

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)

***Gerry Wood - UPDATE** - (Janet (Dodd) Candler & David Dodd's Mother) passed away from pancreatic cancer recently. Prayers for the family during this time are appreciated.

***Len Holt - UPDATE/PRAISE** - transferred to St. Vincent hospital in Indy this week for Heart Valve Replacement. Surgery was done on 12/14 and doctors said the surgery went very well. Len & Connie are asking for complete healing now.

***Joe - UPDATE** - (Evelyn Lowrance's Granddaughter Anika's, husband) passed away on 12/5, visitation and viewing were on 12/15. Please remember the family during this difficult time.

***Norma Reilly** - (Sue Harris' Mother) she 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.

***Helen Stewart** - (the GoodNews Daycare's cook, Sherri Howard's, Mother) she has begun her final stages of life. Sherri is asking for prayer for her salvation and that God will have Mercy on her during these last days. She does not know the Lord at this time.

***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.

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

***Terry - UPDATE** - (Daniel Little's Father-in-Law) kidney transplant on 11/30 was successful. Was able to sit up and move around a little on 12/1. Continued prayers for no complications, or rejection of the kidney, and for complete and full recovery.

***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.

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

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

24 - No Youth Quiz Practice

24 - Christmas Eve Service - NO CHILDCARE (7p.m.)

25 - 29 - Office Closed: Merry Christmas / Happy New Year

27 - Youth & Family Christmas Party (6p.m. - 8p.m.)

31 - No Youth Quiz Practice

JANUARY

1 - Happy New Year!!

3 - No Youth Group

12 - Youth Quiz Practice (6p.m.)

13 - Youth Quiz Meet at Highland (TBD)

14 - The Annual Chili Cookoff & Children's Family Fun Time
(after the morning worship gathering)

16 - Church Board Meeting (6:30p.m.)

20 - Parents' Night Out (4p.m. - 7:30p.m.)

24 - Campos Missionaries coming (6p.m.)

24 - Children's Bible Quizzing Begins (5:30p.m. - 6:30p.m.)



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WELCOME!

December 17, 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

ADAMS VOICE CHRISTMAS CONCERT TODAY

We want to say a special welcome to all our guest today. We're so glad you've chosen to come enjoy the Christmas concert with us today. Adams Voice has shared God's love through song to many 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. We believe their music will challenge, uplift, and echo in your heart.



LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS

Sunday a.m. Discipleship	119
Sunday a.m. Worship	182
Midweek Activities	51
On-Line Views	25

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 /
Adams Voice in Concert

Wednesday

All Day Prayer and Fasting
6:00 p.m. 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
7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

Thank you for your faithful & generous giving!

Tithes & Offering

Received week of (12/10/23)	\$8,583.47
Needed Weekly	\$6,473.33
Average Giving YTD	\$6,759.45

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

CANDLE FOR NEW LIVES!

A Candle has been lit and placed on the table this morning to celebrate the 3 new lives that have been started with Jesus Christ as their personal Savior this past week.

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

Finishing next week. 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.



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE - Next Sunday, Dec. 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.**



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.

VISIT THE CONNECTION CENTER NEXT SUNDAY

In order to better connect with those who are relatively new here at SBFN, we're inviting anyone who has started worshipping with us recently to visit our Connection Center in the lobby next Sunday, December 24th after the Sunday morning worship gathering so you can meet and get to know the pastoral staff better. There will also 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.** We hope to see you there!

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 would like to donate a dessert for the cookoff please contact Sue Harris as well. Who is going to win the Golden Spoon award this year?



THANK YOU TO THE SBFNAZ KIDZ VOLUNTEERS!!

Thank you to our SBFNaz Kidz Volunteers!! You are appreciated! For all the adults and teens who have served during this past year, please visit the Children's Center today & next week to receive a treat. This is just a small token of our generosity for you serving in the SBFNaz Kidz Ministries. Thank you from Pastor Brenda and the CM Council.

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 7 a.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.

