

# PRESSES



## Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

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Dear Members and Friends,



Here is the church...  
Here is the steeple...  
Open the doors...  
And see all the people.



I think that most of us have known that nursery rhyme since our very first days. As much as I hate to break the news, that is a heresy. (OK I will duck...) But here is what I mean. In this unusual time, we are learning in very concrete ways that a building is not a church. While that may not be news to all of us, it certainly is to the outside world.

Recently I was asked if church was still cancelled at Spring Branch. My response was simply that the church can never be cancelled. The church has been gathering now for 2,000 years. It gathered when church buildings were unheard of. It has weathered every kind of disaster, natural and manmade. It gathers today where it is illegal to do so, where the cost of being a Christian is inconceivable to Americans. It gathers today in the face of sporting events, endless distractions, and foul weather. Some say that the people just will not be coming back to church when we are able to open. I do not believe that prediction. Christ's church has always stood victorious, and I do not believe this will be an exception. In fact, I am praying that our church in particular would come back together with a renewed appreciation of the beauty of our church family.

Our team leaders met this week and faced the reality that we may not be back in person together before the first of November. Of course, we are all praying for intervention, but none of us knows what August and September will bring as schools resume. We will be monitoring the situation very closely. I miss the church, the smiles, the hugs, the laughter, the tears, the beautiful children, the community. I look forward to the day, hopefully soon, when those virtual hugs will be replaced by real ones, and when we can give each other a smile without using a keyboard.

Thank you for continuing to be an extraordinary church in these extraordinary times. In the short time left in which we have to be apart, let's continue to look for creative ways to connect, generous ways to give, and abundant reasons to rejoice.

See you soon!  
Pastor Kevin

# Missions of the Month

The "Mission of the Month" for August is MAM (Memorial Area Ministries). MAM was started in 1981 as a coalition of 14 local churches and one synagogue to establish a network to provide emergency services to families living in poverty. Today, over 30 congregations provide financial and other support to MAM.

MAM provides a wide array of services to the community, which now includes (Spring Branch, Cypress and Alief). Services provided include: financial assistance programs, citizenship classes, employment services, English instruction, immigration assistance, mental health counseling, after school and immunization programs, and special targeted programs like assistance for victims of the Watson Grinding explosion. MAM has seen a major increase in service requests in all their support services due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



Our church will be collecting funds for MAM to provide school uniforms for children during the month of August. Donations can be mailed to the Church Office, brought to the Drive-Thru WNS on August 19<sup>th</sup>, or given through the MAM SBPC Fundraiser Page ([my.reason2race.com/SpringBranchPresbyterianChurch/MAMBacktoSchool2020](https://my.reason2race.com/SpringBranchPresbyterianChurch/MAMBacktoSchool2020)). Please make checks payable to SBPC and write MAM Back-to-School in the Memo Line.

## August Mission Updates & Opportunities

**Hurricane Preparedness** – As we enter the middle innings of hurricane season here on the Gulf Coast, we all need to be mindful and prepared for a hurricane and the problems they can cause. While most of us have the means and the ability to prepare ourselves with supplies, there are those in our community that are not as fortunate. The Mission Team will be preparing Hurricane Preparedness kits to go to those residents who receive Hot Meals on the Weekends by SBPC. These will be distributed during the month of August.

**PCHAS Back-To-School Supplies** – Our church is a big supporter of PCHAS (Presbyterian Children's Home and Services). During July, we had a Back to School Drive to provide school supplies for the children involved with PCHAS. During July, we collected over 300 items to donate to PCHAS for distribution. Thanks to everyone who contributed, and way to go SBPC!

**SBPC Hot Meals on the 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 August 22.

**MAM Back to School Drive** – During August, we will be collecting funds to donate to MAM to provide school uniforms. This will be a multi-congregational effort with other churches that support MAM.



# Make a child smile with new school clothes!



When YOU donate:

## MAM

distributes over 5,000 school shopping vouchers to local schools for children in need of school clothes!

## PARENTS

shop with their kids for new clothing at local retailers using vouchers like gift certificates.

## CHILDREN

see their parents as the providers and *real* superstars!

**\$50** PROVIDES NEW SCHOOL CLOTHES FOR A LOCAL KID! \*

\* In the event children are unable to return to school in the fall, funds collected may be redirected to support students' greatest needs, as determined by SBISD and MAM.

[www.mamhouston.org/backtoschool](http://www.mamhouston.org/backtoschool)

# Presbyterian Women this Month



## PW at a Glance

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

The **PW Welcoming Tea** has been postponed.

**HAPPY HANDS** has been postponed until further notice.

## Presbyterian Women August Bible Study Overviews

Since only one of our five host churches for the PW Bible Study Overviews have opened, there **WILL NOT** be "in person" overviews this year. Instead, we will be offering several resources to replace these overviews.

1. The author of the Bible Study, *Into the Light: Finding Hope through Prayers of Lament*, did a wonderful webinar explaining this year's topic and sharing an overview of the study. A link to that webinar as well as all of the resources the author discusses in the webinar will be posted on the "Presbyterian Women" webpage on our Presbytery's website.
2. The author is providing individual videos for each lesson, too, which will also be available via link from the "Presbyterian Women" webpage on our Presbytery's website.
3. In addition, we will be offering two Q&A and Brainstorming Zoom Meetings. One will be August 15 from 10am to 12 noon. The second will be August 22 from 1 to 3pm. Anyone wishing to participate must register by emailing Carol Davis at [caroldavis@entouch.net](mailto:caroldavis@entouch.net) at least two days before each of the Zoom meetings. You may submit any questions or ideas you would like to have discussed at the same time as registering for the Zoom Meeting.

Some topics/questions we will be covering during the Zoom meeting would be:

- What are tricks of using Zoom for this Bible Study, e.g., who has a Zoom account, tricks using free Zoom account, running a DVD so everyone can see it, using YouTube so you get video and sound, breaking into smaller groups, and using Screenshare and Whiteboard?
- What are additional resources to use during this study?
- How do you handle "Before You Begin" questions at the beginning of each lesson?
- What should I know about teaching the format of lament?
- What are ideas to best write a community lament in a Zoom meeting?
- Do we have to write a lament every lesson?
- What's the purpose of the vessels in the pictures for each lesson?
- How do you reach out to members of the Circle who don't have a computer?
- How do you carry on Circle traditions such as light a Christ Candle?



## Pop Up Drive-Thru Wednesday Night Supper

**August 19** — Kevin's Smoked Kahlua Pork



Save the date to come pick up drive-thru dinners on Wednesday, August 19th! More information to come soon.



Congratulation to our newly installed Ruling Elders: Sylvia Argyriou, Megan Hogg, Elizabeth Powell, and Lu Taylor! We also give thanks for the work of our outgoing Elders: Patty Blome, Neal Dikeman, Jan Fitts, and Dick Slover.

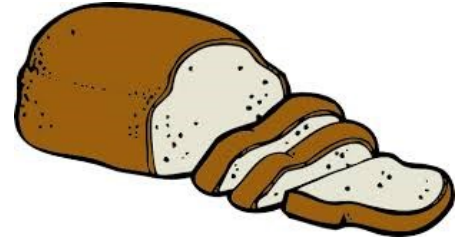


**Spring Branch  
Presbyterian Academy**

Congratulations and thank you to Neal Dikeman and Sarah Dikeman for accepting the call to serve on the Academy Board. We also give thanks to the dedicated members that just rotated off the Board, Doris Wright and Carla Pace!

# Vacation Bible School Bread

Jane Trawick provided this recipe for the SBPC VBS in 1976. She and Cindy Sauer started a tradition kept “alive and well” by Ferrell and Wix Thorpe. The tradition has continued thanks to Ken and Linda Crawford, and now Doris Wright.



Although we are not together, we wanted to ensure that everyone has the recipe to partake in this tradition with you and your family at home. You are encouraged to send pictures of your bread making and baking to the Church.



## Ingredients:

- ½ c. of warm water
- 1 package dry yeast
- 3 T. sugar
- 4 ½ c. flour
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 ½ c. water (cold)
- 2 T. oil
- Two round metal 1 pound coffee cans

Oil the inside of the coffee cans. Mix warm water, yeast and 1 T. of sugar. Let stand for 15 minutes. Mix dry ingredients, including 2 T. sugar in a large bowl. Add yeast mixture. Stir together, making a ball of dough. Spread about ½ c. flour onto a smooth, hard table. After all the ingredients are mixed together into a small ball of dough (in mixing bowl) put the dough on the flour on the table. Knead dough until smooth and elastic. Add flour to keep from sticking. Split the dough into two equal parts and put into oiled cans. Put lids on the cans and leave until the lid pops off (about 30 to 40 minutes). Bake at 350° for 30 minutes. Bread will be a beautiful golden brown.

**Recipe Notes:** If the coffee cans are really 11 or 13 oz., consider using 3 cans. If the dough rises too rapidly, “punch it down” into the can and let it rise again; you can do this twice and the bread should still bake OK. It’s OK to put the can of dough in a refrigerator to slow the rising.

# Pastors Bible Study

*The Pastor's Bible Study with Kevin is continuing to meet online at 11:00 AM on Tuesday mornings. Here is the information to join the meeting:*

**Meeting ID: 897 7951 2452 | Password: 754888 | Zoom Link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89779512452?pwd=VU1VZVByeFI1MEwxNmxrR090S0JVQT09>

## **August 2, 2020; 9th Sunday after Pentecost**

First Reading: Matthew 14:13-21

Text: Genesis 32:22-31

Title: "Summer Games #1: Wrestling"

Focus: Our wills must match that of God.

## **August 9, 2020; 10th Sunday after Pentecost**

First Reading: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Text: Matthew 14: 22-33

Title: "Summer Games #2: Water Skiing"

Focus: Christians live by faith in the midst of crisis.

## **August 16, 2020; 11th Sunday after Pentecost**

First Reading: Genesis 45:1-15

Text: Matthew 15:21-28

Title: "Summer Games #3: Catch"

Focus: Our God is a gracious God, giving all we need to sustain us.

## **August 23, 2020; 12th Sunday after Pentecost**

First Reading: Exodus 1:8-2:10

Text: Matthew 16:13-20

Title: "Summer Games #4: Legos"

Focus: Our foundation is the gospel of Christ

## **August 30, 2020; 13th Sunday after Pentecost**

First Reading: Exodus 3:1-15

Text: Matthew 16:21-28

Title: "Summer Games #5: Let's Make A Deal"

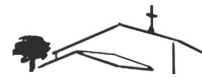
Focus: We must decide who or what is our first priority.

**zoom**



## **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.



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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!

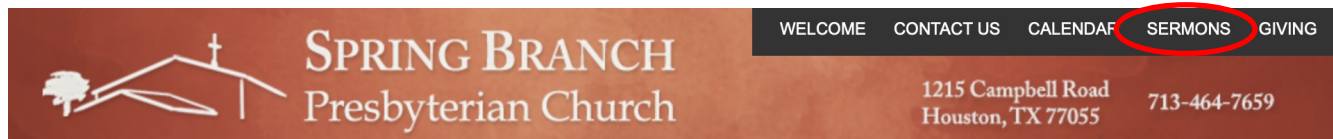




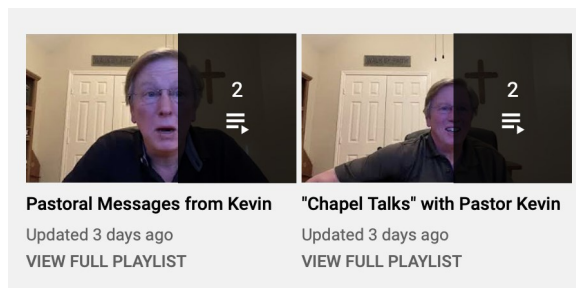
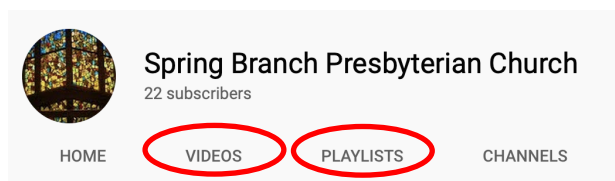
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## How to access our *Digital Worship Services & Messages*:

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



The most recent uploads will appear here under the **Video** tab. Select the **Playlists** tab to view the Pastoral Messages & Sunday *Time For Young Disciples*.



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 posting.



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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/SpringBranchPresbyterianEmergencyManagement/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/SpringBranchPresbyterianEmergencyManagement/)



# happy birthday



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

## Happy Anniversary!



Jennifer and Todd Miller	8/3
Dr. Doris and Mike Wright	8/5
Jeremy and Kate Cross	8/14
James and Meredith Qualls	8/15
Dr. Matthew and Sarah Dikeman	8/17
Barbara and Glenn Lanan	8/17
Dr. Mark and Dr. Rebecca Turney	8/21

Church Calendar

Aug 2020 (Central Time - Chicago)

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





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