# **WELCOME!**

# January 26, 2025

# 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:

### **TODAY'S WORSHIP GATHERING**

This is Amazing Grace

# WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/OFFERING

Build My Life No Other Name Jesus Name Above All Names

### MESSAGE FROM GOD'S WORD

"The Difficult Journey of Faith: Abraham Receives" Gen. 15, 16, 17, 18:1-15; 21:1-5 Lead Pastor, Andy Lauer

#### LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS

Sunday A.M. Discipleship	94
Sunday A.M. Worship	125
Midweek Activities	45

### SBFN MINISTRY TEAM

Lead Pastor - Andy Lauer Children's Pastor - Brenda El-Talabani Worship & Admin Pastor - Rebekah Gilbert Outreach Pastor - Dee Neal

# THIS WEEK AT SBFN

Today	
8 - 11:15 am	Prayer Room is Open
8:00 am	Worship Team Rehearsal
9:00 am	S.S./Discipleship: Children,
	Youth & Adults
10:15 am	Morning Worship Gathering
Tuesday	
11:00 am	George Scarberry Funeral

Wednesday	
6:00 pm	Youth WIRED
·	Come to the Water
	Leader: Jerry Harris
	Worship Team Rehearsal

Quilting
Men's Basketball

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

# Tithes & Offering

Received week of	(1/19/25)	\$6684.90
Needed Weekly	,	\$6765.85
Average Giving YTD		\$7531.22

# **December Missional Giving**

World Evangelism Fund	\$1926.99
Child Sponsorship	\$30

# **UPCOMING EVENTS &** INFORMATION

#### **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. If you are new or visiting, please stop by the Connections Table to visit with the pastors and receive a gift. Let's continue to be the church God has called us to be by knowing and caring for one another!

#### "FORGOTTEN GOD" WITH FRANCIS CHAN

The HALO ABF class is beginning a new study by Francis Chan called "Forgotten God" during The



9 a.m. Sunday School hour. Anyone is welcome to come and join the study beginning at 9 a.m. in room FC101. This Spirit by exposing the enormous gap between what Scripture says about the Spirit and how most believers and churches operate today.

Through solid scriptural support and compelling narrative. Chan reveals the Holy Spirit as the Bible describes Him. His goal isn't merely to educate readers - it's to infuse reader's lives with the presence of the Holy Spirit in profound ways.

#### "CHERISH" WITH GARY THOMAS

The Crusaders for Truth Sunday School class will be studying a new series on marriage and invites anyone who would like to join them at 9 a.m. in room FC107. Most marriages survive by gritting teeth and holding on. But what if surviving marriage wasn't the goal? What if we aimed to thrive instead? In Cherish, Thomas teaches us that cherishing your spouse will elevate your marriage relationally, emotionally, spiritually and even physically. You will set different goals for your relationship, and you'll see your marriage with fresh eyes. Through the biblical act of cherishing, we can empower our spouses to become who they are called by God to be, and in the process to become more of who we are called to be, creating a marriage that feels more precious, more connected, and more satisfying. If you're ready to revolutionize your relationship, it's time to learn how to truly Cherish it.

#### Chili CookOff Update

By the grace of God in answer to our prayers and the generosity of God's people here at SBFN, we met our goal of \$1000 which will be donated to World Mission Broadcast!



Hello

#### "THE TRUTH PROJECT" STARTING IN **FEBRUARY**

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 Wednesday, 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 other churches who have been through this series have asked to do it again. Make your plans now to join us Wednesdays starting in February!

#### "COME TO THE WATER": MID - WEEK WORSHIP

"Come to the Water" Mid - Week Worship services have begun meeting again on Wednesdays for the month of series seeks to reverse our neglect of the Holy January, and will begin at 6 p.m. Then beginning in February the "Come to the Water" group will join with "The Truth Project" small group for the remainder of the winter and spring time! If this group has any question please see Sue Harris.

### PARENTS' NIGHT OUT - Saturday, February 8th

On Saturday, February 8th from 4 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. here at SBFN is the next Parents' Night Out. 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 Parents' Night Out. Please see Karen

Greer for all the necessary paperwork.

Reminder that paperwork MUST be filled out PRIOR to your children first time coming. Karen has started a Facebook Events page for parents to visit and mark whether your children will be attending that month's Parents' Night Out.. You must sign up your child for Parents' Night Out. Any questions contact Karen Greer at 419-604-0031.



### Work & Witness, 2025

August 2-9, 2025 we will be headed to the beautiful mountains of Kentucky to assist

Kentucky Mountain Bible College with some much needed renovations. All skills are needed—carpentry, painting, flooring, cleaning kitchen help, and electrical (biggest need). One goal is to create a kitchenette in the men's dorm. All inclusive cost is \$400. Have a heart to serve? Pick up a packet of information today in the lobby

# Praise & Praver

(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)

Hugh Tipton - (Sharon Ebersole's brother) - admitted to the hospital on 1/21 for concerns over his heart. His condition is currently unstable.

Konstence - (Courtney Hoover's niece) - diagnosed with mono and lacerated spleen.

\*George Scarberry - UPDATE - (member of SBFN) We are saddened to announce that George has passed. Please keep his family in prayer. Services will be held here on 1/28, 11am.

\*Ray - (Charlotte Staubs' vounger brother) - in critical condition at the hospital in Charlotte, NC with heart & kidney issues. Prayers are appreciated at this time.

\*Bud Williams - UPDATE - (David Williams' Dad) Hospice care will continue at home at Bud's wishes. Hospital bed being delivered to his home to aid in his care as he is bedridden at this point. He is weak and not eating or drinking much but is still quite sharp-minded. We have been told he has begun his decline and a matter of just keeping him comfortable at this time. Continued prayers appreciated for all. \*Louis Staubs - UPDATE - Getting stronger!

\*Jeanette - UPDATE - (Liz Radabaugh sister) had cancer, passed away on 10/22/24. Thank you for all your support and prayers, they were greatly appreciated.

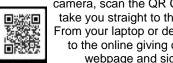
\*\*Pastor Steve Grooms - UPDATE—off the ventilator; praise God: battling cancer (thyroid & hip) Prayers for God to simply heal him fully and allow him to remain with us.

\*Barbara Brock - (member of New Beginnings church) has incurable cancer, stage 4, please pray for God's timing and peace and healing. \*Roxanne Human - (Janet Pease's sister) Has cancer. Please pray for her as she fell out of bed and broke her arm in 3 places and is having a lot of pain with it. She is having surgery on 1/31 to remove the cancerous kidney. Then she will begin immuno-therapy after that.

# 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:

SCAN ME 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 JANUARY**

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

29 - Youth WIRED & Come to the Water

30 - Basketball & Quilting

# **February**

**5, 12, 19, 26** - "The Truth Project" begins (6 p.m.)

- Children Wed. Activities begin (6 p.m.)

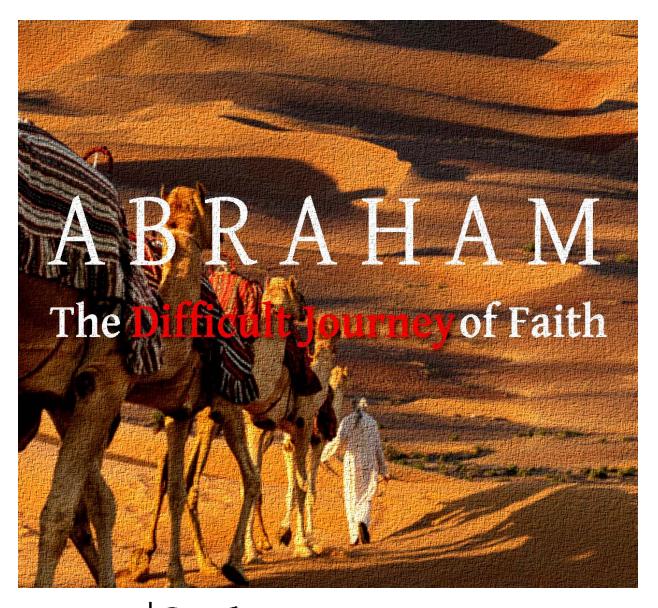
- Youth WIRED

8 - Parents' Night Out (4 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.)

11 - Church Board Meeting (6:30 p.m.)

#### **MARCH**

- 15 Faith Promise Weekend Friday Evening Event begins at 5:30 p.m.
- 16 Faith Promise Weekend Sunday Morning Faith





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