

WELCOME!

November 24, 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.

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JOIN US IN GIVING GOD THANKS DURING TODAY'S WORSHIP

I Thank God

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/OFFERING

Testimonies of Gratitude

10,000 Reasons
How Great Is Our God

Testimonies of Gratitude

What He's Done
Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Hymn #44)

Communion

"A Time to Plant"
Lead Pastor, Andy Lauer

Great Things

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS

Sunday A.M. Discipleship	108
Sunday A.M. Worship	142
Midweek Activities	87
On-Line Views	14

SBFN MINISTRY TEAM

Lead Pastor - Andy Lauer
Children's Pastor - Brenda El-Talabani
Worship Pastor - Rebekah Gilbert
Outreach Pastor - Dee Neal
Missions Director - Sue Harris
Office Administrator - Carole Snyder

THIS WEEK AT SBFN

Today
8-11:15 a.m. **Gratitude Sunday**
Prayer Room is Open
8:00 a.m. **Worship Team Rehearsal**
9:00 a.m. **S.S./Discipleship: Children, Youth & Adults**
10:15 a.m. **Morning Worship Gathering - Gratitude Sunday**
5:00 p.m. **Deck the Halls**

Wednesday All Day Prayer and Fasting

Thursday **HAPPY THANKSGIVING**
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Friday **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

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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 & Adults**
10:15 a.m. **Morning Worship Gathering / CM Christmas Program Practice**

Thank you for your faithful & generous giving!

Tithes & Offering
Received week of (11/17/24) \$3,382.61
Needed Weekly \$6,765.85
Average Giving YTD \$7,578.84

September Missional Giving
World Evangelism Fund \$1,914.00
Child Sponsorship \$30.00
Alabaster (Final Total) \$1,030.40

Church Building & Facilities
Mortgage Balance \$533,903.39

UPCOMING EVENTS & INFORMATION

NEW ADVENT SERMON SERIES - "I Need A Miracle"

Join us and invite someone who might need the encouragement of this sermon series: "I Need A Miracle." We will be exploring God's miraculous love and care for us as we explore the narrative account of Jesus' birth through Advent and Christmas.

TODAY IS FOURTH SUNDAY CONNECTIONS

Please join us in wearing **name tags** today here at SBFN in order to help us all know one another better, especially those who are newer to SBFN. **Fourth Sundays will also continue to have the Connections Table for those who are new to SBFN to visit with the pastors and receive a gift and some free discipleship materials.** Let's continue to be the church God has called us to be by knowing and caring for one another!



TODAY IS GRATITUDE SUNDAY

As Thanksgiving approaches, we would like to dedicate this morning's worship time to taking a look back on this past year and offering 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." Today we encourage you to share your personal testimonies of God's goodness with us and give Him thanks.



COME AND DECK THE HALLS WITH US TONIGHT

SBFN Family this is your reminder that we are decorating the church building tonight in anticipation of Advent and Christmas seasons. The church will provide coffee and hot cocoa, and we will begin decorating at 5:00 p.m. **We invite all of you to bring your favorite baked/sweet treats to share.** Come out tonight and help us decorate our church this year, we will all have such a great time! ***NO CHILDCARE PROVIDED***



CM CHRISTMAS PRACTICE REMINDER

Attention Parents...starting next Sunday we will resume our Sunday morning Christmas program practices. We will practice during the Children's Worship hour. It is **VERY important** that your children be here **EACH SUNDAY, and BE ON TIME** so they can practice as much as possible. Your children are very excited to show the entire church and family members what they've learned this year. The CM Team is looking forward to another great CM Christmas program this year on Sun., December 15th during the Morning Worship gathering.

UPCOMING HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

*Thursday, November 28th & Friday, November 29th the church office will be closed for Thanksgiving Holiday.
*Tuesday, December 24th - Wednesday, December 25th the church office will be closed for Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Holiday.

*Tuesday, Dec. 31st, 2024 & Wednesday, Jan. 1st, 2025 the church office will be closed for New Year's Eve & New Year's Day Holiday.

During the upcoming holidays remember to take some time and celebrate all the blessings of this past year. Celebrate all those blessings with your family and friends. Also, just a reminder that when the office is closed no messages are checked at the church. If you have an emergency that can not wait until the church reopens, please call the pastor you want to reach on their cell phone. If they do not answer, just leave a detailed message, and when they become available they will return your call. Thanks for your patience and understanding! Happy Holidays!

SPRINKLE PARTY FOR THE FISCHER BABY

Everyone is invited to join the Fischer family as they celebrate the upcoming arrival of Baby Fischer #2. Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 7th from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. here at SBFN. We will celebrate baby Fischer's upcoming arrival with some light snacks and fellowship during the sprinkle party, and then there will be some games for the little kids to enjoy as well after the party. Please RSVP to Sara Fischer as soon as possible at 574-549-0727.



CM CHRISTMAS PARTY & FINAL REHEARSAL

The **FINAL** Christmas Program rehearsal and Party will be on Saturday, December 14th, from 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. **ALL participants** (SBFNaz Kidz: 5th grade and younger, and all the helpers) will need to arrive at the sanctuary by no later than 9:25 a.m. Lunch will be served at 12 p.m. once practice is complete. Parents, please plan to pick up your children here at the church promptly at 1:00 p.m. Contact Pastor Brenda at 904-625-2121 with any questions or if you would like to help with this rehearsal.



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE - Tues., December 24th

It's easy to get caught up in the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season. This year, to help us put our focus where it truly belongs - on the birth of Jesus Christ - we'll be having a Christmas Eve Service @ 6 p.m. This is a great opportunity for you, your family & friends to prepare your hearts for Christmas as we retell the story through readings and Christmas carols sung by candlelight. We hope to see everyone as we reflect on Jesus' birth this year.



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)

- ***Zuri Neal** - prayers for her school, relationship, and health concerns.
- ***Duane Eslinger Family** - (Megan Stone's Grandpa, Carole & Scott Snyder's Daughter-in-Law) Duane passed away on 11/19 due to long term medical issues. Please pray for Megan's Grandma Sandy, as she has been caring for Duane for many years and this will be a huge change for her to not have him to take care of anymore. Also, pray for the rest of the family during this difficult time.
- ***George Scarberry - UPDATE** - (church member from past years) recent biopsy on 9/12 showed liver cancer. He is not reacting to treatment. Numbers have increased significantly. Requesting prayers.
- ***Norma Reilly - UPDATE** - (Sue Harris' Mom, 95 yrs. old) passed away last week. Please continue to pray for Sue and for the entire Harris family during this difficult time.
- ***Kris - UPDATE** - (Marsha Gorbitz friend from WA) stitches and healing will be coming out on 11/25. Then she should be able to go back to the office to work. Doctors are just being very cautious this time to make sure no issues arise. She says she is feeling much better and appreciates all the prayers.
- ***Boshaw Family - PRAISE** - Jessie delivered baby Juliet Jordan Boshaw on 11/11, she weighed in at 8.6, and was 19.5 long. Mom and baby are doing great. Praise the Lord for another sweet little bundle of joy born here at SBFN.
- ***Keilany & Daniel Lightsey** - Keilany delivered baby Ruth on 10/30 at 11:30 a.m. Mom and baby are doing well.
- ***Roxanne Human** - (Janet Pease's sister) doctors said no surgery to remove her cancerous kidney. It's too risky, she's not physically well enough. She has this new diagnosis, along with MS, HBP, Type 2 diabetes, and weight issues. Prayers for a miracle are asked for so that she can have the surgery needed maybe sooner than later.
- ***Roseanne Bucher** - (Scott Snyder's Aunt) Had a stroke on 10/25. Test have shown that there has been some damage to her speech, memory, and her ability to walk. She is doing therapy in the hospital and will hopefully get to go home soon. Continued prayers for her recovery.

SBFN INFORMATION

SBFN ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE

You can give from anywhere using your desktop, laptop, or smart phone. You have options to make a one-time gift, or a recurring tithe such as weekly, monthly, or twice a month.



SCAN ME

You can also link the online giving account to your bank account or debit or credit card. From your smartphone camera, scan the QR Code provided, and it will take you straight to the online giving website. From your laptop or desktop you can simply go to the online giving option on our church's webpage and sign up there. Go to: www.sbfnaz.org, choose About SBFN, Online Giving from the scroll down box, then proceed from there.

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.



SBFN WEBSITE

Have you visited the SBFN website since it has been redone? It's a great resource for you, your family, and your friends to discover more about our church, our beliefs, and what's going on weekly. Check it out and share it at www.sbfnaz.org.



A QUICK VIEW OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

NOVEMBER

TODAY

- *Gratitude Sunday (during the AM Worship Gathering)
- *Deck the Halls (5 p.m.)
- 27 - No Wednesday Evening Activities
- 27, 28, & 29 - Church office Closed for the THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

DECEMBER

- 1 & 6 - CM Christmas practices continue
- 4, 11, & 18 - No Wednesday evening CM Activities
- 6 - Hannah's House Cookie decoration party
- 7 - Fischer's Baby Sprinkle party, here at SBFN from 1-3 p.m. (All SBFN family is invited)
- 14 - Children's Christmas Party & Final Rehearsal (9:30 a.m.)
- Crusader's Christmas Party (5 - 8:30 p.m.)
- 15 - Children's Christmas Program (AM service)
- 22 - WIRED Progressive Dinner (5 - 8:30 p.m.)
- 24 - Christmas Eve Service (6 p.m.)
- 24 & 25 - Church Office Closed for Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Holiday
- 31 & January 1, 2025 - Church Office Closed for New Year's Eve & New Year's Day



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