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From The Pastor...

SPRING BRANCH Presbyterian Church

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August 2019

Dear friends in Christ,

Welcome to the season of endings and beginnings. It is hard to believe that the summer is so quickly coming to a close. It seems like we have just started. And many of you have been enjoying some truly far-flung adventures. It has been fun to hear about it, and I look forward to seeing you back soon.

I always look forward to school starting back up. I like having everyone in town and present. Carlette, on the other hand, has a different perspective. For her, the break is coming to an end. This year she is helping to open a brand new school. Everyone there is learning new customs and procedures, getting acquainted with new faculty and staff.

This is truly a season for the church of beginnings and endings. We have been piloting our “youth church” program, and this Fall we will officially kick it off. We are talking about new mission opportunities which will be coming up. We are contemplating new things in worship based on what we have learned from your hymn requests. All of these things are so very exciting. —But they are scary as well, because they might just mean change.

I know that “change” is kind of a taboo word around most churches. George Carlin quipped, “Just when I discovered the meaning of life, they changed it.” It can feel that way with the church as well. And yet, change is at the heart of being Reformed Christians. We are at once to be reformed, and yet always reforming. This means that we take an honest look at what we have done in the past, and what we are presently doing, and we hold these things up to the light of Scripture and the life of Christ, and we ask God courageously if this is the best and most faithful we can do and be. This takes honesty and willing hearts. It takes a willingness to be joyful and adventurous. And most importantly, it requires Christians who are willing to do what may not be their first choice, if it is best for the body of Christ.

Would you join me in prayer for this amazing season God is bringing us to? Please pray for your pastor and session, as well as others who are making plans as we speak!

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Kevin Boyd



The Mission Team wants you to know about some of the benevolences our church supports! The “Mission of the Month” for August is Memorial Assistance Ministries (MAM). MAM started in 1983 as a cooperative response to the severe economic downturn created by the plunge in oil prices. Several area churches pooled their resources in order to aid an unprecedented number of requests. Spring Branch was one of the founding churches of MAM. Additionally, MAM is ranked #1 by Charity Navigator with a perfect overall rating for the city of Houston!!

MAM provides a range of services to those in need, including:

- * Assistance for rent and utilities (serving 1858 families)
- * Assistance in applying for government benefits
- * Case Management (Individual counseling on becoming self-sufficient)
- * Citizenship classes (63 people became citizens after attending classes)
- * Employment services and a job network (581 people began a new job search, 402 found new or better employment)
- * English classes (823 adults advanced their English language skills)
- * Financial education and coaching (297 people completed 602 classes and 206 coaching sessions)
- * Tax preparation
- * GED classes
- * I Can See (provides eye exams and glasses to students referred from schools in the MAM service area (182 children received glasses and eye exams)
- * Immunization for children (799 children immunized)
- * Mental health counseling (347 people spent 1841 hours in counseling to cope with trauma, anxiety and the effects of poverty)

Congregations account for 3.6% of the MAM’s support, and our church will donate \$2,000 this year.

August Mission Opportunities

MAM School Supplies— During August, we will be collecting monetary donations for school supplies and uniforms as part of the Back to School Drive for MAM. Look for a table in the breezeway outside of the sanctuary to give your donation.

MAM Volunteer Opportunities— MAM has a variety of volunteer opportunities that our SBPC members can take advantage of!! See some of the volunteer needs that MAM is looking for on the next page—>. (Please contact Miguel in the church office if you would like to learn more!!)

SBPC Hot Meals on Weekends— The 4th Saturday of each month, individuals deliver meals to shut-ins. We have 2 routes with about 14 people on each, so we usually need a total of 4 volunteers each month. Please contact Lu Taylor²if you are interested in helping to deliver meals!

WANTED

VOLUNTEERS

AT

★ **MAM** ★

MEMORIAL ASSISTANCE MINISTRIES

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

FAMILY ASSISTANCE

Interview clients, answer phones and intake at reception desk. Bilingual volunteers in English and Spanish especially preferred.

MAM RESALE STORE

Run the cash register, provide customer service, stock inventory, and sort and price donated items.

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Teach basic computer skills, coach clients in job search skills and resume writing, and mentor certification program clients.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Teach or assist in small classes, tutor individuals, and help adult students gain language skills to participate more fully in the community.



For more information about volunteering with MAM,
contact MAM's Volunteer Recruiter
at 713-574-7540 or volunteers@maministries.org,
or click on the "Volunteer" tab at www.HelpHereHelpNow.org



MEMORIAL ASSISTANCE MINISTRIES - 1625 BLALOCK ROAD, HOUSTON, TX 77080

Back to School Fashion Show & Pot Luck Dinner

When: Sunday August 18, 6 pm

Where: Fellowship Hall

What: Come dressed in your favorite outfit or maybe your school uniform! Anyone who wishes to may model their outfit on the runway after we all enjoy a Pot Luck Dinner! Be sure to bring a short description of your outfit – why you love it and where you would wear it (to be read by the commentator).

What to Bring: Families bring a main dish and side dish (such as vegetable or salad) or dessert. Singles bring one dish to share (main dish, salad, side or dessert).

What will be provided: Iced Tea, Lemonade, Water, Rolls and Butter

Sponsored by the Fellowship Group





This year —for the first time ever— SBPC joined The Villages Independence Festival Parade! Candy was tossed out, music was sung, and a great time was had by all! Good job to everyone who worked on the SBPC float!!



What's Going On at SBPC...

BE PART OF A BOOK DISCUSSION THIS FALL!

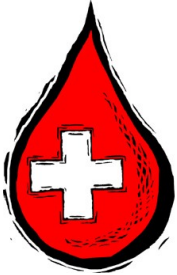
*Preview of Possible Book Selections on
Sunday, August 11th*

Come by the Parlor before worship
(from 10:30 to 10:50 am) on Sunday,
August 11, to take a look at possible
book study selections for this Fall...



Come indicate your interest and
suggest books! Sponsored by
your Faith Development Team

For more information or to make
book suggestions, email Denise
Wilborn: dwilborn55@gmail.com



Many thanks to those who participated in and/or helped coordinate the Blood Drive this past Sunday held at Sprint Branch Presbyterian. We greatly appreciate your time and donation. Although not always remembered, each and every contribution helps save lives.

We had 13 eligible donors for a total of 18 units!

Please mark your calendars for our next drive scheduled on Sunday, November 17th.

Evenings Out for Food and Fellowship

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

Sun., Aug 18 — Back to School Fashion Show Potluck @ 6:00 pm

Wed., Sep 4 — Wednesday Night Suppers will resume @ 6:00 pm

You're Invited to PW Unwind on Monday, August 5th at 6:00

We are headed to **Seasons 52**, located at 842 W. Sam Houston Parkway in CityCentre, for our August meal together. The restaurant is participating in Houston Restaurant Weeks benefitting the Houston Food Bank. You may order from the Restaurant Weeks' menu (<https://www.houstonrestaurantweeks.com/searchresults/#menu-seasons-52-citycentre>) for a set price, with part of the proceeds going back to the Food Bank; or from their regular menu (<https://www.seasons52.com/menu-listing/dinner>). Bring yourself. Invite a friend.

Please let Denise Wilborn know you are coming
via email: dwilborn55@gmail.com or text: 713-725-2816.



SBPC Women this Month:

The PW 2019 Welcoming Picnic is here!

**Aug 11, 2019
3pm to 5pm
Fellowship Hall**



RSVP by AUG 5th!

Text your RSVP:
281-932-7552

or Call/Email the Church Office:
secretary@springbranchpres.org

Picnic Gathering

Benefit Drawing

Tickets will be sold for \$1 each and will benefit the:



...at a Glance

******Summer : There are no Board Meetings, Bible Study, or Zip Trips until Sep!***

PW Unwind dinner is 8/5 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at Seasons 52 in City Centre

PW WELCOMING PICNIC will be 8/11 from 3-5 pm in the Gathering Place

HAPPY HANDS meets on 8/28 at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room

PW DIRECTORIES are always available in the Church Office.



You are invited to an overview of

Horizons 2019-2020 Study



LOVE Carved in STONE:

A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments

by The Rev. Eugenia A. Gamble

Saturday, August 3, at Community of the Servant Savior

11303 Hughes Road, Houston 77089

Registration and Refreshments at 9:30am, followed by overview from 10am to 12noon

Register with church office at 281.481.1692 (leave message) or email Dot-t3@juno.com

Presented by Connie Nyquist, C.C.E. (Retired), Clear Lake Presbyterian Church

Saturday, August 10, at The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church

4881 W Panther Creek Drive, The Woodlands 77381

Registration and Refreshments at 9:30am, followed by overview from 10am to 12noon

Register with Kristen Campbell at 910-322-0330 or email e.kristen.campbell@gmail.com

Presented by Reverend Laura Grice, T.E., The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church

Friday, August 16, at St. Andrews in Beaumont

1350 N 23rd Street, Beaumont 77706

Registration and Refreshments at 9:30am, followed by overview from 10am to 12noon

Register with Liz Webb at 409-860-5212 or email lizshanahan@aol.com

Presented by Reverend Sharon Gazaway, T.E., Trinity Presbyterian Church and Julie Odle, Pastoral Care Coordinator, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

Saturday, August 17, at Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

1215 Campbell Road, Houston 77055

Registration and Refreshments at 9:30am, followed by overview from 10am to 12noon

Register with the church office at 713-464-7659 or email secretary@springbranchpres.org

Presented by Patti Nanney, R.E., Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

All overviews are free!

To assist with planning, pre-registration is requested one week prior to the event.

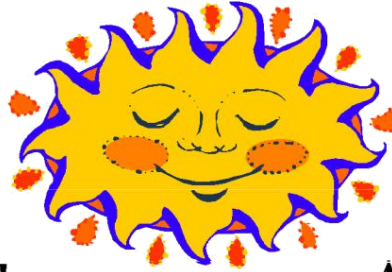


AUGUST

SPRING BRANCH PRESBYTERIAN ACADEMY

2019

Our Summer
Camp fun is
almost over at
the Academy. It's...



We are so excited!
Kids start back to
school on Thursday
August 19th. Yay!



Summer is almost over
and fall is near. Back to
school for a brand new
year! Pick your school
supplies, on the bus you
go. Make new friends
and say hello. Reading,
writing, learning more
than you ever did before!



For all of our
children's safety
lookout for
"School Zones."



The Gathering Place

An English Tea Party...

The Gathering Place (TGP) celebrated an English Tea with beautiful teapot centerpieces filled with flowers courtesy of the Miller/Mitchell family in July! Tracey Pace entertained with songs and jokes from England, and we planted mint in tea cups to take home... The morning was complete with English tea finger foods and a wild Mad Hatter game incorporating teapots, large colorful top hats, and giant tea bags! It was one of our most fun days ever.

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 pews in the Sanctuary or the main Church Office.

*Next month on **August 19th**, is our **Beach Party!** Wear your Hawaiian shirts and flip flops and join us for the fun!*

*More volunteers are always needed. If you can spare one Monday of the month (third Monday) from **10 AM to 1 PM**, we would love for you to join us. It is a fun and rewarding experience!*



Birth^{day} Blessings

Christina Holland	8/3	Dr. Rebecca Turney	8/20
Lee Dillard	8/4	Jennifer Chehade	8/23
Rocco Sabala	8/6	Jim Kunkel	8/23
Cameron Blome	8/9	Margaret Ford	8/24
Lu Taylor	8/9	Dorothy Savage	8/25
James Humphrey	8/10	Jennifer Fuller	8/27
Kim Tangey	8/12	Austin Indy Lanan	8/27
Brenda Lanan	8/13	Ron Tremble	8/28
Alexandria "Ali" Nix	8/15	Stephen Lezon	8/29
Betty Harris	8/15	Thomas Wayne Premer	8/30
Lee Dudinsky	8/19	Steve Nanney	8/31
Lane Rouse	8/20		

August Birthday Celebration!



Plan to stay after worship on Sunday, **August 11th** for our monthly church-wide birthday celebration. Take time to deepen relationships as you visit with friends, enjoy light snacks, and celebrate together those born in August...

Happy Anniversary!



<i>Jennifer & Todd Miller</i>	<i>8/3</i>
<i>James M. & Doris Wright</i>	<i>8/5</i>
<i>Kathryn "Kate" & Jeremy Cross</i>	<i>8/14</i>
<i>Dr. Matthew & Sarah Dikeman</i>	<i>8/17</i>
<i>Glenn & Barbara Lanan</i>	<i>8/17</i>
<i>Mark & Rebecca Turney</i>	<i>8/21</i>



Upcoming Opportunities...



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Help Wanted!



Fellowship ministry has sponsored our monthly birthday celebrations for a year now. Many of you have thanked us each month for the fellowship and hospitality opportunities, as we celebrate together our members' birthday months. If you would like to help with a month, you are invited and encouraged to do so by providing the light snacks, helping with set up, or helping with clean up. Let Denise Wilborn know what month you would like to help and how you would like to do so by email: dwilborn55@gmail.com.

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!



Third Wednesdays of the month at 7:00 pm
Next Opportunity: August 21

[2800 St. Charles](https://www.google.com/maps/place/2800+St.+Charles+St,+Chicago,+IL+60641)

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 one is 8/28 @ 9:30am! To make a donation: Contact Doris Wright at doriswright66@gmail.com

SBPC'S Store at Lands' End is back up and running!

SBPC Logo shirts are a great way to represent our church in the community.

Now SBPC has its own store: business.landsend.com/store/springbranchpres

From there you can choose from men's and women's polos, shirts, t-shirts, pullovers, jackets, totes, caps, aprons, and much more – all with the church logo!

You can choose from a multitude of colors as well as different thread colors for the logo.



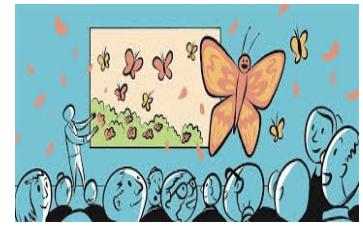
To Order:

1. Go to: business.landsend.com/store/springbranchpres
2. Hover over *My Account* and select *Create Account* when the window pops up.
3. Select a category to start shopping, or use the search tool (Men, Women, Promotional Products).
4. Click on the item you would like to purchase and choose the color and size of the item. **Then select *Apply Logo(s)* to continue.**
5. Select the church logo (Logo 1). It will let you preview it on the left side of your screen.
6. If you would like to change the color of the Logo, select *Change Logo Color(s)* and pick from the provided options. Note: The church logo is made up of 3 separate pieces. To change the color, please make sure that you change the color of all 3 pieces of the Logo. You can see this in realtime in the preview on the left side of your screen.
7. Select the location where you would like the logo, and **click *Apply Logo*.**
8. Push *Add to Bag* and continue shopping or checkout.
9. Once your items are ready, they will ship to the address you provided when you setup your account. If you have not setup an account, please do so now so you do not lose your items.

Contact Ethan Mitchell at ethan@springbranchpres.org if you have any questions.

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 Playground 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 PRES PRESS & BULLETIN REMINDER:

Remember to email all announcements to secretary@springbranchpres.org as soon as you have them!

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

[BULLETIN information is needed no later than the Wednesday before a service.]

This will allow us to get the whole PRES PRESS done & distributed in time!

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 —14
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, Outside SBPC Reservations

Aug 2019 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
9:30am - Sunday School 10:50am - Worship	10am - WOW (S) @ 12pm - Stewardship Mtg. 5:45pm - Yoga (CR) 6pm - Basketball (GP) @	10am - Flexercise (GP)	6pm - Faith Development	10am - Flexercise (GP) 5:30pm - Messy Church @ 5:45pm - Yoga (CR) 6pm - Fairbees Square		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9:30am - Sunday School 10:50am - Worship 12:30pm - Aug Bdays 3pm - PW Picnic/Tea	10am - WOW (S) @ 5pm - Academy Board 5:45pm - Yoga (CR) 6pm - Basketball (GP) @	10am - Flexercise (GP) 12pm - Stewardship Mtg.	Academy Closed 7pm - Choir	10am - Flexercise (GP) 5:45pm - Yoga (CR) 6pm - Fairbees Square		8am - Presb. Men - now 1st 9:30am - PW Bible Study
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
9:30am - Sunday School 10:50am - Worship 5pm - Back-to-School	10am - The Gathering Place 5:45pm - Yoga (CR) 6pm - Basketball (GP) @	PresPress Articles DUE 10am - Flexercise (GP) 6pm - Finance Group Mtg 6:30pm - Fellowship Grp	7pm - Choir	10am - Flexercise (GP) 5:45pm - Yoga (CR) 6pm - Fairbees Square	5:30pm - Academy Open	11am - Hot Meals
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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Kristen Campbell

Also learn 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!



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WOMEN

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

RSVP by AUG 5th!

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