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From The Pastor...

Dear friends in Christ,

Welcome to the season of summer! As you read this, I hope that you and your family are going to have time to rest and recuperate from the normal pace of life by doing something **special**. I have noticed that Spring Branch members travel quite a bit. So, as you travel, here's a story for you to keep in mind:

An MG pulled alongside a Rolls-Royce at the traffic lights. "Do you have a car phone?", its driver asked the man in the Rolls. "Of course I do," was the indignant reply. Silly question.

But the MG driver fired back, "Do you have a fax machine?" The Rolls driver sighed. "Yep, have that, too."

"Do you have a double bed in the back?", the MG driver also wanted to know. Ashen-faced, the Rolls driver sped off. That afternoon, he had a mechanic install a double bed in his car.

A week later, the Rolls driver passed the same MG, parked on the side of the road, with its back windows fogged up and steam pouring out. The angry driver pulled over, got out of the Rolls, and banged on the MG's rear window. "I want you to know that I've had a double bed installed", bragged the Rolls driver. The MG driver rolled his window down and frowned at the Rolls driver, "Agh... you got me out of the shower to tell me that?!"

It can be so easy to get caught up in comparing what we have to others. But in Jesus' incredible Sermon on the Mount [see Matthew chapter 6], we are reminded that God has **always** blessed us abundantly. —We may have only to look around and see the beauty of Creation, and marvel at the care God takes in providing for even the birds of the air and flowers of the field... These thoughts alone should cause us to stand back in reverence and humble thanksgiving to God. And they should move us to want to give back abundantly to the God who continues to, and has constantly taken care of: us.

So, if your vacation takes you to an exotic destination, please remember Jesus' invitation to admire the magnitude of God's beauty displayed before you. Be thankful, be renewed, be loving, and be awed at the depth of God's love for you. —And, by the way, don't forget that summer is the most expensive time for the church! Please help us to continue and to expand this vital and exciting ministry through your generosity. Thanks in advance!

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Kevin Boyd



The Mission of Yahweh

The Mission Team wants you to know about some of the benevolences our church supports! The “Mission of the Month” for July is The Mission of Yahweh, which is a faith-based, non-denominational, emergency & transitional shelter that provides homeless women, children, and seniors with food, clothing, shelter and services. The Mission is one of only a few shelters for homeless women and their children, and has served Northwest Houston since 1961. In 2018, The Mission served over 54,000 meals, housed 452 new residents including 159 children.

In addition to housing services, the Mission also provides a variety of other services. A few examples are:

- Senior Programs
- Journey to Job Readiness for securing employment
- Mentor \ Big Brother program
- Workforce Integration Now (WIN) in conjunction with the Houston Community College and LoneStar College systems
- After Care programs for former residents
- Children’s programs for toddlers and children ages 5-13.
- Kingdom Expansion to meet their residents’ spiritual needs

The majority of The Mission’s operating funds & in-kind donations come from individuals, churches, and businesses. The Mission receives no government funds.

Our church is donating \$1200 to The Mission of Yahweh this year.

July Mission Opportunities

School Supplies – Once again during July, we will be collecting school supplies for both PCHAS and CUPS. This year we’re using the online service SignUpGenius.com for many of the items, as well as having other items you can sign up to donate from the table outside of the church office!

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.

Mission and a Meal - On Sunday July 14th during the Sunday School hour, we will be packaging rice and beans for distribution at the Fairhaven Food Pantry. Since many hands make light work, we’d love for you to come join us.

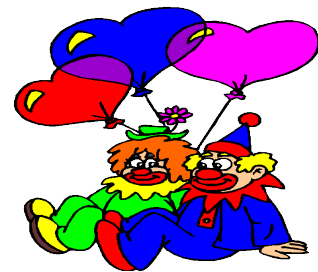
This month at SBPC...

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 helping to build SBPC's 1st float!



Monday, July 1st::

Maurice Fayard leaves for Boot Camp at Ft. Leonard Wood, in Missouri! After Boot Camp Graduation on September 5th, Maurice will be attending his Advanced Training at Fort Lee, Virginia, as a Stryker Systems Maintainer/Mechanic (91S). Please keep him in your prayers.



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On Saturday, July 27th the clowns from Cheerful Clown Alley will present a free show at 12:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall! The show is open to the public—come early and meet the clowns!

Evenings Out for Food and Fellowship

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

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

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

Sep 4 — Wednesday Night Suppers @ 6:00 resume! (Menus TBA)

SBPC's own Caroline Bik is out on the Texas 4000!

In October 2017, I was accepted into an organization called Texas 4000 for Cancer. Through this, I am cycling 4,500 miles from Austin, Texas to Anchorage, Alaska along with 82 teammates. This is a huge undertaking, but it is all in an effort to raise funds for cancer research and engage 200+ communities across North America in the fight against cancer. Our motto is "Fighting Cancer Every Mile" and over the course of our 70-day journey, we aim to spread hope, knowledge, and charity across North America, cycling along the Ozarks route this summer.



As you can imagine, training for this journey was no easy task. This past fall, my team and I received our official bikes and started collecting the 2,000 training miles we needed before we could leave for Alaska this June. In addition to logging those training miles, we each had to fundraise \$4,500 and log 50 hours of volunteering in the community before we left for the summer ride.

I have a personal fundraising goal of \$12,500. Your contribution could help me get there! We have a suggested donation of \$45, a penny for every mile I ride, but each and every donation means the world to me and the people who I ride for, regardless of the amount. The following link will take you to a page in which you can read more about Why I Ride and donate to my fundraising goal:

<https://www.texas4000.org/rider/2019/ozarks/caroline-bik/>



Finally, I'd be honored to dedicate a day of my ride to you or anyone in your life that may be affected by cancer. If you'd like to share a story, you can email me back or call me at (832) 454-9223. Thank you for all of your support!

Regards,
Caroline Bik

Caroline's almost reached her fundraising goal!

Vacation Bible School



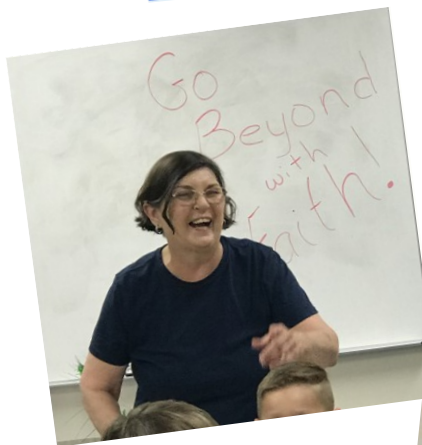
“Glory to God who is able to do far beyond anything we could ask or imagine by His power within us.” Ephesians 3:20

This year at Vacation Bible School, over 110 children explored how they could “Go Beyond with Faith, Boldness, Kindness, Thankfulness, and Hope.” The Gathering Place was full of smiles, laughter, singing, dancing, experimenting, snacking, and creating. None of it would have been possible without the help of the amazing volunteers and donors. Thank you to the following people who donated their time to make it all happen (I apologize if I miss a name - there were so many of you!):

Leaders: Megan Hogg (Music and Assembly); Marguerite Priest (Bible Storytime); Karen Dikeman (Science); Will Stockton (Recreation & Power Point); Jackie Nix (Crafts); Laurie Mitchell (Snacks & Closing Dinner); Doris Wright (Breadmaking); Melody Rendon (Audio/Visual); Miguel Carlin and Patti Nanney (Church/Community Group Chaperones)

Helpers:

Kylie Alderson
Silvia Argyruio
Jacquie Ballesteros
Parker Blome
Kevin Boyd
Carlette Boyd
Amena Chehade
Kate Cross
Carol Davis
Ben Dethloff
Bob Deutsch
Sarah Dikeman
Jacob Eggert
Rory Evans
Gerald Fitts
Jan Fitts





Rex Gonzales
 Ethan Henry
 Delilah Holder
 Kolton Kurek
 Olivia Kurek
 Luna Lassiter
 Zephaniah Lindsey
 Bunnie Lezon
 Betty Magnusen
 Dillan Mark
 Donald McDaniel
 Emily Mitchell
 Ethan Mitchell
 Nina Rach
 Holley Russell
 Bryan Ruwaldt
 Jeannie Stockton
 Barbara Tremble
 Don Tremble
 Kaitlynn Turney
 Madelyn Turney
 Miriam Vyles



Thank you, also, to everyone who donated supplies. We couldn't make it happen without your generosity!

One small step for children.... One giant leap for God's Kingdom!

Patty Blome
VBS Director



SBPC Women this Month...

The PW welcoming Picnic is still a month 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!



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!)

PW Unwind dinner is 7/1 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at Guadalajara Hacienda

HAPPY HANDS meets on 7/24 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.



The Gathering Place

Some of the Fun We've Had Lately...

In May, The Gathering Place (TGP) celebrated Memorial Day with memory boxes and special music by Pastor Kevin! Dinosaurs were the party in June, along with a wonderful talk by Shirley Smalley, a docent from the Museum of Natural Science. We painted our own ceramic dinosaurs, wore hilarious hats, and played stick ball with huge dinosaur eggs!



The Gathering Place is an ecumenical partnership with CarePartners® which provides memory care activities, lunch and a respite for caregivers of people with dementia. For more information, please snag a brochure from the church office or the pews in the Sanctuary.



This month on July 15th, we are celebrating an English Tea Party. We will have a special musical visitor, and our guests will have a great time because they love music!



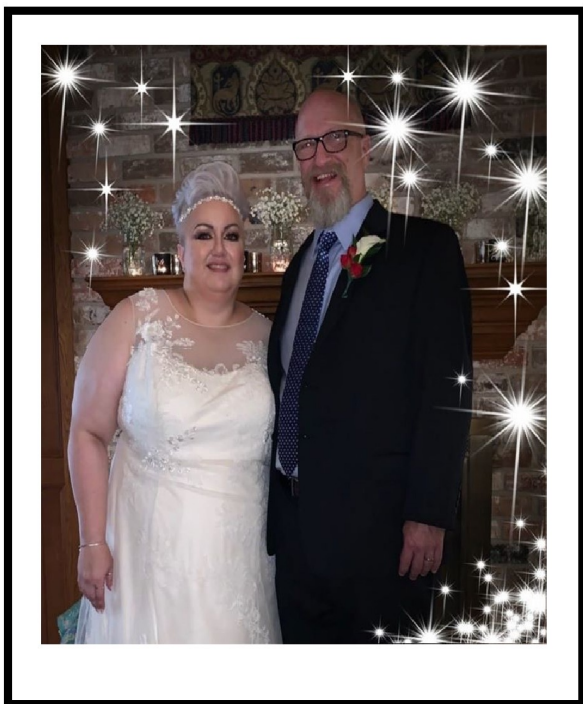
If you or someone you know would like to join us, more volunteers are always needed. One Monday each month (usually the 3rd) from 10 AM to 1 PM, we would love for you to join us! It is a fun and rewarding





Love is in the air at the Academy!

On Saturday June 15th Ms. Kathryn Dethloff our Academy's Office Assistant was married to Mr. Jack Carr. Congratulations! and Best Wishes to the Happy, Loving Couple.



On June 7th 2019 Ms. Lily Adams & Mr. Juan Villegas our Academy Teachers became engaged. Congrats and Best of Luck to the Good Looking Couple!



Precious Love!



On June 6th 2019 Jennifer Chehade our Academy Teacher was blessed with a healthy and very handsome boy. Congratulations! to Mom and Dad.

Isaiah Bryan Tapia
20 1/4" long
8lbs 5 oz.



Birth^{day} Blessings

Luke Fuller	7/6
Tad Mizwa	7/6
Maggie Wright	7/7
Joseph Wilborn	7/7
Don Tremble	7/10
Miriam Vyles	7/10
Jeannie Stockton	7/11
Connor William Fake	7/13
Elizabeth "Liz" Earnest	7/16
Lisa Rowland Schultz	7/18
Carmen Reyer	7/19

Dr. Mark Turney	7/19
Virginia Morrison	7/20
Riley Fairchild	7/22
Dana Ballard	7/23
Sandy Chehade	7/26
Luna Lassiter	7/26
Ben Lois Bowers	7/27
Gabriel Perez	7/27
Bethany Balli	7/29
Margo Smith	7/29

Celebrate July Birthdays!

Join friends and congregation members in the breezeway on Sunday, **July 14th** as we celebrate folks born during the month of July. Fellowship and light refreshments will be available



Happy Anniversary!

Daniel and Sarah Powell 7/13



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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: July 17, August 21

[2800 St. Charles](#)

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! Next date is **7/24 @ 9:30am!** To make a donation: Contact Doris Wright at doriswright66@gmail.com

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BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, July 21
8:30 am - 12:30 pm
Fellowship Hall

Contact Ashley Powell
972-571-2499
ashleycrawford161@gmail.com
sponsor code: 0324

**** FREE BEACH TOWEL ****



Nolan,
blood recipient



EAT. DRINK. BRING I.D.

Share your
donation story



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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 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 wants the August PRESPRESS printed for all to pick up at church on Sun., 7/28!

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 – **CLICK on “sign up for our Mailing List”**

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.

Church Calendar, Holidays in United States, Outside SBPC Reservations

Jul 2019 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 9:30am - Sunday 10:50am - Worship	1 10am - WOW (S) @ 5:45pm - Yoga (CR) 6pm - (GP) 6pm - PW Unwind @	2 9am - Cong. Care 10am - Flexercise	3 6pm - Fourth of July	4 Independence Day 6pm - Fairbees	5	6
7 9:30am - Sunday 10:50am - Worship	8 10am - WOW (S) @ 5:45pm - Yoga (CR) 6pm - (GP)	9 10am - Flexercise 6:30pm - Fellowship	10	11 10am - Flexercise 5:45pm - Yoga (CR) 6pm - Fairbees	12	13 8am - (FH) Clown
14 9:30am - Sunday 10:50am - Worship 12:30pm - Monthly	15 10am - The 10am - WOW (S) @ 5pm - Academy 5:45pm - Yoga (CR) 6pm - (GP)	16 10am - Flexercise 6pm - Finance Group	17	18 10am - Flexercise 5:45pm - Yoga (CR) 6pm - Fairbees	19	20 PresPress Articles 8am - Presb. Men 6pm - HSRDC
21 8:30am - Blood 9:30am - Sunday 10:50am - Worship	22 10am - WOW (S) @ 5:45pm - Yoga (CR) 6pm - (GP)	23 10am - Flexercise	24 9:30am - Happy	25 10am - Flexercise 5:45pm - Yoga (CR) 6pm - Fairbees	26	27 8:30am - Cheerful 11am - Hot Meals 12pm - Cheerful
28 9:30am - Sunday 10:50am - Worship	29 10am - WOW (S) @ 5:45pm - Yoga (CR) 6pm - (GP)	30 10am - Flexercise	31	1 10am - Flexercise 5:30pm - Messy 5:45pm - Yoga (CR) 6pm - Fairbees	2	3



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