

WELCOME!

September 15, 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

God So Loved

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/ OFFERING

I Am Free
Your Great Name
Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

MESSAGE FROM GOD'S WORD
"A Faith Checkup"
John 6:1-15
Pastor Ransom Ebersole

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS

Sunday A.M. Discipleship	106
Sunday A.M. Worship	152
Midweek Activities	25
On-Line Views	12

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

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

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 Grp
Come to the Water
Worship Practice

Thursday

6:30 p.m. Ladies' Quilting
Men's Basketball

Next Sunday

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Thank you for your faithful & generous giving!

Tithes & Offering

Received week of	(9/8/24)	\$6,321.01
Needed Weekly		\$6,765.85
Average Giving YTD		\$7,593.30

August Missional Giving

World Evangelism Fund	\$1,412.84
Child Sponsorship	\$30.00

Church Building & Facilities

Mortgage Balance	\$543,666.24
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UPCOMING EVENTS & INFORMATION

WEDNESDAY EVENING DISCIPLESHIP HAS BEGUN!

All of our Wednesday evening discipleship activities have begun as of last Wednesday, September 11th. These discipleship activities meet here at SBFN and begin promptly at 6:00 p.m. We will continue to meet until Wednesday, November 20th. Also, as a reminder, there is **NO NURSERY CARE** on Wednesday evenings. If you have any questions contact the church office at 574-272-6466, and we will help you contact the discipleship group that's right for you.



"COME TO THE WATER": MID - WEEK BIBLE STUDY

Do you enjoy singing, great biblical teaching, prayer, and food? Well "Come to the Water" will be hosting a Bible Study on the book of Galatians each Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. in Classroom WC117. The study began last Wednesday (9/11) and will continue through Wednesday, November 20th. Plan to come and enjoy an evening of delving into God's word together and then enjoying a time of fellowship afterwards. This week (9/18) Rev. Ransom Ebersole will be sharing our Bible Study.

NOTE: CHANGES TO ELECTRONIC GIVING

We are so thankful for the faithful stewardship of the friends and family of SBFN, including those who give tithes and offerings electronically. We want to make aware those who use our secure online giving platform that starting in November, the online giving platform will begin automatically charging the processing fee on all online tithes and offerings (approximately 3%). Prior to this, those using the giving platform had an option to voluntarily cover the processing fee themselves or to pass it along to the church to cover. This will change in November to have the user automatically cover the processing fee rather than the church. We wanted to make sure that no one was caught off guard by this change, and we thank you in advance for your understanding in this new arrangement.



VISIT THE CONNECTION CENTER NEXT SUNDAY

In order to better connect with those who are relatively new here at SBFN, we're inviting anyone who has started worshipping with us recently to visit our Connection Center in the lobby next Sunday, September 22nd after the Sunday morning worship gathering so you can meet and get to know the pastoral staff better. There will also be a few special gifts for you and an opportunity for you to choose a free discipleship resource. **The Connection Center is set up every 4th Sunday of each month.** We hope to see you there!

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT - Saturday, September 28th

Parents' Night Out is **next Saturday, Sept. 28th** from 4 - 7:30 p.m. here at SBFN. This is for families with children between the ages of infant - 5th grade. We need each participating parent to fill out some necessary paperwork.

You will be able to get that from Karen Greer, This **MUST** be filled out **PRIOR** to your or the kids come. There are also a couple of new things happening with Parents' Night Out this time around that will begin in October. We have decided that every 2nd Saturday will be Parents' Night Out for the next 6 months, also Karen will be starting a Facebook Events page for every parent to go on and mark whether or not their child(ren) will be attending that month's Parents' Night Out. If you are not sure how to get on the Facebook Events page, check with Karen Greer.

ALABASTER'S 75th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

This year's Alabaster Celebration will be on Sunday, September 29th during the Morning Worship hour. 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.** The 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 you have already started filling the 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.



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. If you have any questions call the church office at 574-272-6466 or see Curt Hunt or Megan Williamson. **Ticket Pre-Sale is happening today.** Thank you in advance for your support for our WIRED Youth Group.

TOUCH - A - TRUCK - Saturday, October 5th

The Children's Ministries will be hosting a TOUCH-A-TRUCK EVENT. Come join us Saturday, October 5 from 10:00a.m. to 1:00p.m. for a free family fun event. This event will allow children of all ages the opportunity to touch, climb, and explore construction vehicles, emergency vehicles, and so much more! Don't miss out on all the fun! (10-11 has been set aside as quiet hour - no sirens or horns for sensory sensitive children). Flyers are available at the welcome center to use to invite your friends, family and neighbors to enjoy this event with you. Contact Pastor Brenda if you have any questions.



SHOWER FOR THE LIGHTSEY BABY!

The College and Career Class is hosting a shower to welcome Daniel and Keilany Lightsey's baby, Ruth. We welcome anyone who would like to join in on this celebration to join us with lunch on Sunday, October 6th, from 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Salad bar and cake will be provided. Please RSVP to Barbie Lauer at 574-222-0640 no later than Saturday, October 5th. 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 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)

***Adelaide's Friend** - prayers for Adelaide's friend, her friend's son and daughter-in-law. They were all just told that the baby her son's wife is carrying has passed away. She was due to have the baby a week from now.

***George Scarberry** - (church member from past years) has been admitted to St. Joseph hospital with possible Liver Cancer. They did a biopsy on 9/12, waiting on results. He called Judie Ruffner requesting our prayers.

***Sandy Williams** - recovering from recent visit to ER on 9/12 for chest pains. Doctors found she has an inflamed chest wall muscle, they gave her some anti-inflammatory meds. to take and told her to rest for the next couple of days. She thanks us for our prayers, and asks for continued prayers as she heals.

***Bud Williams - UPDATE** - (David (Sandy) Williams' Dad) cancer, he's recently been diagnosed terminal, has anywhere from 6-12 months. Please lift Bud, Leah, David and the entire family up as they traverse this diagnosis and the impending journey. May it be with God's grace and mercy.

***Cheryl Milligan - UPDATE** - having her 2nd cataract surgery this Tuesday (9/17). Prayers all goes well and recovery is quick and uneventful.

***Sue & Jerry Harris** - continued health concerns for both.

***Cherie Thompson - UPDATE** - saw the Neurologist on 9/12. All is going well, and she's slowly improving from her recent stroke. Doctor wants her to start therapy, so prayers are appreciated for these upcoming weeks. We're still running tests to try and find out what caused her stroke but no conclusions yet. The family is praising the Lord for her continued healing and strength. We appreciate your continued prayers that she will get better each day as well.

OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

SBFN has been so blessed with great pastors over the past 100 years, and God continues to bless us with godly and humble pastors who serve here at SBFN. We want to remind everyone that

October is Pastor Appreciation Month.

This October (or anytime really) we want to show our entire pastoral staff how much we love them. So, for the entire month of October, we're encouraging you to do something special for the current and retired pastors listed below. We have provided a few ideas for you, or feel free to come up with your own way to say "We Appreciate You!"

Here are some ideas for you to consider:

*Take a pastor to lunch or dinner.

*Send a card or letter of appreciation.

*Buy them a small gift or gift card to their favorite store or restaurant.

*Put a little extra money in the offering and dedicate it to Pastor Appreciation.

(The church will use those funds to provide gifts to all the pastoral staff.)

*Pray for them - All Year!

Our Wonderful Pastoral Staff includes:

***Andy Lauer - Lead Pastor**

***Brenda El-Talabani - Children's Pastor**

***Rebekah Gilbert - Worship Pastor**

Also, don't forget about the retired pastors currently attending and serving here at SBFN:

***Rev. Louis Staubs**

***Rev. Ransom Ebersole**

***Rev. Jerry Harris**

***Rev. Rick El-Talabani**

Contact Sandy Williams if you have any questions.

A QUICK VIEW OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

SEPTEMBER

18 - Come to the Water - Rev. Ransom Ebersole (6 p.m.)

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

22 - Connection Center Open (after AM service)

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

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

-Youth Carnival Fundraiser (after AM service)

OCTOBER

******PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH******

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

6 - Lightsey's Baby Shower @ SBFN (12:30 - 2:30 p.m.)

11 - 13 - Youth United District Fall Retreat

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

NOVEMBER

1 - 3 - NEI Men's Retreat



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