

# WELCOME!

## October 20, 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

Take You At Your Word

### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/OFFERING

Living Hope  
God Of All Splendor  
Here I Am To Worship

### MESSAGE FROM GOD'S WORD

"The Heart of Jesus: Sacrifice and Service"  
Matthew 20:20-28; John 15:9-17  
Lead Pastor, Andy Lauer

### LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS

Sunday A.M. Discipleship	77
Sunday A.M. Worship	118
Midweek Activities	71
On-Line Views	21

### 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

#### 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 Group  
Come to the Water - Jerry Harris -  
Ephesians 1  
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	(10/13/24)	\$6,496.50
Needed Weekly		\$6,765.85
Average Giving YTD		\$7,638.20

#### September Missional Giving

World Evangelism Fund	\$2,478.55
Child Sponsorship	\$30.00
Alabaster	\$926.00

#### Church Building & Facilities

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

### DISCOVERING SBFN: MEMBERSHIP CLASS - Nov. 3rd

Membership is an exciting opportunity to become a part of all that God is doing through ministry here at SBFN. If you have ever thought about being a member here at SBFN now you have an opportunity to learn more during our "Discovering SBFN" membership class. You will learn about the history, people, practices, doctrine and theology? Mark your calendars now for **Sunday, November 3rd from noon - 3 p.m. We will meet in room FC107 in the gym.** You do not have to join at this time, but it will be a great way to discover more about the body of Christ here at SBFN and then prayerfully consider that decision. **\*NO CHILDCARE AVAILABLE\***



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

Men, reserve your spot for our upcoming **Men's Retreat, Friday & Saturday, November 1st & 2nd. Cost is \$60/ per person (this pays for your food & lodging) and is due TODAY.** 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.

### WOMAN'S DAY OUT - Saturday, November 9th

Women's Night Out is **Saturday, November 9th.** We will be going to Trudy Thornburg's home (located at 12170 Jefferson Blvd., Mishawaka - a few houses east of Penn High School, on the right side). The evening will be filled with lots of food, fun, and fellowship. Plan to arrive at 5



p.m. We will eat dinner at 6 p.m. Trudy offered to provide tacos for dinner and asked that everyone else please bring an appetizer or dessert to share for the evening. If you are attending, **PLEASE RSVP on or before Wednesday, November 6th.** You can RSVP by filling out a yellow connection card with your name and number of people attending and placing it in the offering plate or in one of the connection boxes, or you can contact Darleen Minix at 574-304-7014. Remember, invite a friend or two to come along with you to meet some of the SBFN ladies.

### 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 are 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 on her cell 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 beginning **TODAY and continuing through Sunday, December 8th** your children will be participating in practices during the during the Children's Morning Worship Gathering for their upcoming Christmas program planned for Sunday morning December 15th. It is 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 look forward to a great Christmas program again this year!



### FALL CLEANUP DAY AT SBFN - November 16th

Mark your calendars for our annual fall cleanup day when we prepare the building and grounds for winter by picking up leaves, pruning trees, closing down fountains, and other work around the property. Bring your leaf blowers, chainsaws, and rakes. Donuts and coffee will be provided. We always have a great time together!

### 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 hurricanes Helene and Milton.

## 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)

**\*Skip Galbraith** - (Bob Galbraith's brother) been diagnosed with extremely aggressive lung cancer. A port for treatment was put in and treatments will start asap. Prayers the treatments will slow the progress, and for God's mercy whatever that may be. Also, especially pray for Skip's salvation as well.

**\*Fern Hency** - (past attendee here, lives in FL. now) both Fern & Paul were in FL. and need to relocate due to the hurricane coming in. During this time Fern got sick and was admitted to the hospital in MO. for a possible blockage. Dr. planned an exploratory surgery to determine what kind of blockage she had. From there they will decide the next course of action for Fern, whether it be surgery or some other sort of process/treatment. Prayers are appreciated.

**\*Linda** - (Evelyn Lowrance's daughter) lives in FL. and had to seek shelter during the hurricane. She lives alone and was very fearful. Evelyn asks for continued prayers for Linda, and others who are in danger there in FL.

**\*Brian** - (Courtney Hoover's Uncle) lives in TX. He has been having severe migraines and was sent from the urgent care to the hospital for testing. At the hospital they found a pingpong ball sized mass on the right side of his brain and had to do surgery to remove it. Waiting on an update on how it went.

**\*Kris - UPDATE** - (Marsha Gorbitz friend from WA) still having infections in the leg/ankle she had surgery on back in July. Dr.'s are doing a 3rd surgery to remove all the hardware they put in her ankle/leg. They believe that is what is causing her continued infections. Surgery was on 10/17, prayers for complete healing and no more complications for her.

**\*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\*\*\*\*\*

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

### NOVEMBER

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

**1 - 2** - Men's Retreat @ Shiloh Park (Marion, IN)

**3** - Membership Class (Noon)

**3,10,24** - CM Christmas program practice (during AM Worship)

**9** - Parents' Night Out (4:30p.m.)

- Woman's Night Out @ Trudy Thornburg's home (5p.m.)

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

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

**17** - No Children's Christmas Practice

**20** - WIRED Friendsgiving here at SBFN (6p.m.)

**24** - Gratitude Sunday (during the AM Worship Gathering)

- Deck the Hall's (5 p.m.)

**27** - No Wednesday Evening Activities

**28** - **HAPPY THANKSGIVING - Church Office will be Closed**



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