# **WELCOME!**

January 28, 2024

# 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

Great Is Your Faithfulness

# WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/ **OFFERING**

I Thank God At The Cross Blessed Assurance

# MESSAGE FROM GOD'S WORD

"Then and Now: Transformational Encounters with God, Enslaved to Effusive " Luke 19:1-10 Lead Pastor, Andy Lauer

## LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS

Sunday a.m. Discipleship	95
Sunday a.m. Worship	116
Midweek Activities	41
On-Line Views	17

## SBFN MINISTRY TEAM

Lead Pastor - Andy Lauer Children's Pastor - Brenda El-Talabani Worship Pastor - Rebekah Gilbert NYI President - Megan Williamson 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
11:30 a.m.	Connection Center Open
11:30 a.m.	Youth Quiz Practice
12:00 p.m.	Church Budget Meeting
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### Wednesday

All Ďay	Prayer and Fasting
5:30 p.m.	Children's Quizzing
6:00 p.m.	WIRED Youth Group
-	Come to the Water - Rev.
	Jerry Harris
6:30 p.m.	Worship Team Rehearsal

# **Next Sunday**

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Thank you for your faithful & generous giving!

# Tithes & Offering

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Received week of	(1/21/24)	\$5,268.00
Needed Weekly		\$6,473.33
Average Giving YTD		\$6,649.27

# January Missional Giving

World Évangelism Fund	\$1,500.70
Child Sponsorship	\$30.00

# Church Building & Facilities

Mortgage Balance	\$594,031.85

# **UPCOMING EVENTS & INFORMATION**

#### **CURRENT SERMON SERIES**

Join us the next several weeks as Pastor Andy continues his sermon series titled, "Then and Now: Transformational Encounters with God." We will be looking at examples in the Bible of how God revolutionized the lives of lost and broken and sometimes prideful people and set them on a rich and rewarding life with Him. We will study to see what we can learn and apply to our lives as we seek to live for and honor God, experiencing all that He wants for us.

#### **VISIT THE CONNECTION CENTER TODAY!**

In order to better connect with those who are relatively new to SBFN, we're inviting anyone who has started worshiping with us recently to visit our new Connection Center today after the morning Worship time 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 meet you there after the service

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

This weeks "Come to the Water" Mid - Week Worship Services will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 31st. This Service will be lead by Rev. Jerry Harris.

#### SBFNaz KIDZ QUIZZING HAS BEGUN

Just a reminder that SBFNaz Kidz Bible Quizzing has begun and will continue every Wednesday from now until March 27th. This is for children in grades 1st - 5th. They start the evening out with some gym time at 5:30 p.m., and dismiss Promptly at 6:30 p.m. Parent's please remember to pick up a calendar at the Children's Welcome Desk. If vou have questions see Pastor Brenda El-Talabani.

### **YOUTH QUIZ MEET - Saturday, Feb. 10th**

On Saturday, February 10th the youth will be having a District Bible Quiz Meet at Winamac Nazarene. Parents, please check with Megan Williamson about arrangements so that your teen can be ready for the meet.



### PARENTS' DAY OUT - Saturday, February 24th

Parents' Day Out is Saturday, February 24th from 4 p.m. -7:30 p.m. This is for families that currently have infants to 5th grade aged children. We do also ask families who participate in this to schedule and help with childcare as well. The schedule is on a rotating basis with all families participating. Parents providing childcare will need to fill out some necessary paperwork, please see Karen Greer.

#### **DISTRICT CELEBRATE LIFE - March 2nd**

Students in grades 7th - 12th are encouraged to attend the District Celebrate Life on March 2nd at Valparaiso Nazarene CotN. The District Celebrate Life event allows students to showcase a specific talent that they have, and/ or they can participate in an athletic event of their choosing



with other students from our District. Registration is now open and is completely online. To register go to: nwinnyi.org/celebratelife and register now. See Megan Williamson if you have any questions.

#### **WELCOME TEAM - SERVICE OPPORTUNITY**

At SBFN, we believe strongly in the importance of welcoming the guests God sends our way. We have some great opportunities for you to help with that each week from being a greeter at the door, helping at the Welcome Center. It doesn't take much time but could make an eternity's difference. If you would say "Yes! I want to welcome others in Jesus' name!" please fill out a WELCOME TEAM vellow connection card, write Welcome on it, and turn it in today, or contact Sandy Williams at 574-532-2438.



#### A1S1: ATTEND 1, SERVE 1

SBFN has many opportunities to grow and be discipled. We also have many opportunities to grow and serve. Our hope is that each person who calls this his or her church home would find one of both - attend one



discipleship opportunity and serve during one. We believe it's part of fulfilling our calling. If you're not already participating in discipleship or actively serving in a particular area, please prayerfully consider where you can start doing so.

#### **READ THE ENTIRE BIBLE THIS YEAR**

It's not too late! Bible reading plans are available at the Welcome Center for you to take home and follow throughout the year. Each plan lists the scriptures for each day in chronological order as they happened in biblical history. Why not make a commitment to start reading through the Bible and discover a unique perspective through the Bible's own chronology? God says of His word, "I send it out, and it always produces fruit. It shall accomplish

all I want it to and prosper everywhere I send it" (Isaiah 55:11). Allow God to produce His fruit in you this year.

#### WANT A CALL OR VISIT FROM A PASTOR?

If you'd like a call or to visit one of the pastors, fill out a yellow connection card with your information, & write which pastor you'd like to see. They will be happy to get in contact with you.

# 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)

\*Charlotte Staubs - URGENT prayer request (not Charlotte, Rev. Louis, or Jai'Lvnn) but for a close member of their family.

\*Rev. Bruce Snyder - (Scott Snyder's Uncle) passed away on 1/24, please pray for Scott and his family as they all travel to Toledo today to say their final goodbyes. Also, pray as this is another matriarch in the Snyder family that they have lost that will be greatly missed.

\*Patty Wilborn - (David Kennel's sister) was transferred to hospice on 1/26. Everything has been stopped and are keeping her comfortable. She said before going unresponsive that she is ready to go home to meet her Lord. Pray for God's mercy on Patty, and for peace for the family as they wait on God and his timing.

\*Mike Price - has not been feeling well. Pravers he will start feeling better soon.

\*Virginia Zigler - prayers for health mentally & physically. \*Tommy - (Glenda Price's brother) was taken to the hospital on 1/23 due to he couldn't see out of one eve. Doctors say he has blood behind his eye and will need surgery. He is diabetic, prayers for that surgery to be scheduled sooner than later and that he will come through okav.

\*Lova Medich Family - Lova Medich is a long time member here at SBFN. Her daughter Stephanie Christmas called to let us all know that she passed away a couple of weeks ago. Stephanie, Shellie Medich, and her son Andrew Medich all wanted to say how much they appreciated the love and support the SBFN family always gave Lova when she was able to attend here. They have also asked that we pray for them and the rest of the family during this difficult time. Stephanie asked if you have any further questions to please contact her at 334-728-4663.

\*Dick Hesser - (Darleen Minix's father) diagnosed with fast growing liver cancer.

\*Maxine - (Jim Gilbert's sister) passed away this past week. Prayers for the family during this difficult time

\*Marla - (Adelaide Blume's sister) - asking for prayer for her sister that is dealing with a broken neck.

# SBFN INFORMATION

#### SBFN ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE

You can give from anywhere using your desktop, laptop, or smart phone. You have options to make a one-time gift, or a recurring gift such as weekly, monthly, every two weeks,

or twice a month. You can also link the online giving account to your bank account, or debit or credit card. From vour smartphone camera, scan QR Code provided, and it



will take you straight to the online giving website. From your laptop or desktop you can simply go to the online giving option on our church's webpage and sign up there. Go to: www.sbfnaz.org, choose About SBFN, Online Giving from the scroll down box, then proceed from there.

## SBFN CONNECTION BOXES

We want to hear from you. In order to better do that, we have Connection boxes throughout the building. Please place your Connection Cards/Prayer Cards in these boxes.



#### **SBFN WEBSITE**



Have you visited the SBFN website since it has been redone? It's a great resource for vou. your family, and your friends to discover more about our church, our beliefs, and what's going on weekly. Check it out and share it at www.sbfnaz.org.

# A QUICK VIEW OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

#### January

31 - Children's Bible Quizzing has begun (Every Wednesday - 5:30p.m. - 6:30p.m.)

# **February - Election Month**

10 - Youth Quiz Meet in Winamac

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

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

## **March - Crisis Care Kits**

2 - Youth District Celebrate Life

6 - CM Bible Games & Fun Activities (6:30 p.m. -

7:30 p.m., Infants - 5th graders)

8 & 9 - Youth Quiz Final in Lafayette









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