

# WELCOME!

## September 22, 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:  
**SBFNet!10**

### TODAY'S WORSHIP GATHERING

I Thank God

### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/OFFERING

In Christ Alone  
Your Mercy  
O Praise The Name

### MESSAGE FROM GOD'S WORD

"Letter for Tough Times: Winning by Submitting"  
1 Peter 2:11 - 3:7  
Lead Pastor, Andy Lauer

### LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS

|                          |     |
|--------------------------|-----|
| Sunday A.M. Discipleship | 95  |
| Sunday A.M. Worship      | 125 |
| Midweek Activities       | 72  |
| On-Line Views            | 15  |

### 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  
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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 p.m. Connection Center Open

#### 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 - Pastor Harris  
Worship Practice

#### Thursday

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

#### Saturday

4:00 p.m. Parents' Night Out

#### Next Sunday

**ALABASTER 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  
10:15 a.m. Morning Worship Gathering /  
Alabaster March  
11:30 a.m. CERT. Team Meeting  
11:30 a.m. All Church "Youth Fundraiser  
Carnival"

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

#### Tithes & Offering

Received week of (9/15/24) \$9,316.93  
Needed Weekly \$6,765.85  
Average Giving YTD \$7,652.74

#### August Missional Giving

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

#### Church Building & Facilities

Mortgage Balance \$543,666.24

## UPCOMING EVENTS & INFORMATION

### 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.

### UPDATE REGARDING ELECTRONIC GIVING CHANGE

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 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!

### 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.



### CERT. TEAM MEETING - Sunday, September 29th

David William's, Lead of the CERT. Team would like to have a quick informational meeting following the worship gathering on Sunday, September 29th in the Boardroom. If you are a part of the CERT. Team, and are unable to attend

this meeting for any reason please contact David Williams prior to this day at 269-535-0229.

### 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 FUNDRAISER FOR YOUTH

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!



### 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.

## 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)

**\*Bud Williams - UPDATE** - (David (Sandy) Williams' Dad) cancer has been updated to terminal. Hospice has been brought in to help Leah (his wife) with basic weekly needs for Bud. Please continue to lift Bud, Leah, David and the rest of the family up as they traverse this impending journey. May it be with God's grace and mercy.

**\*Denita McCrum** - (Ruth Little's daughter) surgery on 9/19 went well. There were more concerns during the surgery than expected, but all were taken care of. Thank you for your prayers thus far, please continued to pray for quick healing and strength.

**\*Susan Lovell** - (Scott (Carole) Snyder's cousin) passed away unexpectedly on 9/6 at the age of 54 from a heart attack. Her husband Dale, 18 yr old son Dale Jr., and many, many cousins' will miss her deeply. Please pray for the family during this time.

**\*Leonard** - (Janet Pease's brother-in-law) his home caught fire on 9/3, it destroyed everything. Please pray for him at this difficult time.

**\*Julie** - (Roberta Mohler's daughter) admitted to Memorial hospital on 9/15 due to not being able to keep any food or water down.

**\*Adelaide's Friend** - prayers for Adelaide's friend, her friend's son and daughter-in-law. They baby her friend's, 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.

## 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

**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

\*\*CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PRACTICES BEGIN\*\*

**1 - 3** - NEI Men's Retreat



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