

WELCOME!

April 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.

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TODAY'S WORSHIP GATHERING

Glorious Day

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/OFFERING

My Testimony
Living Hope
Gratitude

Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

MESSAGE FROM GOD'S WORD

"Finding True Happiness Through Forgiveness"

Matthew 18:21-35

Lead Pastor, Andy Lauer

Great Things

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS

Sunday A.M. Discipleship	125
Sunday A.M. Worship	139
Midweek Activities	103
On-Line Views	12

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, Foundations & Adult
10:15 a.m. Morning Worship Gathering -
The Narrow - ONU Group

Monday

District Assembly

Tuesday

District Assembly

Wednesday

All Day Prayer and Fasting
11:00 a.m. Ladies Crafts
6:00 p.m. Children's Ministries Activities
WIRED - Youth Ministries
The Forge - Men's Group
She Soars - Women's Group
Come to the Water
Worship Practice

Thursday

6:00 p.m. Quilting Group
7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

Next Sunday

Happy Mother's Day

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, Foundations & Adult
10:15 a.m. Morning Worship Gathering
11:30 a.m. Baptism Class
2:00 p.m. Naomi Lauer Grad. Party

Thank you for your faithful & generous giving!

Tithes & Offering

Received week of	(4/21/24)	\$6,856.11
Needed Weekly		\$6,765.85
Average Giving YTD		\$7,512.20

March Missional Giving

World Evangelism Fund		\$1,960.29
Child Sponsorship		\$30.00

Church Building & Facilities

Mortgage Balance		\$566,643.21
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UPCOMING EVENTS & INFORMATION

SPECIAL MUSIC TODAY WITH "THE NARROW"

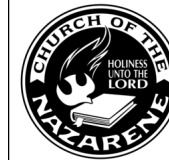
Join us today as the music ministry group "The Narrow" from Olivet Nazarene University will be leading us in worship. The Narrow travels and leads worship at churches, camps, and retreats as well as ONU chapel services throughout the year. You don't want to miss it!

SERMON SERIES: FINDING TRUE HAPPINESS

Companies spend billions in advertising to try to convince us that their products will make us happy. Podcasters, "influencers", and religious gurus claim to have the secret to happiness. But as so many have already discovered, true happiness is elusive...unless you know the Source of true happiness. Join us the next few weeks as we continue to explore what the Bible has to say about discovering true happiness in our lives.

UPCOMING DISTRICT ASSEMBLY/NMI CONVENTION

The Delegates from the entire NWIN District will be gathering for the **Annual District Assembly and NMI Convention Monday, April 29th & Tuesday, April 30th at Valparaiso Nazarene (located at 2702 E. Glendale Blvd., Valparaiso, IN.)** This is a time for delegates from churches all across our district to come together and



vote on officers and ballot initiatives as they affect the district. We will be celebrating all that God is doing across NWIN District as well as getting to know other churches from the district. Please pray for our SBFN delegates during these days.

BAPTISM CLASS - Next Sunday, May 5th

In Matthew 28:19 Jesus instructed that His followers should be baptized. Simply put, undergoing baptism is something a person does to indicate that he or she is a follower of Jesus Christ - dying to their former way of life, with all its sin and selfishness, and being raised up again into a new life with Christ. If you're a follower of Jesus but have never been baptized, this is your opportunity to publicly proclaim your life in Jesus. Whether you are sure you want to be baptized, or simply want to learn more about it, **join the Adult or Children's classes that are available next Sunday, May 5th.** The Children's class will be during the children's 9 a.m. hour upstairs with Pastor Brenda. While the Adult class will be following the morning worship time in Pastor Andy's office. **Then the baptism service will be on Sunday, May 12th (Mother's Day) during the morning worship time.** If you wish to be baptized, you must go through the class.



HAVE A GRADUATION TO ANNOUNCE?

We are so proud of all of our graduates! Please contact the church office if you have a student (high school or college) whose graduation party you would like announced in the bulletin. If we do not hear from you, we will not be able to post the information. Thank you!

UPCOMING GRADUATION PARTIES:

***Naomi Lauer** - next Sunday, May 5th, from 2 - 5 p.m., here at SBFN.

DISCOVERING SBFN: MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Membership is an exciting opportunity to become a part of all that God is doing through ministry here at SBFN. If you have ever thought about being a member here at SBFN now you have an opportunity to learn more during our "Discovering SBFN" membership class on **Sunday, May 26th after the morning worship gathering, from noon - 3 p.m., in room FC107 in the gym.** Want to know more about the mission and ministry of SBFN? This is your opportunity to do that and explore membership without having to make a commitment until you're ready to do so. ***NO CHILDCARE AVAILABLE***



LADIES SAVE THE DATE!!

Ladies, remember to keep these 6 weeks open on your calendar! **Beginning Wednesday, May 1st**, and going through Wednesday, June 12th Barb Motuelle will be leading a 6 - week Bible Study titled **"12 Ordinary Men"**. The Bible Study will begin promptly at 6 p.m. and end at 8:00 p.m. We will meet here at SBFN in class room **WC117**, which is our Ambassadors class room. All Ladies are welcome. If you do plan to attend or have any questions, please fill out a yellow connection card with your name and phone number on it and drop it in either the offering plate or one of the connection boxes and Barb will get back to you ASAP. Or you can contact her at 269-362-5567.



THE KIDS STORE NEEDS YOUR DONATIONS!!

The Kids Store is in need of children's toys. We need toys for both our boys and girls. The toys need to be for children ages 3 yrs. old through elementary age. We appreciate any new or gently used toys that are donated. The toys only need to be a few dollars in price, nothing super expensive, but if the toy needs batteries, please include the batteries. You may bring the item to the church office during office hours, or bring them to church on Sunday mornings and hand them to Pastor Brenda. The kids really do enjoy using their Naz Bucks they earn, so please help restock our shelves. Thank 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 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)

***Russell** - (Evelyn Lowrance's, great grandson) was rushed back to the Emergency Room on 4/21. Due to becoming very lethargic and he had a severe rash.

***Carol Weaver** - (Kim Hengert's Mom) passed peacefully on 4/19, funeral was on 4/26. Continued prayers for the family during this difficult time are greatly appreciated.

***Mary Paulus - UPDATE** - was released from Creekside Village on 4/27. Prayers she will continue to do all of what is needed to continue to get better at home. Prayers also for Bill and the kids as they try and encourage Mary to continue her rehab. at home.

***Travis Snyder** - (son of Scott & Carole Snyder, 30 yrs old) admitted to NJ hospital w/stroke symptoms, doctors had to administered TPA for the symptoms. Once all test were ran and back the stroke was ruled out, as well as he was not having a flare up of his reoccurring MS. Doctors believe he had some sort of seizure that has caused paralysis on his left side. He hasn't regained all movement so will be going to physical therapy once released from hospital. Please pray for him during this time, and for Scott & Carole as they are so far away from him and it's so hard for them all when he's so sick.

***Ed** - (friend of Darilyne & Carolyne) has been put in hospice care at Brickyard Fountainview. Prayers for God's will over him at this time.

***Bud Williams - UPDATE** - (David Williams Dad) cancer, continued health concerns. Please continue to pray for Bud, Lea, and the William's family.

***Audrey Fay Martin** - (Dana Keeton's Mom) passed away on 4/4. Continued prayers for the family during this difficult time appreciated.

***Jason & Virginia Pease** - prayers for their children that they would accept Jesus Christ as their personal Lord & Savior, and develop a personal relationship with him.

***Tracy Paulus** - (Bill and Mary Paulus' daughter-in-law) had heart oblation surgery on 4/3, surgery went well. Prayers during recovery.

***Dick Hesser** - (Darleen Minix's father) Has liver cancer. Has begun radiation treatments. Doctor's are hopeful they will be able to shrink cancer and maintain it. Thank you for all the continued prayers.

***Mary Nafrady** - health concerns.

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

APRIL

29 & 30 - District Assembly @ Valparaiso Naz.

MAY

- 5** - Children's Baptism Class (9 a.m.)
Baptism Class (after morning worship)
Naomi Lauer's Grad. Party (2 - 5p.m. @ SBFN)
- 12** - Mother's Day - Baptism Service
- 14** - Church Board Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
- 16 - 18** - NYI Regional Celebrate Life @ ONU
- 18** - Parents' Night Out (4 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.)
- 26** - Discovering SBFN: Membership Class

June

- 2** - Children's Promotion Sunday (10:15 a.m.)
Youth Welcome Party (5 p.m.)
- 5** - Youth **SERVE** begins



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