

WELCOME!

September 1, 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.

*Need Internet? SBFN Guest Password:

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TODAY'S WORSHIP GATHERING

Great Things

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/ OFFERING

Jesus Messiah
Overcome
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

MESSAGE FROM GOD'S WORD
Letters for Tough Times: Built to Last
1 Peter 2:4-10
Lead Pastor, Andy Lauer

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS

Sunday A.M. Discipleship	96
Sunday A.M. Worship	136
Midweek Activities	45
On-Line Views	23

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

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 Morning Worship Gathering
10:15 a.m.	

Monday

Church Office Closed

Wednesday

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

Next Sunday

8-11:15 a.m.	Back To Church Sunday
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10:15 a.m.	
10:15 a.m.	SBFN Ministries Fair

Thank you for your faithful & generous giving!

Tithes & Offering

Received week of	(8/25/24)	\$6,593.03
Needed Weekly		\$6,765.85
Average Giving YTD		\$7,453.14

July Missional Giving

World Evangelism Fund	\$1,746.61
Child Sponsorship	\$30.00

Church Building & Facilities

Mortgage Balance	\$548,761.66
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UPCOMING EVENTS & INFORMATION

SBFN OFFICE IS CLOSED

Our Church Offices will be closed this Monday, September 2nd, for the Labor Day Holiday. Take time out of your day today to acknowledge the contributions and achievements of our American workers. Also enjoy the day as you relax with your family and friends. The church office will reopen on Tuesday, September 3rd, at 8:30 a.m. Have a Blessed Labor Day!!



CHURCH BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, September 10th

Next Tuesday, September 10th at 6:30 p.m. is our next SBFN board meeting. Committee Leaders please have your reports turned in to Carole on or before Monday, September 9th at 2:30 p.m. If you need anything put on the agenda, please have that turn on or before Tuesday, September 10th at 10 a.m. to Pastor Andy. If you are unable to attend this meeting for **ANY** reason contact the church office or Pastor Andy **PRIOR** to this day.

SBFN MINISTRIES FAIR - Sunday, September 8th

If you lead a ministry at SBFN, this is a reminder about the annual Ministries Fair coming up **next Sunday, Sept. 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 will be meeting as well. 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.**



ALL CHURCH CARNIVAL - Sunday, September 29th

Step Right Up! Come One! Come All! Come to the All Church Carnival happening right here at SBFN on **Sunday, September 29th** immediately following the morning Worship gathering. Please see the insert provided inside the bulletin today for all the needed information on cost, food, games, and all the other activities that will be happening. If you have any questions call the church office at 574-272-6466 or see Curt Hunt or Megan Williamson. Ticket Pre-Sale starts today. Thank you in advance for your support for our WIRED Youth Group.

HELP!! OUR WORSHIP TEAM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

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



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)

***Cody & Megan Stone** - (Scott & Carole Snyder's son & daughter-in-law) Unspoken prayer request.

***Dean Cates Sr.** - (Dean (Jeannie) Cates Jr. Dad) has Parkinson's, was admitted to the ICU with sepsis. His prognosis is not good. Doctors aren't sure how long his will make it. Prayers for God's will during this time for Dean Sr., and prayers for the family as they try and understand this difficult and very confusing time.

***George Sherwood** - (Scott & Carole's long time family friends dad) has been in & out of the hospital with health concerns. Got COVID 2 weeks ago and now is in the hospital with kidney issues, dehydration, pneumonia, confusion. Doctors are afraid he may not make it through this so they have called in Hospice for him and the family. Please pray for Gods will for George and for peace and understanding for the family. George is a faithful Christian and is ready, if God is ready to take his home.

***Cherie Thompson - UPDATE** - continued physical & mental concerns. Please continue to pray for her and the family.

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

***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.

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

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 through 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 10:15a.m.)
-Youth Carnival Fundraiser

OCTOBER

****PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH****

- 5 - CM Touch - A - Truck (10 a.m.)
- 11 - 13 - United District Youth Fall Retreat



Letters for Tough Times ~ 1 & 2 Peter

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