

# WELCOME!

## December 15, 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

Today Is The Savior's Day

### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/OFFERING

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen  
Hark The Herald Angels Sing  
O Little Town Of Bethlehem

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

### MESSAGE FROM GOD'S WORD

*"I Need a Miracle: A Baby Changes Everything"*  
Matthew 1:18-25  
Lead Pastor, Andy Lauer

### LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS

Sunday A.M. Discipleship	99
Sunday A.M. Worship	143
Midweek Activities	27
On-Line Views	15

### 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. Children's Christmas Program  
8:00 a.m. Prayer Room is Open  
9:00 a.m. Worship Team Rehearsal  
S.S./Discipleship: Children,  
Youth & Adults  
10:15 a.m. Children's Christmas Program /  
Morning Worship Gathering

**Wednesday**  
6:00 p.m. All Day Prayer and Fasting  
Worship Team Rehearsal  
**\*\*No Children's, Youth, Men's,  
Women's, or Come to the  
Water Activities\*\***

**Thursday**  
6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

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

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

**Tithes & Offering**  
Received week of (12/8/24) \$8,162.21  
Needed Weekly \$6,765.85  
Average Giving YTD \$7,568.66

**November 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

### 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.

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM TODAY

Today during the Morning Worship gathering the SBFNaz Kidz will be presenting their Christmas program with all of us. We would like to welcome everyone to SBFN and we hope you enjoy the Children's Christmas Program. Pastor Brenda and the CM Team have worked hard and spent many hours with the children practicing to put all this together for us. And now our children are excited to show you all they have learned.



### 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.

### UPCOMING HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

**\*Next Tuesday, December 24th & Wednesday, December 25th:** office closed for Christmas Eve & Christmas Day.  
**\*Tuesday, Dec. 31st, 2024 & Wednesday, Jan. 1st, 2025:** office closed for New Year's Eve & New Year's Day.  
During the upcoming holidays remember to take some time and celebrate all the blessings of this past year with your family and friends. Remember that when the office is closed on a holiday NO ONE will be in the office. If you have an emergency that can't wait for the church to



reopen, please call the pastor you are trying to reach on their cell phone. If they don't answer, just leave a detailed message, and when they are available they will return your call. Thank you! Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

### SBFN MEMBERS & FRIENDS YEAR END GIVING

As we are getting very close to the end of the 2024 year, the Stewardship & Finance Committee would like to express our appreciation to our members and friends for your faithful support. Your prayers and your sacrificial giving have allowed us to gather, prepare, and send followers of Jesus. **We would also like to remind you**

**that for tax purposes your year end giving for 2024 must be RECEIVED here at the church office or postmarked on or before Sunday, December 29th, 2024 to be counted for the 2024 year end giving. If your gift is received or postmarked AFTER December 29th, 2024, it will have to be considered as a gift for 2025 year, EVEN IF THE CHECK IS DATED 2024. Thank you for your understanding.**



### SBFN NMI CHILI COOK - OFF

Mark your calendars, January 19 following the morning service will be the annual NMI Chili Cook-off. Proceeds will go to support World Mission Broadcast. Trophies will be awarded for the top chili. Sign up with Sue or Carolyne to participate in this event by providing a pot of chili. Tickets for the event will be available starting January 1st.

### WEATHER CANCELLATION REMINDER

We know inevitably that inclement weather is coming and it may make it unsafe to travel during one of SBFN's regularly scheduled services or events, so we may feel the need to cancel. If we do so **we will post cancellations on both WSBT & WNDU stations by 7 a.m. on Sunday mornings, or at least 90 minutes prior to any scheduled activities.** We also ask that if you know of someone that may not get the cancellation notice, please help us spread the word by giving them a courtesy call yourself. Finally, and most importantly, always use your best judgement whether or not you and your family feel safe enough to travel out in the weather.

### PARKING TO SHOW WE CARE REMINDER

We all love to find that perfect parking spot, but when your mobility is limited or you're a guest in a new place, few things are more important to making you feel welcome. At SBFN, we want to make sure that visitors and those among us who truly *need* them find the best parking spaces. **With the weather changing we ask anyone that is able to please consider parking along the edges or towards the back part of the parking lot** and reserve the spaces in the center and directly beside the building for our guests and those who need them. Thanks for being a servant for the Lord!



### 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 & Found box over by the by the South Entry doors. If it is jewelry you have lost please see Carole Snyder, our Office Administrator, she keeps those items locked up, she will need you to describe the lost item, please be specific in that description. Parents, please take a moment to take a look in the box, or at what is hanging up. All items not claimed by the end of December 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)

\***Melvin Conard** - Woke up in the middle of the night on 12/10 and found he was in the living room. Noticed he was confused and not feeling well. Actually didn't know how he got to the living room. He was able to call a nurse's aid for help back to his room. She got him back to bed, and as waking up this morning is still feeling confused and nauseous. Doesn't remember last night. He asked for everyone's prayers.

\***Cates Family** - passing of Dean & Jeannie Cates' dad on 11/28. Pray for peace and comfort during this difficult time.

\***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 - biopsy on 9/12 showed liver cancer. He is not reacting to treatment. Numbers have increased significantly. Continued prayers are greatly appreciated.

\***Bud Williams** - (David Williams' Dad) his cancer is terminal. Hospice has been brought in to help wife Leah, and the family with dad's basic needs. Please continue to pray for Bud, Leah, David, and the rest of the Williams family. May this journey be with God's grace and mercy.

\***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.

\***Cherie Thompson** - UPDATE/PRAISE - all recent test have come good. The family continues to praise God it wasn't any worse of a stroke and that she continues to get better with time. She has completed her therapy and is doing well most days. Your continued prayers are appreciated as she is still very weak and still having some cognitive issues. Prayers for patience and understanding are also appreciated for both Cherie and Pete each day.

## 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.

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](http://www.sbfnaz.org), choose About SBFN, Online Giving from the scroll down box, then proceed from there.



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### 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](http://www.sbfnaz.org).



## A QUICK VIEW OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

### DECEMBER

- 15 - Children's Christmas Program (AM service)
- 18 - No Wednesday Evening Activities
- 22 - WIRED Progressive Dinner (5 - 8:30 p.m.)
- 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (6 p.m.)
- 24 & 25 - Church Office Closed for Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Holiday
- 31 - Church Office Closed for New Year's Eve

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

### JANUARY

Sunday Morning (Nursery & Toddler classrooms) will be staffed during the 9 a.m. & 10:15 a.m. hour. \*\*\*No Wednesday Evening Activities.\*\*\*

- 1 - Church Office Closed for New Year's Day
- 11 - Parents' Night Out (4:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.)
- 14 - Church Board Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
- 19 - NMI - Chili Cook - Off after the morning worship hour



# I Need a Miracle



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