

WELCOME!
February 18, 2024
ALABASTER MONTH

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.*

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TODAY'S WORSHIP GATHERING

Our God Saves

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/OFFERING

*Your Mercy
 Here For You
 Hallelujah! What A Savior!*

MESSAGE FROM GOD'S WORD

*"Then and Now: Transformational Encounters with God: Incredible Elite to Sincere Disciple"
 John 3:1-21; 19:38-42
 Lead Pastor, Andy Lauer*

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS

Sunday a.m. Discipleship	111
Sunday a.m. Worship	153
Midweek Activities	69
On-Line Views	18

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. Youth Quiz Practice
Tuesday	6:00 p.m. Ladies' Night Out
Wednesday	All Day Prayer and Fasting 5:30 p.m. Children's Quizzing 6:00 p.m. WIRED Youth Group Come to the Water - Bill Walsh Worship Team Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.
Thursday	6:00 p.m. Quilting Group 7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball
Saturday	4:00 p.m. Parents' Night Out
Next Sunday	8-11:15 a.m. Annual Leadership Election 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 / Annual Leadership Elections 11:30 a.m. Youth Quiz Practice for

 Thank you for your faithful & generous giving!

Tithes & Offering

Received week of	(2/11/24)	\$6,632.90
Needed Weekly		\$6,473.33
Average Giving YTD		\$6,898.29

January Missional Giving

World Evangelism Fund	\$2,044.91
Child Sponsorship	\$30.00

Church Building & Facilities

Mortgage Balance	\$590,212.70
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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.

FEBRUARY NMI REMINDER - ALABASTER BOXES

Our Alabaster offering happens once a year and supports the building of churches, orphanages, hospitals and more around the world. The offering takes place in the fall, and we encourage you to pick up a box at the Alabaster display in the lobby to use to collect your loose change until then. Thank you for supporting missionary work through this special offering.



LADIES' NIGHT OUT - Tuesday, February 20

Our First Ladies' Night Out will be THIS Tuesday, February 20th. We will meet at Olive Garden, located at 6410 Grape Rd. in Mishawaka (right across from the U.P. Mall). We'll meet at 6:00 p.m., reservation will have already been made prior to us arriving. So if you plan to attend please fill out a yellow connection card with your name and



how many will be attending and place the cards in the offering plate or in one of the connection boxes TODAY, if you haven't already. Remember to invite a friend or two to come with you to meet some of the SBFN ladies. Can't wait to see you there.

"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, February 22nd. The Service will be lead by Bill Walsh.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT - Saturday, February 24th

Parents' Night Out is THIS Saturday, February 24th from 4p.m. - 7:30 p.m. This is for families that currently have infants - 5th grade-aged children. We 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 the required information. Please see Karen Greer for the necessary paperwork.



ANNUAL LEADERSHIP ELECTION - Sun., Feb. 25th

If you are a **SBFN member and are at least 15 years old**

we will be having our **Annual Leadership Elections, next Sunday** during the morning worship hour. If you received a letter and were asked to serve on the Church Board this year or as a Delegate to the District Assembly please



make sure to call the church office (574-272-6466) by this Wednesday and let Carole know what your intentions are so she can have the ballots ready for next Sunday. **NOTE:** if we **DO NOT** hear from you, your name **WILL** run on the ballot.

GLOBAL WEEK OF PRAYER IS Feb. 26th - March 2nd

Sunday, February 25th - March 2nd is our NMI Global Week of Prayer. Take a few moments that week to go to the NMI website (www.nazarene.org), click the bar marked "Areas of Impact" in the drop down menu, click "Prayer", scroll to the middle of that page, and you will see the daily focus'. Please pray for those needs during that week. Then, **Friday, March 2nd is our World Day of Prayer.** If you can't find any of this information call the church office (574-272-6466) and Carole will be able to help you.

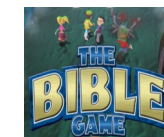
THE FORGE - SBFN MEN'S MINISTRY BIBLE STUDY

On Wednesday, March 6th, a new men's Bible study will begin at 6 p.m. All men are invited to join us as we explore from a biblical perspective the issues men face. Over 20 men are signed up already. If you're interested, please see Curt Hunt or Rick El-Talabani or fill out a yellow Connection Card and write "The Forge" on it and turn it in. **Cost for books is \$10 per person.** "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another" (Proverbs 27:10).



CHILDREN'S BIBLE GAMES & FUN ACTIVITIES

Children's Bible Games & Fun Activities is for ages 5th grade and younger. It will begin on Wednesday, March 6th - Wednesday, May 29th from 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. This session's Bible study will be "Animals of the Bible". Please register your children at the children's welcome desk. This is so we can plan the group activities according to ages of children attending. Parent's we hope that you will attend one of the Bible Studies that are being offered on Wednesday evenings while your children are making new friends, studying the Bible and enjoying fun activities. Contact Pastor Brenda (904-625-2121) if you have questions.



ATTENTION ARO WORK & WITNESS PARTICIPANTS

Everyone who's going on the ARO Work & Witness Trip this August **MUST have ALL their paperwork and initial deposit turned in to Sue Harris by TODAY.** Sue will be in the main lobby after the mornings worship hour to collect necessary paperwork and deposits. Our SBFN team of 17, still has room for 3 more participants. If you are still interested see Sue today.

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 an end to conflict and wars around the world.**

***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)

***Fischer Family** - Please pray they get settled in to their new church family, and for Shane to find a place to serve. Also, prayers for Sam to settle on his future plans, and for Ben's upcoming graduation.

***Tommy - UPDATE** - (Virginia Zigler's son) Had eye surgery on 2/12. Doctor's are hopeful he will be able to see out of his eye at least some, if not completely. Continued prayers are appreciated as he is at home and recovering.

***Kevin Zigler - UPDATE** - had surgery on 2/14 to start getting prepped for kidney dialysis which will need to start soon. Surgery went well and he is home and recovering.

***Sue** - (Jim Gilbert's sister) has passed away on 2/8. Please pray for the Gilbert Family and their extended family as well as they have now lost 2 sisters in just a very short period of time.

***Keith Conner** - (Carolyn and Darlyne's cousin-in-law) had heart bypass surgery on 2/5. All went well and as of 2/9 he has been sitting up in a chair and taking walks as much as he can. Prayers the healing process continues to go well and he can go home soon.

***Bud Williams - UPDATE** - (David Williams Father) recent scans on 2/9 show there is a mass on his neck. He will be going to the ENT specialist at the VA hospital in Madison WI. on 2/26 for a biopsy. Please continued to pray for Bud and the family as they patiently wait for answers and what the next steps may be.

***Marla - UPDATE** - (Adelaide Blume's sister) - after 6 weeks of waiting without any support, she was approved and received the necessary brace for her broken neck. She is in much discomfort, she is having headaches with it and it is causing her limited mobility. But she understands it all a process of healing and prays there is no more surgeries needed and this is all healing from here.

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

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

***Melanie Conn** - Please pray for her husband Stephen, his salvation, and for her children. Pray also for peace of mind for all the concerns and questions Melanie is having with her with her own faith as well.

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 tithe such as weekly, monthly, or twice a month.

You can also link the online giving account to your bank account or debit or credit card. From your smartphone camera, scan the 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.



SCAN ME

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 you, 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

FEBRUARY - Alabaster Emphasis

20 - Ladies Night Out @ Olive Garden (6 p.m.)

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

25 - Church Elections (during morning worship) and Youth Sunday

26 - 3/2 - Global Week of Prayer

MARCH - Crisis Care Kits Emphasis

2 - Youth District Celebrate Life

6 - Men's Bible Study (6 p.m.)

CM Bible Games & Fun Activities (6p.m. - 7:30 p.m.,
Infants - 5th grade are welcome)

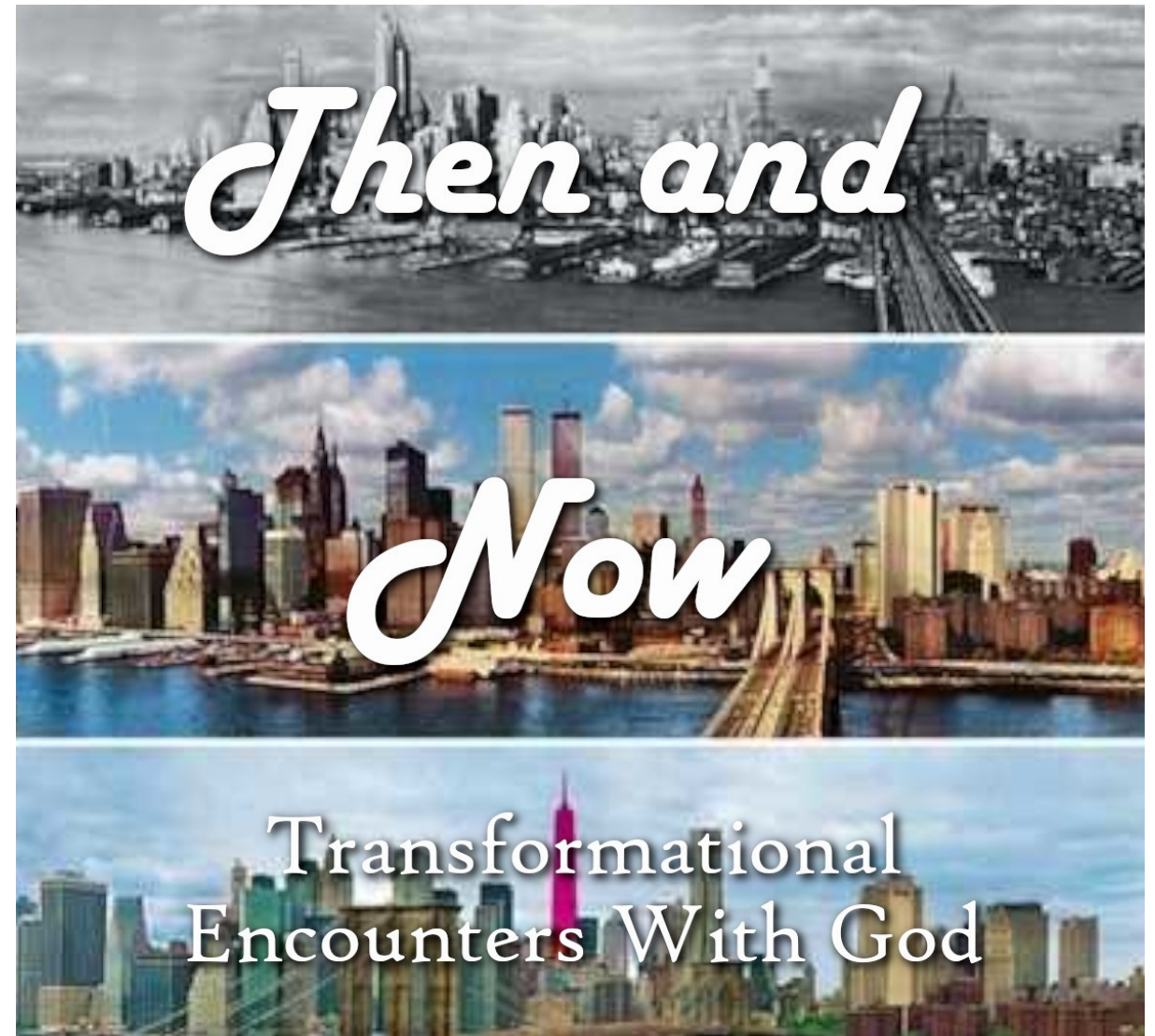
8 & 9 - Youth Quiz Final in Lafayette

10 - Daylight Savings Time Begins

24 - Children's Palm Branch March (10:15 a.m.)
Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt (11:30 a.m.)

29 - Tenebrae Service (7 p.m.)

31 - Easter Brunch (9:30 a.m.)
Easter Service (10:15 a.m.)



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