem where Jesus was born. How the shepherds and wise men worshiped the new born King. But have you ever stopped to consider *What if things had turned out differently?* Join us this Advent and Christmas season as we ponder what *could have been* and why we are so blessed that events turned out the way they did.

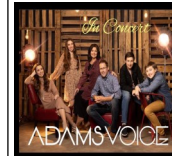


INTERGENERATIONAL CHRISTMAS SERVICE TODAY

Come join us today during the morning worship gathering for our Intergenerational Christmas Service called "A Present For You". Join along as we all explore 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. We would like to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who was involved in making this happen. Without all of you none of this would have been possible.

ADAMS VOICE CHRISTMAS CONCERT NEXT WEEK

Make plans to join us next week during our morning worship gathering to hear Adams Voice share a Christmas Concert with us. Adams Voice has shared God's love through song to people all across the United States. National Radio stations are currently playing their songs and Christian television programs have featured them as well. They were also honored to be featured vocalist at the Church of the Nazarene General Assemblies and Conferences. Their music will challenge, uplift, and echo in your heart. **Invite a friend or family member to come and enjoy this Christmas Concert with you.** Hope to see you there.



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 - we'll be having a Christmas Eve Service @ 7 p.m. This is a great opportunity for you, your family & friends to prepare your hearts for Christmas as we retell the story through readings and Christmas carols sung by candlelight. We hope everyone will join us in reflecting on Jesus' birth this year.



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.



"COME TO THE WATER": MID - WEEK WORSHIP

This week's "Come to the Water" Mid - Week Worship will be lead by Rev. Jerry Harris. "Come to the Water" meets every Wednesday at 6 p.m.

ANNUAL NMI CHILI COOKOFF - Sun., Jan. 14th, 2024

Attention SBFN family, mark your calendars for Sunday, January 14th! On this Sunday after our morning worship gathering we will be having our Annual NMI Chili Cookoff. We need pots of chili and desserts. If you plan to enter your pot of chili in to the "friendly" Chili Cookoff competition contact Sue Harris ASAP. Also if you have a dessert you can donate please contact Sue Harris as well. Who will win the Golden Spoon award this year?



ATTENTION SBFN FAMILY

On Tuesday, December 12th & Wednesday, December 13th the Church Gym will be closed. The gym floor is going to be stripped and refinished on these 2 days. We are hopeful that it all can be done and dry those 2 days. It does need a good 24 hours to dry once the finish is put on. If you have any question please feel free to contact the church office or see Pastor Rick El-Talabani.

CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED 12/25 - 12/29

The Church Office will be closed Monday, December 25th - Friday, December 29th for the Christmas and New Year Holidays. If there's something you need that can't wait until the office reopens on Tuesday, January 1, 2024, contact one of the pastors on their cell phone. If they don't answer leave a message and they will contact you when they are available. Take this time to enjoy some fun and fellowship with family and friends.

