

WELCOME!

December 8, 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

Angels From The Realms Of Glory

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/OFFERING

Behold
It Came Upon The Midnight Clear/Glorious
Glory In The Highest

MESSAGE FROM GOD'S WORD

"I Need at Miracle: Light in Our Darkness"

Isaiah 60:1-2; Luke 2:8-20, 25-32;

John 1:1-14

Lead Pastor, Andy Lauer

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS

Sunday A.M. Discipleship	102
Sunday A.M. Worship	164
Midweek Activities	10
On-Line Views	22

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 / CM Christmas Program Practice

Wednesday

6:00 p.m. All Day Prayer and Fasting
WIRED - Youth Ministries
Come to the Water
Worship Practice
No Children, Men's, or Ladies Evening Activities

Saturday

9:30 a.m. CM Final Rehearsal & Christmas Party

Next Sunday

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8:00 a.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
9:00 a.m. S.S./Discipleship: Children, Youth & Adults
10:15 a.m. CM Christmas Program / Morning Worship Gathering

Thank you for your faithful & generous giving!

Tithes & Offering

Received week of	(11/24/24)	\$5,511.71
Needed Weekly		\$6,765.85
Average Giving YTD		\$7,553.82

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

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.

"COME TO THE WATER": MID - WEEK WORSHIP

"Come to the Water" Mid - Week Worship Services will meet this Wednesday, December 11th at 6 p.m. The speaker will be Ransom Ebersole.

CM FINAL REHEARSAL & CHRISTMAS PARTY

The FINAL Christmas Program rehearsal and Party will be on Saturday, December 14th, from 9:30a.m. - 1p.m. ALL participants (SBFNaz Kidz: 5th grade and younger, and all the helpers) will need to arrive at the church, and in the sanctuary, by no later than 9:25a.m. Lunch will be served at noon, once practice is complete.

Parents, please plan to pick up your children here at the church promptly at 1p.m. Contact Pastor Brenda at 904-625-2121 with any questions or if you would like to help with this rehearsal.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM - Next Sunday

Next Sunday, December 15th during the Morning Worship gathering the SBFNaz Kidz (5th grade and younger) will be presenting their Christmas program with the congregation. Plan to be here to see all that they have been working so hard to learn. Remember to invite their grandparents, and your friends as well. The children hope to see you here next week!



UPCOMING HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

*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 those blessings with your family and friends. Remember that when the office is closed on a holiday no one is in the office to check messages. So if you have an emergency that can't wait until the church reopens again, please call the pastor you want 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, and Happy Holidays!

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.



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.



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.

THANK YOU! FROM THE PASTORS

The SBFN pastoral staff and our retired pastors would like to express our deepest gratitude and thanksgiving to the people of SBFN for your kind words and generosity toward each of us during Pastor Appreciation Month. We are so blessed to serve along side of each of you doing God's work in this congregation and community. We love you!

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)

- ***Dean Cates, Sr.** - (Dean & Jeannie Cates, Dad) Dean Sr. passed away peacefully at his home on 11/28. Please pray for Dean and his family 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** - (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 - (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.
- *Sue Kelly - health concerns, prayers they will get better as they are keeping her from being able to come to church regularly.

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

DECEMBER

- 11 - Come to the Water meeting (6:00 p.m.)
- 11 & 18 - No CM & No WIRED Activities, No Men & No Women's Bible Study.
- 14 - CM Christmas Party & Final Rehearsal (9:30a.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 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

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 - Parent's Night Out (4:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.)
- 14 - Church Board Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
- 19 - NMI - Chili Cook after the morning worship hour



I Need a Miracle



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