

WELCOME!

September 8, 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

Here For You

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/ OFFERING

Awesome Is The Lord Most High
Cornerstone
Blessed Assurance

MESSAGE FROM GOD'S WORD

"Letters for Tough Times: "
1 Peter
Lead Pastor, Andy Lauer

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS

Sunday A.M. Discipleship	96
Sunday A.M. Worship	126
Midweek Activities	25
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. Back To Church Sunday 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 10:15 a.m. SBFN Ministries Fair
Tuesday	Board Meeting
Wednesday	All Day Prayer and Fasting 11:00 a.m. Ladies' Crafts Children's Ministries Activities WIRED - Youth Ministries The Forge - Men's Group She Soars - Women's Grp Come to the Water Worship Practice
Next 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

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

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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

UPCOMING EVENTS & INFORMATION

SBFN MINISTRY FAIR TODAY

Churches and their ministries are always changing and adapting, and sometimes it's hard to keep up with it all. Join us today after the morning worship gathering to learn more about all the different ministries we have here at SBFN at the annual Ministries Fair out in the main foyer. Discover the many different ways you, your family, and your friends can connect, grow, and serve here at SBFN.

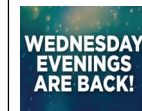


CHURCH BOARD MEETING - THIS Tuesday, Sept. 10th

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.

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES BEGIN THIS WEEK!!

This Wednesday all of our Wednesday Evening activities will start once again here at SBFN promptly at 6:00 p.m. We will meet all the way through until the week of Wednesday, November 20th. Please notice all of the available groups meeting listed: Children's Bible Time are 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 the Wednesday Evening Activities. Also, Youth will have WIRED - Youth Group, and our Men's and Women's Study Groups will meet again, and the wiser Adults will begin their "Come to the Water" meetings again. If you have any questions please contact the church office (574-272-6466) and we will get you in contact with who you need to talk with.



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.

TOUCH - A - TRUCK - Saturday, October 5th

Brenda is getting me info

REMINDER OF SBFN ONLINE GIVING

Just a reminder that SBFN has the availability for members to give from anywhere using your desktop, laptop or smart phone. There are options to make a one-time gift, or recurring gift such as weekly, monthly, bi-weekly or bi-monthly. You can also link the online giving account to your bank account, debit or credit card. Using your smartphone camera, focus it on the QR Code provided here and on the front of the bulletin weekly, it will take you to our online giving website. If you don't have a smartphone you can simply go to the online giving option on our churches webpage and sign up there at www.sbfnaz.org. Choose **GIVING** at the top, and fill in the information. See any pastor if you need help.



WANT A CALL OR VISIT FROM A PASTOR?

If you'd like a call or a visit from one of the pastors, write on a yellow connection card your name, phone number, & which pastor you'd like to see or speak with. Then the requested pastor will be happy to get in contact with 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)

***George Sherwood - UPDATE** - (Scott & Carole Snyder's long time family friend) Moved in to Hospice House on 9/3. We all are praying for God's mercy for George. That God will take him home quickly so he doesn't have to suffer through any more pain. George is ready, he is a faithful and such a godly man. He hasn't been very responsive much the past couple of days but if you ask him if he is ready to go see Jesus, he will give you a very stern YES!

***Cody & Megan Stone - UPDATE** - (Carole (Scott) Snyder's son & daughter-in-Law) Need discernment on some large financial decisions that are needing to be made very soon.

***Dean Cates Sr. - UPDATE/PRAISE** - (Dean (Jeannie) Cates Jr. Dad) has Parkinson's, was admitted to the ICU with sepsis. Has begun to do much better and was moved out of the ICU. Praise the Lord for answered prayers! The family thanks everyone for their prayer as they were answered quickly.

***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.

***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.

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

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

***Darilyne Tingle - UPDATE** - has Benign Positional Vertigo. Home and doing 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 such godly and humble pastors who continue to 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 below. We have provided a few ideas for you below 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

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.)



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