

WELCOME!

September 29, 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

This Is Amazing Grace

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/OFFERING

At Your Name
Great Is Your Faithfulness
Holy Forever

MESSAGE FROM GOD'S WORD

"Letter for Tough Times: When Doing Good Hurts"
1 Peter 3:8 - 4:19
Lead Pastor, Andy Lauer

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS

Sunday A.M. Discipleship	115
Sunday A.M. Worship	144
Midweek Activities	81
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	ALABASTER SUNDAY
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 / Alabaster March
11:30 a.m.	CERT Team Meeting
11:30 a.m.	All Church "Youth Fundraiser Carnival"

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
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Saturday	10:00 a.m. Touch - A - Truck Event
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	12:30 p.m. Baby Shower for Lightsey Baby

Thank you for your faithful & generous giving!

Tithes & Offering			
Received week of	(9/22/24)	\$6,422.21	
Needed Weekly		\$6,765.85	
Average Giving YTD		\$7,611.72	

August Missional Giving			
World Evangelism Fund		\$1,412.84	
Child Sponsorship		\$30.00	

Church Building & Facilities			
Mortgage Balance		\$543,666.24	

UPCOMING EVENTS & INFORMATION

ALABASTER'S 75th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

This year's Alabaster Celebration is **TODAY** 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. We look forward to marching with today!**

ALL CHURCH CARNIVAL FUNDRAISER TODAY

Step Right Up! Come One! Come All! Come to the All Church Carnival happening right here at SBFN **TODAY** immediately following the morning worship gathering. If you have any questions see Curt Hunt or Megan Williamson. **Ticket available at the door.** Thank you in advance for your support for our WIRED Youth Group.

CERT TEAM MEETING TODAY

David Williams, Lead of the CERT Team would like to have a quick informational meeting **TODAY** following the morning worship gathering. If you received an email reminder of this meeting, or you are part of the CERT Team, please meet in the Boardroom (Room WC111). If you're unable to attend the meeting for any reason, please contact David Williams at 269-535-0229 for any information he may need to give you. Thank you.

TOUCH - A - TRUCK - This Saturday, October 5th

The Children's Ministries will be hosting a TOUCH - A - TRUCK EVENT this Saturday. **Come join us THIS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5th from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.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 a.m.-11 a.m. has been set aside as quiet hour - no sirens or horns for sensory sensitive children). **We are still in need of more volunteers, so if you are available and can volunteer for any or part of the time of this event please see Pastor Brenda after today's worship gathering.** Or you can call the church 574-272-6466 and we will get in contact with Pastor Brenda for you.



SHOWER FOR THE LIGHTSEY BABY!

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



PARENTS' NIGHT OUT - Saturday, October 12th

Parents' Night Out is **Saturday, October 12th** from 4 p.m. - 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.



SBFN BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, October 15th

Tuesday, October 15th at 6:30 p.m. will be the next church Board meeting. Committee leaders please have your board reports emailed to Carole no later than Monday, October 14th at 3:30 p.m. If you have something that needs put on the agenda have that emailed to Pastor Andy by 10 a.m. Tuesday, October 15th. If you are unable to attend the meeting for any reason contact the church office at 574-272-6466, **PRIOR** to this day. Thank you!!

GRATITUDE SUNDAY - Sunday, November 24th

Coming Sunday, November 24th during our morning worship gathering we will be taking a look back on the past year and offer thanks to our Heavenly Father. Psalm 9:1, says "I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds." We encourage you to share your personal testimonies of God's goodness, and to give Him thanks. We will also have a special "Thanks Offering" as a way of blessing the Church and giving thanks to God.



NOTICE 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.



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)

***Don Eanes** - (Courtney Hoover's dad) was on a business trip in Minnesota and ended up in the local ER with 3 blood clots in his leg. He was transferred to a larger, more specialized hospital in North Dakota. They were able to successfully remove the clots, and he has since been released and will follow up with his family doctors here in town next week. Thank you for all the prayers, they are appreciated.

***Cherie Thompson - UPDATE/PRAISE** - seen her Neurologist and every test has come back fine, no reason or cause that would explain her recent stroke. So that will just remain a mystery, and the family will just continue to praise the Lord it wasn't any worse and she is getting better every day. Within the next few weeks she will be able to start all her needed therapies. Your continued prayers are appreciated due to how weak she is since the stroke.

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

***George Scarberry - UPDATE** - (church member from past years) recent biopsy on 9/12 showed liver cancer. Doctor say he has 1-2 year's time.

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

***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.

***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.

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

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

TODAY - Alabaster's 75th Anniversary Celebration (during the morning worship gathering)

-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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