

WELCOME! August 25, 2024

**We're so glad you worshiped with us today!
Our prayer is that you would know and embrace
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

Take You At Your Word

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/ OFFERING

Alive
You Alone Can Rescue
Just As I Am

MESSAGE FROM GOD'S WORD

Letters for Tough Times: Holy People, Holy Lives
1 Peter 1:13-25; 2 Peter 1:3-9
Lead Pastor, Andy Lauer

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS

Sunday A.M. Discipleship	99
Sunday A.M. Worship	145
Midweek Activities	42
On-Line Views	20

SBFN MINISTRY TEAM

Lead Pastor - Andy Lauer
Children's Pastor - Brenda El-Talabani
Worship Pastor - Rebekah Gilbert
Missions Director - Sue Harris
Office Administrator - Carole Snyder
(Office Hours: Monday & Wednesday: 8:30-4:30, Friday: 8:30-Noon)

THIS WEEK AT SBFN

Today Sunday	Wear A Name Tag
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

Wednesday	
All Day	Prayer and Fasting
11:00 a.m.	Ladies' Crafts
6:00 p.m.	Worship Practice

Next Sunday	
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**Thank you for your faithful & generous
giving!**

Tithes & Offering	
Received week of (8/18/24)	\$5,733.20
Needed Weekly	\$6,765.85
Average Giving YTD	\$7,487.54

July Missional Giving	
World Evangelism Fund	\$1,746.61
Child Sponsorship	\$30.00

Church Building & Facilities	
Mortgage Balance	\$548,761.66

UPCOMING EVENTS & INFORMATION

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 worshipping with us recently to visit our 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 is available every 4th Sunday of each month.** Hope to meet you there after the service today!

WEAR A NAME TAG: MAKE A FRIEND!

Our SBFN family is growing fast, and there are many new faces, and it may be a challenge remembering everyone's name each week. So a fun and easy way to help us all get to know each other better is through wearing name tags. With every fourth Sunday being Connection Sunday, we have decided that every fourth Sunday will also be "Wear a Name Tag Sunday" as well. We'd love if you would wear the name tag today so we can know who you are in our expanding family.



SBFN MINISTRIES FAIR - Sunday, September 8th

If you lead a ministry at SBFN, this is a reminder about the annual Ministries Fair coming up on Sunday, September 8th. Take your photos, encourage volunteers - begin planning now how you will advertise your ministry at the Ministry Fair so that others can learn about it and join you!



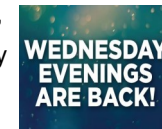
BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY - Sunday, September, 8th

On Sunday, September 8th we have a special day planned here at SBFN. Plan to invite your friends and family to join you in worship, or reach out to those you haven't seen for a while and invite them "Back to Church!" There are several things planned for this day. First we will all enjoy some coffee and donuts, then we will hear a special sermon from Lead Pastor Andy Lauer, and then a personal testimony will be shared by one of our SBFN family members. After the worship gathering, everyone can enjoy a fun walk around the foyer to see all the exciting ministries available here at SBFN as we enjoy our annual SBFN Ministries Fair. So start inviting your friends and family and be ready to bring them "BACK TO CHURCH!"

ALL WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES BEGIN VERY SOON

Beginning **Wednesday, September 11th, at 6:00 p.m.** all Wednesday evening activities begin again and they will run through Wednesday, November 20th. This provided list is who's groups are beginning on 9/11. Children's Bible Time for ages 3 years - kindergarten, Students grades 1st - 5th you will be Jr. Assistants - you will be learning how to serve here at the church, and the Toddler's will have care

provided for them during this time as well, but there will be **NO** nursery care provided during this time. Also, our Youth will have WIRED - Youth Group, and our older Adults will begin "Come to the Water" meetings again. Men's and Women's Study Groups information will be coming soon. If you have questions contact the church office at 574-272-6466.



PARENTS' NIGHT OUT - Saturday, September 28th

Parents' Night Out is Saturday, September 28th from 4 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. This is for families that have 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(s)-free. We do ask families that participate in this Parents' Night Out to also schedule to help with a Parents' Night Out childcare time as well. The schedule is on a rotating basis with all participating families. Additionally, to be able to participate, parents need to fill out some necessary paperwork PRIOR to your first time participating. Any questions contact Karen Greer at 419-604-0031.



ALABASTER'S 75th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

This year's Alabaster Celebration will be on Sunday, September 29th during the Morning Worship hour. We plan to have everyone bring their alabaster boxes to church and we will do our Annual Alabaster March to put our loose change in the Large Alabaster Box at the front of the sanctuary. Our hope is that you have already started filling these alabaster boxes with your loose change. If not start now and be ready to march with your children. If you have a full box and need another one just see one of the NMI team members; they will be glad to get that for you. What is Alabaster Offering, you ask? Alabaster Offerings are monetary donations that go directly to the construction of ministry facilities across the globe - such as hospitals, schools, orphanages, and churches. **The existing missions structure allows for 100% to be used in the projects that are started by missionaries and by local church congregations.**



HELP!! OUR WORSHIP TEAM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The Worship/Media Team is seeking volunteers to operate the Sunday morning slides and video camera. Join this vital ministry and help us lead our congregation in praise and worship. Training is provided! Please see Pastor Rebekah with questions and interest.

THANK YOU SBFN!!

Thanks to the generosity of SBFN last week we were able to deliver 42 Crisis Care Kits to the Fawn Grove Compassion Center in Lylesville, MD. This is in addition to the six CCK's taken to District Assembly in April. God is working through His people - all glory to God!



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 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)

***Evelyn Lowrance** - her and her daughter have COVID, please pray for a quick recovery for them. Pray for protection for the rest of the family as well.

***Sandy Williams** - Unspoken prayer request.

***Jeanette** - (Liz Radabaugh sister who live in CO.) just found out she has a tumor near her heart. Doctors are running tests, surgery is questionable, may not be a possibility.

***Cheryl Milligan - PRAISE** - recent testing shows **NO NEW** fibrosis in the lungs, ***PRAYER REQUEST:** for successful cataract surgery on 9/3 and 9/17.

***Cherie Thompson - UPDATE** - fell getting into bed on 8/16, and hit her back, her side and arm on the night stand. Possibly could have broken a rib, in a lot of pain. Doctors prescribed her some pain meds but they affected her adversely so she quit taking them. So again the pain is extreme. She is also still trying to heal from her recent stroke. Please continue to pray for her and the family.

***Sue Harris - UPDATE** - Home and recovering from recent broken hip.

***Kevin Zigler - UPDATE** - on dialysis during the night. .

***Darilyne Tingle - UPDATE** - has Benign Positional Vertigo. Home and doing well.

***Jim Gilbert - UPDATE** - Feeling much better and received promising reports from his cardiologist. Thank you for your prayers!

***Visal & Marie Cole - PRAISE/PRAYER** - a vehicle has been purchased & shipped to Nigeria, all costs were paid by our generous deputation offerings here in the U.S. PRAISE THE LORD!! Continued prayers that the final donations will arrive to pay the \$4250 in custom fees. Thank you for all your prayers and generosity!

***Sue Kelly** - health concerns, prayers they will get better as they are keeping her from being able to come to church regularly.

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

AUGUST

29 - Men's Basketball / Ladies Quilting (6:30 p.m.)

SEPTEMBER

2 - Labor Day - **Office Closed**

5 - Men's Basketball / Ladies Quilting (6:30 p.m.)

8 - Back-To-Church Sunday (10:15 a.m.)

--Ministry Fair (after 10:15 a.m. Worship gathering)

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

11 - All Wednesday Evening Activities begin & run thru 11/20/24

12 - Men's Basketball / Ladies Quilting (6:30 p.m.)

20 - Hannah's House BBQ (see a NMI Team member)

28 - Parents' Night Out (4 p.m.)

29 - Alabaster's 75th Anniversary Celebration (10:15 a.m.)

--Youth Carnival Fundraiser

October

5 - CM Touch - A - Truck (10 a.m.)



Letters for Tough Times ~ 1 & 2 Peter

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