

WELCOME!

December 22, 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

Joy To The World

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/OFFERING

Today Is The Saviors Day
Emmanuel
Holy Forever

MESSAGE FROM GOD'S WORD

"I Need a Miracle: Perfect Timing"
Luke chapters 1 & 2; Galatians 4:4
Lead Pastors, Andy Lauer

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS

Sunday A.M. Discipleship	133
Sunday A.M. Worship	180
Midweek Activities	15
On-Line Views	62

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. 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. Children's Christmas Program /
Morning Worship Gathering

Tuesday

6:00 p.m. **Christmas Eve Service /
Church Office Closed**

Wednesday

**Merry Christmas /
Church Office is Closed**

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

Thank you for your faithful & generous giving!

Tithes & Offering

Received week of	(12/15/24)	\$7,575.11
Needed Weekly		\$6,765.85
Average Giving YTD		\$7,568.81

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
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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.

TODAY IS FOURTH SUNDAY CONNECTION DAY

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 Sunday 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!



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE - Tuesday, 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. Our toddler room will be staffed to provide care for our **1 & 2 year olds ONLY**. We are excited to see everyone as we reflect on Jesus' birth this year.

UPCOMING HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

***This Tuesday & Wednesday, December 24th & 25th:** the church office will be closed for Christmas Eve & Christmas Day.

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

Remember when the office is closed NO ONE will be in the office to answer the phones. So if you have an emergency that can't wait for the church to reopen, please call one of the pastors on their cell phones. If they don't answer, just leave a detailed message, when they are available they will return your call. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!



READ THE ENTIRE BIBLE THIS YEAR

God says of His word, "I send it out, and it always produced fruit. It shall accomplish all I want it to and prosper everywhere I send it" (Isaiah 55:11). This is a great time to start a commitment to read the through the Bible in the coming year. Two plans are available at the Welcome Center: 1) Chronological Plan - read through the Bible in the order it was written, and 2) 90-Day Plan--read through the entire Bible in only 90 days (about 30 minutes per day). Allow God to produce His fruit in you this year!

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS IN 2025 - The Truth Project

One of the best ways to strengthen your faith against the deception of the Enemy is to have a clear understanding of what you believe and why. **Beginning on February 5th and each Wednesday through spring**, you're invited to be a part of The Truth Project. **The Truth Project** is a ground-breaking small group curriculum on the biblical worldview; it will help you look at all of life from a truly biblical perspective. You absolutely will want to be a part of this event. Many at other churches who have been through this series have asked to do it again. Make plans now to join us on Wednesday nights starting in February!

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. Thanks for your understanding.**



PARENTS' NIGHT OUT - Saturday, January 11th, 2025

Parents' Night Out is **Saturday, January 11th, 2025** 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 before attending the first time. You can get that paperwork from Karen Greer. This **MUST** be filled out **PRIOR** to you or the kids first time coming. Karen has started a Facebook Events page for parents to go on and mark whether your children will be attending that month's Parents' Night Out or not. If you have any question please contact Karen Greer on her cell, 419-604-0031.



SBFN NMI CHILI COOK - OFF - Sun., January 19th, 2025

Mark your calendars for Sunday, January 19th! Following the morning worship gathering we will be having our Annual NMI Chili Cook-off. All proceeds will go to support the World Missions Broadcast. As always there will be a trophy awarded for the best chili. You can sign up with Sue Harris or Carolyne Wallace now if you would like to participate and bring your favorite pot of chili for the event. Tickets for the NMI Chili - Cook Off will go on sale starting Sunday, January 1, 2025.

A TIME TO PLANT - Coming in March 2025!

Be watching this and our social media spaces for more information about SBFN's upcoming campaign called "A Time to Plant." Begin praying now that God would use this season of planting to prepare all of us for a future harvest of powerful spiritual and numerical growth in our church.

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)

- ***Bud Williams** - (David Williams' Dad) his cancer is terminal. Hospice has been brought in to help wife Leah, and the family with his 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.
- ***Cathie Radlein** - she was admitted to the hospital due to high blood pressure and low white blood cell count. Doctors ran many test and were able to determined the cause and have started her on meds to take care of the issue. She has since been released to go home and continued her treatments there. Please continue to prayers are appreciated.
- ***Melvin Conard - UPDATE** - admitted to St. Joseph Hospital for confusion and general not feeling well on 12/11. Doctors ran tests and were able to figure out the cause was. He has since been released from the hospital and moved to Pine Ridge Rehab. for a few weeks of recovery. Continued prayers are appreciated.
- ***Skip Galbraith** - (Bob Galbraith's brother) been diagnosed with extremely aggressive lung cancer. 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.
- ***Zuri Neal** - prayers for her school, relationship, and health concerns.
- ***George Scarberry - UPDATE** - has liver cancer. He is not reacting to treatment. Numbers have increased significantly. Continued prayers are greatly appreciated.
- ***Dick Hesser** - (Darlene Minix's father) Has liver cancer. Has begun radiation treatments. Doctor's are hopeful they will be able to shrink cancer and maintain it. Thanks for the continued prayers.
- ***Cherie Thompson - UPDATE** - Still having some minor health concerns. Please pray for patience and understanding for Pete and Cherie as they both are just wanting her to be better now.
- ***Jeanette** - (Liz Radabaugh sister who lives in CO.) she has recently been diagnosed with cancer. Continued prayers are greatly appreciated.
- ***Sue & Jerry Harris** - continued health concerns for both.
- ***Kevin Zigler - UPDATE** - on dialysis during the night now.

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, 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

DECEMBER

- 22 - Fourth Sunday Connection & Name Tag
- 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (6 p.m.)
- 24 & 25 - Church Office Closed for Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Holiday
- 25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS
- 31 - Church Office Closed for New Year's Eve

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
- 8 - Come to the Water begins again (6 p.m.)
- 11 - Parents' Night Out (4:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.)
- 14 - Church Board Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
- 19 - NMI Chili Cook - Off (following the Morning Worship)

February

- 5, 12, 19, 26 - Truth Project (6 p.m.)
- 5 - Children's Wednesday Evening Activities begin (6 p.m.)
- 11 - Church Board Meeting (6:30 p.m.)



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