

# WELCOME! April 7, 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**

*How Can I Keep From Singing*

### **WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/ OFFERING**

*Build My Life  
Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Hymnal #44)  
Graves Into Gardens*

### **MESSAGE FROM GOD'S WORD**

*"Finding True Happiness: Dispositions  
of Happiness"  
Matthew 5:1-12  
Andy Lauer, Lead Pastor*

### **LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS**

Easter Morning Brunch	167
Easter Morning Worship	184
Midweek Activities	80
On-Line Views	9

### **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

### **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 Ministry  
She Soars - Women's  
Ministry  
Come to the Water  
Worship Practice

### **Thursday**

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

### **Saturday**

5:30 p.m. Around the World Dinner  
7:00 p.m. Brian Utter - Missions Service  
in the Sanctuary

### **Next Sunday**

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Guest Speaker Brian Utter

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*Thank you for your faithful & generous giving!*

### **Tithes & Offering**

Received week of	(3/31/24)	\$7,631.21
Needed Weekly		\$6,765.85
Average Giving YTD		\$7,413.64

### **February Missional Giving**

World Evangelism Fund	\$1,616,351
Child Sponsorship	\$30.00

## **UPCOMING EVENTS & INFORMATION**

### **NEW 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 explore what in the Bible has to say about discovering true happiness in our lives.

### **CANDLE FOR A NEW LIFE!!**

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

### **FOUNDATIONS CLASS BEGINS TODAY**

Have you just started attending SBFN? Are you interested in learning about the basics of Christianity? Or maybe you have just become a new believer and need a group that will help you grow? If any of these are you the **NEW Foundations Class** is for you! The class began today during the S.S./Discipleship hour and meets for the next several weeks back in class room **FC102** (which is back in the gym, right next to the Ambassador ABF class room). Anyone is welcome to join, and if you missed this week, no worries, just come next Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. ready to learn. Teachers for the class are Pastor Rick El-Talabani and Dean Cates.



### **FAITH PROMISE WEEKEND - April 13th & April 14th**

This year's Faith Promise weekend is set for Saturday, April 13th, & Sunday, April 14th. Brian Utter, the Global Coordinator for World Mission Radio, will be sharing with us how we are partnering through our missional giving to spread the Gospel through digital media. On Saturday, April 13th at 5:30 p.m. we will begin with an "Around the World" Dinner. **Tickets for the dinner will go on sale next Sunday, April 7th.** Then on Sunday, April 14th, Brian Utter will share about World Mission Radio, during our morning worship time.



### **PARENTS' NIGHT OUT - Saturday, April 27th**

Parents' Night Out is for parents of infants - 5th graders. The hope is that this will allow you a few hours of time to spend together or maybe getting some needed errands done kid-free. We ask families that participate in this Parents' Night Out to also schedule to help with childcare during one of the weeks as well. The schedule is on a rotating basis with all participating families. To participate, You will need to fill out some paperwork prior to your first time participating. Any questions please see Karen Greer.

### **UPCOMING DISTRICT ASSEMBLY /NMI CONVENTION**

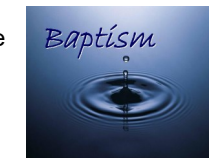
The Delegates from the entire NWIN District will be gathering for the **Annual District Assembly and NMI Convention Monday, April 29th & Tuesday, April 30th at Valparaiso Nazarene (located at 2702 E. Glendale Blvd., Valparaiso, IN.)**. This is a time for delegates from



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 - Sunday, May 5**

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 us Sunday, May 5th after the morning worship time in Pastor Andy's office.** Parents, if this is something that your child is interested in, please let Pastor Brenda know. The baptism service will be **Sunday, May 12th (Mother's Day) during the morning worship time.** If you wish to be baptized, you must go through the class.



### **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 - 3:00 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 PROVIDED\***



### **A1S1: ATTEND 1, SERVE 1**

SBFN has many opportunities to grow and be disciplined. 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 haven't plugged into one of each already, please prayerfully consider doing so soon.

## 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)

- \***Audrey Fay Martin** - (Dana Keeton's Mom) passed away on 4/4. Continued prayers for the family during this difficult time appreciated.
- \***Russell** - (Evelyn Lowrance's, great grandson) has lead poisoning from painted walls in their house. There is a treatment, but doctors aren't sure if Russell's kidneys can handle it due to him being so fragile already. He has been admitted at Memorial Hospital.
- \***Sarah Fischer** - was admitted to Memorial Hospital with 104.3 fever, extreme body aches, and an elevated heart rate that would not come down on it's own. Diagnosis was strep. Doctor's admitted to be able to watch her and get things under control. She appreciates everyone's prayers.
- \***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 ablation surgery on 4/3, surgery went well. Prayers during recovery.
- \***Bill Walsh - PRAISE** - was sent home to continue healing there. Continued prayers are appreciated.
- \***Mary Paulus - UPDATE** - moved to Creekside Village for rehab. She is in room 112. Will be there at least 1-2 weeks. Prayers for Mary that she will do what is needed so she can be released to go home. Prayers for Bill as he is traveling back and forth to be with Mary.
- \***Zigler Family** - the family has had several tragedies the past few weeks. Prayers are requested for the entire Zigler family. There's been a suicide, loss of an unborn baby boy, and Kevin and Virginia were in an accident that totaled the car. Please pray for protect over them, & peace for the family.
- \***Carolynne Wallace Mother-in-Law** - she's 100 and in the hospital for the 2nd time this month with congestive heart failure and other health concerns. Please pray for health improvements and a peaceful spirit. She says she's not afraid to die, she knows she will go to the Lord when it's her time, but she's not ready to leave her family yet.

## 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](http://www.sbfnaz.org), choose About SBFN, Online Giving from the scroll down box, then proceed from there.



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### 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](http://www.sbfnaz.org).

### A QUICK VIEW OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

#### APRIL

- 7 - Foundations Class Begins in room FC102 (9 a.m.)
- 13 & 14 - Faith Promise Weekend w/Brian Utter
- 16 - Board Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
- 27 - Parents' Night Out (4 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.)
- 28 - The Narrow - ONU Worship Group (10:15 a.m.)
- 29 & 30 - District Assembly @ Valparaiso Naz.

#### MAY

- 5 - Baptism Class (after morning worship gathering)
- 5 - Naomi Lauer's Grad. Party (2 - 5 p.m. @SBFN)
- 12 - Baptism Service
- 16 - 18 - NYI Regional Celebrate Life @ ONU
- 18 - Parent's Night Out (4 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.)
- 26 - Discovering SBFN: Membership Class



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