

# WELCOME!

## October 13, 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

Open Up the Heavens

### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/OFFERING

All Because of Jesus  
Whom Shall I Fear  
'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

**MESSAGE FROM GOD'S WORD**  
"Letter for Tough Times: The Day of the Lord"  
2 Peter 3  
Lead Pastor, Andy Lauer

### LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS

Sunday A.M. Discipleship	102
Sunday A.M. Worship	125
Midweek Activities	56
On-Line Views	19

### 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 /  
CM Christmas Program Practice

#### Tuesday

6:30 p.m. Board Meeting

#### 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 - Carolyne  
Wallace - Beyond the Church Walls  
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	(10/6/24)	\$8,125.10
Needed Weekly		\$6,765.85
Average Giving YTD		\$7,673.88

#### August Missional Giving

World Evangelism Fund	\$2,478.55
Child Sponsorship	\$30.00
Alabaster	\$926

#### Church Building & Facilities

Mortgage Balance	\$539,008.85
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## UPCOMING EVENTS & INFORMATION

### HURRICANE HELENE GIVING UPDATE

Your generosity to the Lord and those in need raised **\$3,244** for the ongoing hurricane Helene relief efforts in the southeastern U.S. Praise the Lord! Let's continue in prayer for those affected by Helene and now also Hurricane Milton.

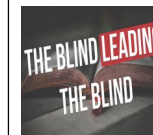
### SBFN BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, October 15th

This 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 11:00 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.



### MEN'S RETREAT - Friday - Saturday, Nov. 1st & 2nd

Men, reserve your spot for our upcoming **Men's Retreat, Friday & Saturday, November 1st & 2nd**. The theme this year is: **The Blind Leading The Blind**. The retreat will be at Shiloh Park, located at 1734 S. 350 E., Marion, IN. **Cost is \$60/per person (this pays for your food & lodging) and is due on or before next Sunday, October 20th** right after the morning worship gathering. This will be a great weekend of spiritual development with Pastor Chris Kruchkow, and also some great music provided by Adam Stout.



Other activities for the weekend are skeet & target shooting, a corn hole tournament, and other great activities for everyone to enjoy. **The reservations have to be made no later than Monday, October 21st. So we have to have everyone's money collected and turned in to Pastor Rick by no later than next Sunday, October 20th.** What you will need to bring for the retreat is your own towels and bedding. Also, if you plan to skeet shoot, bring your own gun and shells. If you have any other questions please see Pastor Rick after the morning worship gathering in the foyer area where you can pay and sign up for your spot.

### PARENTS' NIGHT OUT - Saturday, November 9th

Parents' Night Out is this **Saturday, November 9th** 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 can get that from Karen Greer, this **MUST** be filled out **PRIOR** to you or the kids first time coming. There's also a couple of new items to remember about from last month. Parents' Night Out



has decided that every 2nd Saturday will be Parents' Night Out for the next 6 months and also Karen will be starting a Facebook Events page for parents to go on and mark whether their children will be attending that month's Parents' Night Out or not. If you're not sure how to use the Facebook Events page, contact Karen Greer at 419-604-0031.

### 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.

### ATTENTION CHILDREN'S MINISTRY PARENTS

Parents, just a reminder that as of last Sunday, October 20th and continuing through Sunday, December 8th your children will be participating in practices during the Children's Morning Worship Gathering for their upcoming Christmas program planned for Sunday morning December 15th. So if you notice your children are coming home with music to work on, or maybe even a part to practice because they want to be play a part in the program, please take some time weekly to help them go over and hopefully memorize those parts. It is also VERY important that your children be here every Sunday, and on time each Sunday so that they can have as much practice as possible before the actual program. Thank you to each family for all your help and understanding. We greatly appreciate it. We look forward to a great Christmas program again this year.



### 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 or pass the fee along to the church to cover. This will be changing in November to have the user cover the processing fee now 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 the 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)

**\*Jeanette** - (Liz Radabaugh sister who lives in CO.) she has recently been diagnosed with cancer. Was admitted to the hospital on 9/28 and doctor's are concerned that her cancer has already started to spread, and is in her liver. Any surgery is questionable at this time due to when it all is. Continued prayers are greatly appreciated.

**\*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** - saw 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.

**\*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

### OCTOBER

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

**15** - Church Board Meeting (6:30 p.m.)

**16** - WIRED Bonfire (6 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.)

**20** - Media/Sound/Video Training (12 p.m. - 2 p.m.)

### NOVEMBER

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

**1 - 3** - NEI Men's Retreat at Shiloh Park (Marion, IN)

**3,10,17,24** - Children's Christmas program practice (during CM Worship)

**16** - All Church Fall Yard Cleanup & Maintenance

**20** - WIRED Friendsgiving (6 p.m.)

**24** - Gratitude Sunday (during the AM worship gathering)

### DECEMBER

**1 & 6** - Children's Christmas practice continues

**14** - Children's Christmas Party & Final Rehearsal (9:30 a.m.)



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