

# WELCOME!

## October 6, 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

My Reward

### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/OFFERING

Unchanging  
Thank You Jesus For The Blood  
Love Divine All Loves Excelling

**MESSAGE FROM GOD'S WORD**  
"Letter for Tough Times: Don't Drink  
the Kool-Aid"

2 Peter 1:12 - 2:22  
Lead Pastor, Andy Lauer

### LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS

Sunday A.M. Discipleship	113
Sunday A.M. Worship	141
Midweek Activities	72
On-Line Views	20

### 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  
12:30 p.m. Baby Shower for Lightsey Baby

#### 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 - Rev. Ransom  
Ebersole - Galatians 6  
Worship Practice

#### Thursday

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

#### Saturday

4:00 p.m. Parents' Night Out

#### Next Sunday

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

#### Tithes & Offering

Received week of	(9/29/24)	\$8,296.35
Needed Weekly		\$6,765.85
Average Giving YTD		\$7,633.80

#### August Missional Giving

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

#### Church Building & Facilities

Mortgage Balance	\$543,666.24
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## UPCOMING EVENTS & INFORMATION

### 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 **Today from 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.** Salad bar and cake will be provided.



### "CELEBRATING 75th ANNIVERSARY" OF ALABASTER

Our big Alabaster box was filled with lots of change. In fact we had 1801 pennies, plus other change, bills and checks totaling \$761. Forgot yours last week? It's not too late to put your annual offering in the BIG BOX in the lobby today. If you're writing a check please be sure to mark it for "Alabaster" in the memo section. Thank you, SBFN for your generosity.

### PARENTS' NIGHT OUT - Saturday, October 12th

Parents' Night Out is this **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 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 address that are happening with Parents' Night Out this time around starting this month. We've 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.



### WEDNESDAY NIGHT DISCIPLESHIP: Refresh Your Soul

It's not too late to join a Wednesday Night Discipleship group. It's a great way to recharge your spiritual batteries in the middle of the week. We offer separate men's (The Forge) and women's (She Soars) Bible studies, a Bible study with food and singing called Come to the Water, Wired youth group for teens, and Bible activities for children.



### 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 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. **Reservations have to be made and the deposit has to be postmarked by no later than Sunday, October 20th.** Please plan to bring your own towels and bedding. If you plan to skeet shoot, bring your own gun and shells. If you have any questions please see Pastor Rick beginning today after the morning worship gathering.



### 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 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.



### HAVE YOU LOST OR MISPLACED SOMETHING?

Have you or your children lost or misplaced something here at SBFN? If so, stop and take a look at what's in our Lost & Found box or hanging up underneath the lost and found box. All these items are located on the coat rack by the South Entry doors. Parents, please take a moment to take a look at all the items hanging up or in the box. Whatever has been found all around the church has been placed in this box or hung up. If you believe you have lost jewelry here, please contact Carole Snyder, the Church Office Administrator for those items (574-272-6466). She has a few items that have been turned in to her locked in her office. Please be specific in your description of the lost item. All items not claimed by the end of October will be donated. Thank you for your help!!

## 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)

**\*Sarah Fischer** - had to cut their vacation short due to her getting COVID. As of 10/3 she's feel better but still not well.

**\*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.

## 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\*\*\*\*

**Today** - Lightsey's Baby Shower @ SBFN

**11 - 13** - Youth United District Fall Retreat

**12** - Parents' Night Out (4 p.m.)

**15** - Church Board Meeting

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

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

### NOVEMBER

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

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

**3,10,17,24** - Children's Christmas practice (during the Children's Ministry Worship gathering)

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

**24** - Gratitude Sunday



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