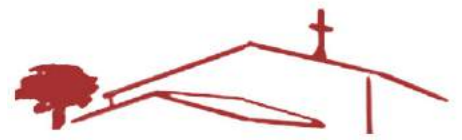


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## Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

1215 Campbell Rd | Houston, TX 77055

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Dear friends and members of Spring Branch,

Welcome to our “new normal.” I believe we are surprised at the veracity of this virus which has, to date, defeated all of the efforts of modern science. Yes, this is an extraordinary time. Still, I think that in the midst of all of the grim news, we have indeed learned some valuable lessons. What have you learned? I thought I might share three insights and hope you will do the same.

1. It hurts when good news turns out to be bad.

Proverbs 13:12 says, “Hope deferred makes the heart sick...” I think that is how we have all felt lately as things began to open back up only to close again. We do know when there will be an end to this pandemic, but we are learning that it may be farther out than any of us imagined. That is hope deferred. It is depressing. And yet, if we truly believe that God is in control of our world, we know that there is a purpose to both good and evil, as “God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God..” (Romans 8:28) It is my prayer that through this time of disappointment, God would do the extraordinary in our lives, and the lives of our faith community.

2. We truly need to be connected.

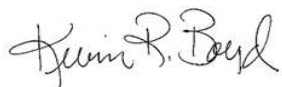
In those few times when we have been able to get together, such as our drive-through events, I have watched faces light up at the sight of one another. I have come away feeling my spirits lifted from being in your presence. This is as it should be. Paul in Philemon 1:7, says, “Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people.” We are doing that to one another. During these times, I have been taught in a new way how very important it is to our spiritual and emotional well-being that we stay connected every way we can. Let's continue to find ways to refresh one another.

3. Trying times show what we are truly made of.

One interesting thing I have been doing lately is to begin restoring a set of tools that belonged to my great grandfather. To clean up the old rusty steel, I am using a process called electrolysis. An electric current is passed through the metal in a medium of water and electrolytes, and the rust deposits are stripped off the tool, then deposited on another piece of metal in the same solution. I have uncovered some fascinating things when the old things are cleaned up. And what a parable this can also be. Difficult times in life can be like that electric current. They can strip our exterior, exposing our true character. During this time, I have observed some grow cold and detached. I have also seen some truly rise to new heights as they serve others, being good news in quite tangible ways. These are times when exciting growth can happen in our lives if we will allow it. I am praying that we will allow God to keep our hearts teachable.

Dear extraordinary church, what insights have you learned? Would you share them?

In Christ's Service,  
Kevin Boyd, Pastor



# Missions of the Month

The “Mission of the Month” for July is Mission of Yahweh. The Mission of Yahweh is a faith-based shelter that has been empowering, enriching and restoring the lives of homeless women and children and provides outreach services to low-income communities since 1961. The Mission of Yahweh offers many life-changing programs focused on ending the cycle of homelessness and



dependency, such as transition and aftercare programs, educational and vocational support, case management and spiritual counseling.

There is also a Children’s Program which includes social skills development, educational programs and development of character traits such as self-esteem, honesty, self-control, forgiveness, etc.



## July Mission Updates & Opportunities

**Missions during the COVID-19 Outbreak-** As you can imagine, many of the typical Missions that we perform have been curtailed due to social distancing requirements in place to mitigate transmission of the virus. We have adapted to this and have changed the focus of our mission work to respond to needs arising from our current challenges. We have two initiatives now and are developing others.

- Sewing masks for medical staff and first responders- As you have all seen on the news, there is a critical national shortage of personal protective equipment for medical staff and first responders. We have a dedicated group, led by Kay Craig, who have taken upon themselves to sew masks to protect the people that take care of us. If you would like to help out, please contact Kay.
- Letters / Cards for medical staff and first responders- These people work a lot of hours and are under an incredible amount of stress between patient concerns, long works hours, and concerns for their own families. While we can’t do a lot about these things, we can offer written encouragement to them to help keep morale up. If you would like to participate, please contact Miguel Carlin.
- Financial donations to Food Pantries in Spring Branch- Due to the high rate of unemployment from the COVID-19 Outbreak, the Fair Haven and East Spring Branch Food Pantries have been seeing an unprecedented amount of traffic. We have decided to make monetary donations to each of these food pantries to assist them in serving more people in need during this difficult time.

**SBPC Hot Meals on Weekends** – The current COVID-19 restrictions have made this service opportunity possibly more important than ever. These types of services have been declared “essential services” by the county, so we have been able to continue delivering meals. The 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Lu Taylor if you are interested in volunteering to deliver meals one month. The Saturday for this month will be July 25.

# SAVE THE DATE

**Sunday, July 12 at 8:30 AM**

**Drive-In Worship Service**

*A service of Ordination, Installation, and Communion.*



We will have another Drive-In Service on Sunday, July 12th at 8:30 AM. This will be service of Installation, Ordination, and Communion.

Silvia Argyriou and Megan Hogg will be Ordained and Installed as Ruling Elders for the Class of 2023. Lu Taylor and Elizabeth Powell will be Installed as Ruling Elders for the Class of 2023. We give thanks to God that these four individuals have accepted the call to serve in leadership at Spring Branch. We also give thanks for the work of our outgoing Elders: Patty Blome, Neal Dikeman, Jan Fitts, and Dick Slover.



Come to the SBPC parking lot on the 12th and tune your radio to FM station 89.5 to hear everything. You will receive a copy of the Bulletin prior to Sunday for you to print for you and your family, or you can follow along on a smartphone. Should you need a restroom, the Sanctuary Narthex bathrooms will be available. Otherwise, we kindly ask that you remain inside your vehicles.

Streaming Live at [facebook.com/springbranchpres](https://facebook.com/springbranchpres)



## SBPC Faith Development Ministry Offers Film Discussion of *Just Mercy*

Spring Branch Presbyterian Church's Faith Development Ministry will offer a film discussion of the 2019 movie, *Just Mercy*. *Just Mercy* is based on the memoir of Bryan Stevenson, a Harvard graduate, a world renowned civil rights defense attorney, and founder of the non-profit Equal Justice Initiative. The film Zoom discussion will be a safe time to discuss and share different thoughts and questions centered around racism through the lens of this particular film. All voices will be respected, heard, important, and included. Faith Development is exploring the possibility of inviting the members of a Spring Branch area congregation to join us in an effort to learn from others' lived experiences of racism.



The date and time of the Zoom discussion of *Just Mercy* will be shared in the near future. Details will be shared through church wide emails and communications. The movie is currently free to view through the month of June through various streaming services. On demand availability after June will be provided in future communications. If you have questions or are interested in participating, please contact Denise Wilborn at [faithdevelopment@springbranchpres.org](mailto:faithdevelopment@springbranchpres.org).

## *PW at a Glance*

*(There will be no Board Meetings, Bible Study, or Zip Trips during the summer)*

**HAPPY HANDS** might meet on **7/22** at 9:30 a.m. in the Gathering Place.

There will be a **PW Welcoming Tea** on **8/23** at 3:00 p.m.

You are invited to the  
Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

## Women's Welcoming Tea

Sunday, August 23

3-5 PM

Join us for delicious homemade tea items, beautiful table settings, and introduction to our Bible study for this year. If interested in hosting a table, contact Barbara Tremble or Kay Craig.



# Pastors Bible Study

*The Pastor's Bible Study with Kevin is continuing to meet online at 11:00 AM on Tuesday mornings. A Zoom invitation will be sent out each week for accessing and joining the meeting.*

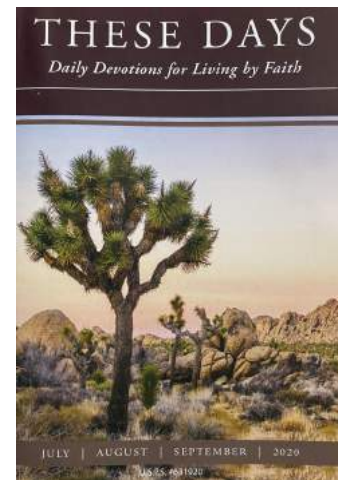
## Virtual Sunday School



The Explorer's Sunday School Class is meeting virtually using the video conferencing Platform *Zoom*. The group meets at the usual 9:30 a.m. time on Sunday mornings. If you would like to participate and don't normally attend the class, please contact Linda Crawford to receive a Zoom Invitation.

## Daily Devotionals

The July | August | September Edition of the *These Days* daily devotionals have arrived. If you would like a copy of this devotional mailed to you, please email [secretary@springbranchpres.org](mailto:secretary@springbranchpres.org), or call the Church Office and leave a voicemail.



## Sunday Morning Reflection Opportunity

Faith Development will continue to offer an on-line opportunity for Sunday morning study; or another time of your choice. The new class of young parents and families is using beautifully produced, timely, and relevant videos each week for their discussion on Sundays. InLighten Films offers dramatic, scripture-based films which are theater quality.



As stated on the InLighten Film website, "No robe and sandal reenactments. No cartoons. No one preaching at you." Each video is supported by questions for discussion and reflection. An email with a link to each week's film and discussion questions will be sent out.

## The Gathering Place

We have not been able to meet with our Gathering Place guests since our February meeting due to Covid-19, where nearly everyone in the program, including volunteers are in the high risk group.

In March, our volunteers made weekly phone calls to our guests to check in and make sure that they are remembered with fondness, and to see if their needs are being met.

In May, HEB donated a large quantity of gift bags to deliver to the participants to show they have not been forgotten.

In June, we considered ways to help including a drive in Gathering Place which we rejected as impractical and too hot! We decided to make and deliver our own gift bags and our theme this month is 4th of July. In the photo you can see the items for the bags before assembly. These items include an American flag, patriotic candies, patriotic coloring sheets and crayons and a USA necklace for them to assemble.

July 1st, these bags are being delivered by Jacquie Ballesteros and Sarah Dikeman with her granddaughters, Kaitlinn and Madelynn.

The Gathering Place is an ecumenical partnership with CarePartners® which provides memory care activities, lunch and a respite for caregivers of people with dementia.



Dear church family:

Thank you for your thoughts, prayers and support following the passing of my mother, Laverne Coller, as well as during her lengthy illness.

My parents became members of SBPC in 1960. They loved this church, and they loved the members of this church. And I know Mom appreciated the cards and kindness that many of you showed her during the last five years she was in the nursing home battling with her heart problems.

Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated and will never be forgotten.

With many thanks,  
Patti and Steve Nanney





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## Spring Branch Presbyterian

Our Sunday, July 19th Blood Drive  
has been postponed.

We hope to have a drive  
scheduled for August!  
More information will be  
forthcoming.



Nolan,  
blood recipient



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## Beautification and Repair projects have been underway at Spring Branch Presbyterian Church!

Thank you to everyone that has been involved with these projects!

*Ethan Mitchell, Lisa Merritt, The Tremble Family (Clouse Floors), Kevin Boyd, Emily Mitchell, Laurie Mitchell, Delia Nix, Marguerite Priest, and Bryan Evenson.*

### Some of the major projects include:

- Refinishing the Parlor Floor (Clouse Floors)
- Refinishing the exterior Garden Room trim
- Painting the Parlor
- Tree trimming
- Power washing the exterior of the buildings
- Re-sodding several areas
- Staining benches
- Spreading mulch
- Planting flowers and shrubs in the flowerbeds















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Thank you to everyone who has been contributing to the church each week in the absence of our usual *Presentation of Tithes and Offerings* time on Sunday mornings. Don't forget that the church expenses continue just the same. If at all possible, please mail in your contributions, or use the online giving option ([www.springbranchpres.org/give](https://www.springbranchpres.org/give)).

Thank you for your continued commitment!



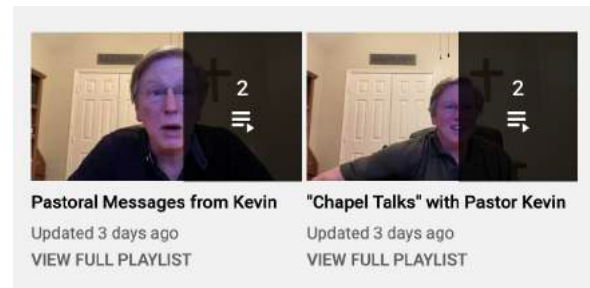
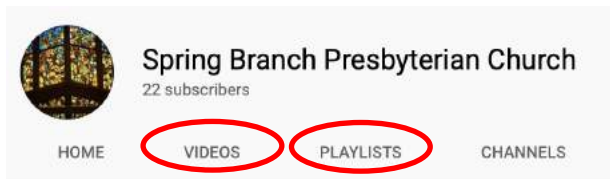
# COMMUNICATIONS CORNER

## How to access our *Digital Worship Services & Messages*:

1. Go to [www.springbranchpres.org](http://www.springbranchpres.org) and select **Sermons**. This will redirect you to the Church YouTube Channel.



2. The most recent uploads will appear here under the **Video** tab. Select the **Playlists** tab to view the Pastoral Messages & “Chapel” Talks from Pastor Kevin.



3. To view the Digital Services & Announcements on the Church Website, go to [www.springbranchpres.org](http://www.springbranchpres.org), scroll down to recent news and click on the most recent post-



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Are you a member of the SBPC Emergency Group on Facebook? If not, visit the link below and request to become a member.

[www.facebook.com/groups/SpringBranchPresbyterianEmer-](http://www.facebook.com/groups/SpringBranchPresbyterianEmer-)



# 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](https://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](https://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](mailto:ethan@springbranchpres.org) if you have any questions.



# happy birthday



Luke Fuller	7/6	Dr. Mark Turney	7/19
Tad Mizwa	7/6	Virginia Morrison	7/20
Joseph Wilborn	7/7	Riley Fairchild	7/22
Maggie Wright	7/7	Dana Ballard	7/23
Don Tremble	7/10	Nicki Laverty	7/24
Miriam Vyles	7/10	Sandy Chehade	7/26
Jeannie Stockton	7/11	Luna Lassiter	7/26
Connor Fake	7/13	Ben Lois Bowers	7/27
Liz Earnest	7/16	Gabe Perez	7/27
William Lassiter	7/16	Bethany Balli	7/29
Lisa Roland Schultz	7/18	Margo Smith	7/29
Carmen Reyer	7/19		





Daniel and Sarah Powell

7/13



Church Calendar

Jul 2020 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
9:30am - Explorers - Zoom 10:50am - Digital Worship			7pm - Drive-Thru Ice Cream 7pm - Neighborhood			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:30am - Explorers - Zoom 10:50am - Digital Worship		9:15am - Cong. Care Mtg.	7pm - Neighborhood 7pm - Property Meeting			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Ordination & Installation 8:30am - Drive-In Worship 9:30am - Explorers - Zoom 	5pm - Academy Board	11am - Pastor's Bible Study	7pm - Neighborhood			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:30am - Explorers - Zoom 10:50am - Digital Worship	PresPress Articles DUE	11am - Pastor's Bible Study	9:30am - Happy Hands? 7pm - Neighborhood			11am - Hot Meals
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
9:30am - Explorers - Zoom 10:50am - Digital Worship		11am - Pastor's Bible Study 7pm - Session				



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