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From The Pastor...

Greetings, friends and members of Spring Branch PC!

We find ourselves in the midst of the Easter season. This is the time when we continue to celebrate the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. We should be joyous. Christ is risen indeed!

But sometimes in the church we forget that in order to get to the joy we must also experience the pain and death that seemed, at the time, to be terrible news. As I was pondering this I went out to check the progress on some repairs we are doing to our home. There on the ground, beside my pickup, was a nail. I picked it up so no one would run over it. That was not where nails belong! And I thought about how it could have potential to do both good and bad. It could hold together a pipe support, or it could flatten a tire. Good or bad... What about the nails that held Jesus to the cross? Which were they? Good? Without them our forgiveness would not be realized. Bad? They held an innocent man to a wooden bar that meant his death. Other nails also held a sign to the top of his cross proclaiming him to be King of the Jews. Good or bad? There are both.

I wondered about the nails we encounter in the church. Do we ever make bad uses of nails? I thought of several. We sometimes nail the door to our hearts closed, refusing the risen Christ access to areas of our lives. This has been the primary image for our current sermon series on Opening Our Doors. We can also nail signs above others' heads by remembering their faults, permanently labeling them as sinners, when the grace of Christ is so far reaching that no sin is beyond redemption. We can nail the door to the church shut by our inactivity, by our unfaithfulness, or by our pride and prejudices. I thank God that there is a divine nail puller.

Are there also good uses of nails? Of course. We can nail up a banner that proclaims that Christ is alive. We can swing a hammer, working to build up fellowship, while using the claw end to tear down pride and unforgiveness. They help a team to complete a task and sometimes are covered with a holy and honorable sweat! Nails can build new things. Will you? Will you form a new relationship, begin a new study, enter into a new form of service, learn new devotional practices, learn new and more helpful habits? The list could be endless. But so is God's love, and that's my point. God always is ready to do something new and exciting. I believe that is what is happening at SBPC.

Soon we will celebrate Pentecost. Please look for the amazing details of our celebration in this newsletter. My prayer is that this year, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit would bring us, as it did for the early church, a new sense of awe and wonder at the incredible sacrifice of God's only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. I pray it would bring us new strength, courage, and vitality to pull out any nails keeping our doors closed. And I pray it would inspire us to build and accomplish more than we ever dreamed.

In Christ's Service,

Kevin Boyd, Pastor

"...And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved." -Acts 2:47

Missions of the Month

The Mission of the Month for June is **reVision!** reVision Houston is a faith-based non-profit that seeks to break the cycle of young women and men (ages 14-17) who are dropping out of school, falling prey to addiction, and joining gangs. These are youth that are detained, on probation, or involved in a school-based program.

By partnering with churches, collaborating with schools, agencies and organizations, and training hundreds of caring adult volunteers, reVision's mission is to leverage the power of community to connect kids on the edge with mentors, positive peers, and life-changing resources, all toward helping these youth revise the narrative of their lives toward a more hopeful future.

In 2019, our church will give \$400/year to reVision Houston.

Sunday, June 9, we will be taking up the Pentecost offering! 60% of the funds collected will be sent to the PC(USA)'s Presbyterian Mission Agency to support The Young Adult Volunteer Program, as well as education and advocacy programs for at risk children and youth. The other 40% of this offering will be sent to reVision Houston. As we celebrate the Holy Spirit breathing new life into the church – we thank you for your gifts and offerings and ask that you give generously.



If you are mailing in your offering or placing it in the offering plate, please write "**Pentecost**" in the memo line.



Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services — A main mission project throughout the year (for SBPC & PW) is PCHAS, and their annual fundraiser luncheon was on May 8th at the Junior League of Houston. Nearly 40 people from SBPC attended, and our own Pastor Kevin Boyd gave the opening devotional. There were approximately 215 people in attendance, representing 20 churches, and an estimated \$110,000 was collected for PCHAS!





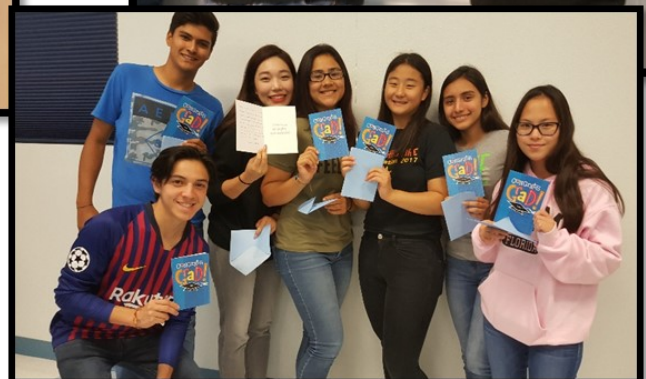
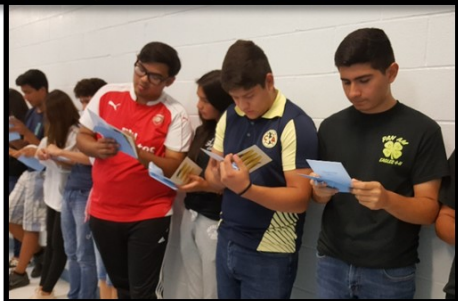
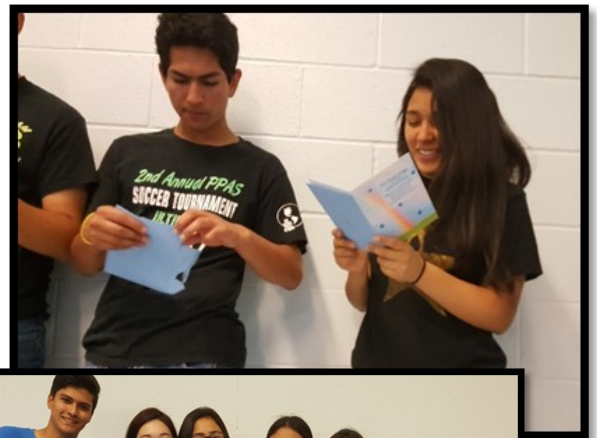
Hats off to the Class of 2019
of Presbyterian Pan American
School (PPAS), who graduated
on Saturday, May 18th!



PPAS is one of our church's benevolences. It is a Christian, international, college-preparatory boarding school in Kingsville, Texas that was established in 1911.

Each year, 100% of PPAS graduates are accepted into colleges and universities in their home countries or in the United States. The 38 graduating seniors for 2019 each received a card from SBPC congratulating them on their accomplishment.

Thank you to Dorothy Briley and Patti Nanney for sending the cards. Below are pictures of the graduating seniors opening their cards prior to their graduation ceremony. They were grateful for the show of support and prayers!





Vacation Bible School – June 10-14, 2019

One small step for children...

...one giant leap for God's Kingdom!

Join us as we go “*To Mars and Beyond*” with our exciting Vacation Bible School that will help kids discover the wonders of God's universe. Children who will be entering Pre-K through 5th grade will become voyagers on a journey through space, exploring where God's power can take them. Along the way, they'll learn how God walked with heroes of the Bible, and that God is always with them, too. Add to the adventure with out-of-this-world fun, singing, crafts, science exploration, and timeless Bible stories that inspire kids to give glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine!

Join us in the Gathering Place on Monday, June 10 through Friday, June 14, from 9:00 – 11:30 am. Adult and student volunteers are always welcome and needed, whether you can help for one day or all five days. Students who have finished 5th grade and older are welcome to join the fun as volunteers. Register yourself or your child by contacting Patty Blome.

All are invited to the closing celebration on Friday, June 14, beginning at 5:30 pm in the Gathering Place, followed by dinner in the Fellowship Hall. So that we can plan enough food, it would be helpful if you provided an RSVP for the closing celebration on the adjacent form.

To find out more about “*To Mars and Beyond*” VBS, contact the VBS Director, Patty Blome: pblome63@gmail.com or 713-569-9286.

Vacation Bible School Bread

VBS Breadmaking will be June 13th from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM. If you would like to assist the VBS kids with making bread, please contact Doris Wright at doriswright66@gmail.com.



**Spring Branch Presbyterian Church
Vacation Bible School
Celebration Program and Dinner
Friday, June 14, 2019, 5:30pm**



On Friday, June 14th, you are invited to our VBS Celebration Program at 5:30 pm in the Gathering Place Main Area. We'll share some of the songs and stories from the week of VBS.

After the program, you are invited to stay for dinner in the Fellowship Hall. Please help us prepare by indicating how many family members or friends we can expect to join us for the meal.

If you can help prepare the meal, serve the meal, or clean up afterward, please note that below as well.

Sincerely,

Patty Blome
Vacation Bible School Coordinator

PLEASE RETURN THE PORTION BELOW BY THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2019.

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Name(s): _____

attending Friday's dinner **Adults:** _____ **Children:** _____

_____ I can help cook beginning at 4 pm.

_____ I can help serve dinner.

_____ I can stay to help clean up after dinner.

2019 SBPC Scholarships & Graduates

The PW and PM of SBPC were pleased to hand out scholarships to the following on May 19th :

Caroline Bik
Elizabeth Bik
Andrew Blair
Ryan Blair
Benjamin Dethloff
Riley Fairchild
Evan Powell
Melissa Rendon
Lane Rouse
William Stockton



These scholarships are awarded to active members of SBPC who are enrolled or accepted at a college, university, technical school, or certification program. Funds for these are not from “church” money but are from designated donations, Wednesday night scholarship benefit suppers (provided several times of the year by the Women and the Men of the church), from benefit drawings at the PW annual gathering, and the sale of church cookbooks.



Volunteers in SBPC's **College Connection** ministry through Presbyterian Women have been praying for and sending holiday cards/notes to these students along with the other SBPC college students and college students from Presbyterian Children' Homes and Services. Both SBPC and PCHAS college students received “care packages” in the Spring and Fall, consisting of school supplies and snacks. Gift cards from stores such as Wal-Mart were also sent twice a year. Look for this college ministry to start again in the Fall; volunteers are always needed!

This month at SBPC...



Sunday June 9th
12:30-2pm

Church wide BBQ potluck!
Kites, balloons, & games for all!
Invite friends or neighbors!
Wear **red for the church's birthday!**
Bring a side dish to share!



LAST CHANCE!

to be photographed for the new
Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

Photo Directory will be:

June 22nd

Schedule your appointment online now at:

booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/yplx83k

Evenings Out for Food and Fellowship

Join old friends and perhaps meet new ones at these summer dinners....

June 14 — 6:00 Fellowship Hall dinner following VBS Celebration
(@ 5:30 in the Gathering Place)

July 3 — Independence Day Celebration & Hamburger Supper
(*WNS prices apply*) @ 6:00

Aug 18 — Back to School Fashion Show Potluck @ 6:00

SBPC Women this Month...

The PW welcoming Picnic is still 2 months away, but food, volunteers, and donations for the benefit drawing are needed!

- * Silent auction items & theme baskets*
(Basket suggestions: "Movie Night"; "Red, White, & Blue"; "Children's Art Activities"; "Day at the Spa"; "Tea Party"; "Game Night"; holidays i.e. "Autumn & Thanksgiving" / "Halloween" / "Christmas"; etc.)
- * Picnic luncheon food
(Chicken fingers will be provided; Need others to bring potato salad or coleslaw for 12, deviled eggs, fruit for the watermelon fruit bowl, relish trays, chips, etc.)
- * Volunteers
to set up on Saturday 10th, take down on Sunday, greet guests, help with the auction, and assist with the benefit drawing ticket sales.

Remember: proceeds from the auction benefit the PW/PM Scholarship fund!

*If needed, auction items can be stored in PW Closet until August.

PW Welcoming Picnic

Sunday, August 11, 3 to 5pm
at The Gathering Place



All women are invited to hear
The PW representative to the United Nations

Kristen Campbell

Also hear about 2019-2020 PW Activities & New Bible Study

Love Carved in Stone

... A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments

Plus, we will have lots of benefit drawings!



SAVE THE DATE

SYNOD OF THE SUN PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN GATHERING

First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa, OK

July 25-27, 2019

Rev. Katie Cummings from FPC/Bentonville, AR will be the keynote speaker on "Live Abundantly in Christ" from John 10:10. Rev. Eugenia Gamble from Nipoma Community Presbyterian Church I Arroyo Grande, CA will give an overview of the "Horizons" Bible study she wrote for 2019-2020 on *Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments*. There are 26 workshops in 5 sessions, and 6 meals, Gathering bag, plenary sessions, 2 worship services, and special musical entertainment will be offered.

Registration cost is \$175 before June 1st, then \$190 after.

(Discounted rates are available at Holiday Inn, Tulsa City Center.)

Registration information is available on <http://www.sospwconnect.com/>.

For further information, contact Carol Davis at caroldavis@entouch.net.

...at a Glance

(In the summer there are no Board Meetings, Bible Study, or Zip Trips!)

HAPPY HANDS meets on 6/26 at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room

PW WELCOMING PICNIC will be 8/11, but donation items are needed now...

PW DIRECTORIES are always available in the Church Office.



June

SPRING BRANCH PRESBYTERIAN ACADEMY

2019



Academy's Summer Camp is underway. The kids are excited and ready for a fun filled summer of fieldtrips, waterslide, ice cream every Friday and much more!

*Congratulations to the Academy's
PreK Hearts & Stars.
Graduation Day was a success.*



*Dearest Pre-K,
There you are in your cap
and tassel, ready to make
the world your castle. You
came to us as little babies full of hope. We
are here today as you shine so bright.
On wings of knowledge you will fly,
following your vision and rising high. Your
future holds so much in store: blessings,
challenges, dreams and more. May all
your wishes and hopes come true, we
could not be any prouder of you.
Remember one thing we want you to
know, our love is with you wherever you
go.*

Spring Branch Academy



The Academy Teachers spent all day on Tuesday cleaning and getting the classrooms ready for this summer. Check out our classroom's creative hall cork boards. Our teachers are so talented. Thanks to all our devoted teachers for a superb and excellent job.



Remember to love and honor our Fathers on **June 17th.**

BITS & PIECES...

SBPC's own Thelma Stockton celebrated just celebrated her 102nd birthday!

Pictured below are Thelma with her son Dennis, her great grandchildren, and her two grandsons, Michael and David Stockton. Happy Birthday, Thelma!!



SBPC can now Text-to-Give!

Spring Branch Presbyterian is excited to announce that members will soon have the opportunity to give a gift to the church utilizing their mobile device! We will be launching our new online giving by text platform **Sunday, June 9th** during the Pentecost Worship Service.

Please join us, and **bring your phone to worship** that day, to give your gift via text message!

FRIDAY EMAIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Would you like to receive our weekly announcements via email every Friday? Sign-up by visiting our Church website: www.springbranchpres.org.

Church's Prayer Chain List?

A Prayer Chain Email is sent to our "prayer warriors" when we receive word about someone in need. Contact the Church Office or Sarah Dikeman if you'd like to be added.

Birth^{day}Blessings

Dorothy Slover	6/4	Velura "Anne" Johnson	6/17
Lily Elaine Earnest	6/5	Elizabeth Bik	6/23
Charles Craig	6/7	McKie Johnson	6/24
Manuel Rendon	6/7	Ken Austin	6/27
Jeremy Alderson	6/8	Bill Bryant	6/27
Matthew Alderson	6/8	Ryan Blair	6/28
Lincoln Albert	6/8		
Joseph Vaden	6/10		
Kay Craig	6/12		

Celebrate June Birthdays!

Join friends and congregation members in the breezeway on Sunday, **June 9th** as we celebrate folks born during the month of June. Fellowship and light refreshments will be available immediately following the worship service.



Happy Anniversary!

Susan and Garth Heitshusen	6/2
Jeannie and Curtis Stockton	6/14
Neal and Karen Dikeman	6/16
Kendall and Linda Crawford	6/19
Scott and Brittany Lassiter	6/27
McKie and Anne Johnson	6/29



Upcoming Opportunities...

For the first time ever, SBPC will join The Villages Independence Festival Parade this year on July 4th! Would you like to help decorate the float? Would you like to ride on the float and toss out candy? For all the festival info visit www.vifhouston.org, and contact Patti Nanney if you are interested in SBPC's 1st float!



SBPC Hot Meals on Weekends – The 4th Saturday of each month we look for individuals to deliver meals to shut-ins. We have 2 routes with about 14 people on each route, so we usually need a total of 4 volunteers each month. Please contact Liz Earnest if you are interested in volunteering to deliver meals one month.

Pastor Kevin has invited anyone wishing to attend “Church Under the Bridge” this summer to let him know! Also called 1000 Hills, the Church Under the Bridge service teams show Christ's love with people who are homeless, hungry, and needing loving interactions they don't otherwise receive in the streets. Volunteers from The Story will lead worship, share a message, and provide food to over 100 individuals. Families with children 5 years of age or older are welcome to participate! Email Secretary@SpringBranchPres.org for more info.



Third Wednesdays of the month at 7:00 pm
Next Opportunities: June 19, July 17, August 21

[2800 St.Charles](http://www.2800stcharles.org)

Register to join the service team —
<https://thestory.church/event/church-under-the-bridge/>

Donate Fabric & Yarn to Happy Hands



If you are spring cleaning and sorting through drawers and closets, look for extra fabric and yarn to donate to our Happy Hands group! We make heart shaped pillows, lap blankets, baby caps, and scarves to give to hospital patients, and can use any washable fabric or yarn. This past year our group made 859 items that were given away to 859 people! To make a donation: Contact Doris Wright at doriswright66@gmail.com

In Other News...



Angel Tree Child to Summer Camp – You may not realize it, but each summer we send Angel Tree Children (with one or more parents behind bars) to Christian summer camp at Cho-Yeh. It's a priceless opportunity to make friends who share and understand their burdens, experience the great outdoors, and feel the love of God first hand in a supportive environment. This year, our congregation is sending one Angel Tree child to camp! Thank you for supporting this life changing ministry!

Orange is the new sign your burner needs cleaning.

Natural gas flames should burn **BLUE** except in fireplace logs, which burn orange for a more realistic wood-fire look. Orange or yellow flames make indicate a

problem, so don't use the appliance and call a qualified service technician to check it out, clean and adjust, if necessary.

More info at CenterPointEnergy.com/COSafety.



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As school is letting out for the summer, we tend to put thoughts of school needs on hold, looking forward to our summer plans. But this is a great time to help CUPS prepare for the upcoming school year by equipping the children in Mexico with much needed educational materials and school supplies.

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| Children Standard Packet:
(2 gallon zip-lock bags) | Optional:
Copy paper in reams |
| Spiral notebook (1) | Colored pencils |
| Construction paper | Colored markers |
| Wooden pencils (5) | Dry erase markers |
| Black and blue pens (3) | Liquid glue |
| Erasers (1) | Washable color markers |
| Crayons (1) | Compass and protractor |
| Pencil sharpeners (1) | Teachers |
| Scissors (1) | Math flash cards |
| Rulers (1) | Enrichment materials |
| Glue sticks (1) | |



Schools in Mexico begin classes in late August so we would like to receive any donations by the end of July so that we can make arrangements to get the materials to the children in time for the beginning of the school year. Donations can be delivered to one of our collection points or by contacting CUPS to make arrangements to have your supplies collected.

Behind the Scenes...

Helpers are needed for compiling the lovely Sunday morning **PowerPoint** presentations we use in worship! Plenty of spots are available, training is provided, and it can be done from home, as it is not an overly difficult process. Please contact Patty Blome or Secretary@SpringBranchPres.org if you have any questions or are willing to help out!



If you are cleaning out closets and come across gently used toys, such as puzzles, blocks, large Legos or other stacking blocks, toys, cars, trucks, animals too large to be swallowed, or other manipulative play toys, please donate them in the box at the Church office for use in either the Prayground or Free Play Zone (for suppers in the Fellowship Hall)! Thank You!!



PARLOR DESIGN

The Property Group is looking for a dynamic group of people who are willing and able to help give the parlor a face lift! If you are interested and it is right up your alley, please contact Lisa Merritt at fake_momm@yahoo.com or 713-775-0033.

IMPORTANT PRESPRESS & BULLETIN REMINDER:

Please email all monthly newsletter or Sunday bulletin announcements to secretary@springbranchpres.org as soon as you have them!

Info received **after the 20th** of the month may be too late!

Caycee will attempt to publish and send out July's PRESPRESS by Friday June 28th!

Contacts, Worship, Church Calendar, Holidays in United States, Outside SBPC Reservations Jun 2019 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 9:30am - Sunday 10:50am - Worship 12:15pm - Handbells 12:30pm - Child	27 Academy Closed Memorial Day	28 10am - Flexercise 7pm - Session (CR)	29 7pm - Choir	30 10am - Flexercise 5:45pm - Yoga (CR) 6pm - Fairbees	31	1
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23 9:30am - Sunday 10:50am - Worship	24 10am - WOW (S) @ 5:45pm - Yoga (CR)	25 10am - Flexercise 7pm - Session (CR)	26 9:30am - Happy	27 10am - Flexercise 5:45pm - Yoga (CR) 6pm - Fairbees	28	29
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