

WELCOME!

December 29, 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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TODAY'S WORSHIP GATHERING

O Come All Ye Faithful

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/OFFERING

The Lion And The Lamb
The First Noel
Christmas Offering

MESSAGE FROM GOD'S WORD

"I Need a Miracle: A Clear Path"
Matthew Chapter 2
Lead Pastor, Andy Lauer

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS

Sunday A.M. Discipleship	1
Sunday A.M. Worship	1
Midweek Activities	1
On-Line Views	6

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. Morning Worship Gathering

Tuesday

**Happy New Year's Eve /
Church Office Closed**

Wednesday

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Thank you for your faithful & generous giving!

Tithes & Offering

Received week of	(12/22/24)	\$
Needed Weekly		\$6,765.85
Average Giving YTD		\$

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.

UPCOMING HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

***This 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 THR 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 groundbreaking 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 BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, January 14th, 2025

On Tuesday, January 14th at 6:30 p.m. is the next Church Board meeting. Committee leaders please have your board reports emailed to Carole no later than Monday, January 13th at 3:30 p.m. If you have something that needs to be put on the agenda have that emailed to Pastor Andy by 11:00 a.m. Tuesday morning January, 14th. If you are unable to attend this meeting for **ANY** reason contact the church office at 574-272-6466, **PRIOR** to this day.



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 1/1/2025.



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.

DID YOU KNOW WE STILL A LIBRARY?

Stop by sometime soon and check out what's new, or grab an old favorite! If you haven't noticed where the Library is, it is right by the College and Career ABF classroom WC102 (by the exit doors to the patio). There are so many books and DVD's for all ages. If you are looking for a specific book/video, see Holly Minix, she'll be glad to help you out. You can also call the church (574-272-6466) with questions.

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 tests and were able to determine the cause and have started her on meds to take care of the issues. She has since been released to go home and continued her treatments there. Please continue to pray for her. 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 - (Darleen 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

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

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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