

# PRES PRESS



## Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

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Greetings, friends and members of SBPC,

Here we are still in the time of COVID-19. Which reminds me: Why do they call it the novel coronavirus? It's a long story....

OK, well I hope it was good enough for a small chuckle anyway. Grins and laughs seem to be too few and far between these days. I know we will all be happy to get back to some new kind of routine, whatever that will look like. Until then, I wanted to let you know of a couple of things that are old and yet new.

The season of Lent begins on February 17th with Ash Wednesday. It has always been my practice to offer several chances during this season for the imposition of ashes. This year it is difficult. However, for those who wish to receive them, we will be combining it with our Wednesday night drive-thru dinner. You will see two different stations and you will have the opportunity to pick up supper, receive ashes, or both. I will be masked and gloved and applying them with a new Q-tip for each person so that we remain sanitary. Please also watch for a video devotional time I will be posting that morning for everyone.

One more great opportunity for keeping in a routine is our current stewardship drive. Some of you have remarked that it really does help to keep a sense of spiritual normalcy to continue giving. Spring Branch is a remarkable church and we are continuing ministry in new and creative ways, and your support is much appreciated!

Expect something different and exciting this year for Lent. I love to see the purple paraments hung in the sanctuary during this time of personal examination, and I know many of you do as well. This is the standard liturgical color for Lent. Why is that? There are many answers, but the color of purple has a deep scriptural and historical significance. Purple traces the story of our redemption from its use in the tabernacle, to the temple veil, to priestly garments, to kings and nobility, to the scourging of Jesus and even the earliest disciples. Modern scientific insights are shedding lights on how purple affects us, and it is a popular theme in recent music. I think that we will discover that this color has a great significance for each of our lives as well. New decorations are being made for the sanctuary for this special celebration, and we will try to show them online for those of you who are worshiping that way, so that we can all enjoy them. No matter which method of worship you choose, we are asking everyone to consider wearing purple each Sunday in Lent. It will help us all to be part of the same celebration. And of course, please pray for me as I prepare these messages.

May our Lord keep you well and safe, and may this Lent bring us a renewed closeness with our Savior!

In Christ's Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin R. Boyd".

Kevin Boyd, Pastor

# Missions of the Month

The "Mission of the Month" for February is the Souper Bowl of Caring. The Souper Bowl of Caring is a youth-inspired, youth-led movement, working with other groups across the nation including: schools, churches, local businesses, corporations, passionate individuals and NFL teams to tackle hunger in their local communities during the weeks leading up to the biggest celebration in football, the Super Bowl. We will be collecting cash, soup, and other canned goods to contribute on Sunday, February 7th.

We are also offering an online option this year for you to share with your family and friends! The link to give donations online is: <https://forms.tacklehunger.org/collections/view/1470855>. All donations that are received will benefit the Fair Haven Food Pantry. Food donations brought to the Drive-Thru Dinner on Wednesday, Feb. 3rd will be put towards our Souper Bowl of Caring count! We will also be accepting monetary donations for the Souper Bowl of Caring at the Drive-Thru Dinner.

This program was started by a youth group at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC in 1990 after a simple prayer by that church's pastor: "Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat."

In addition to the funds collected at our church, the Souper Bowl of Caring has corporate partners like HEB and Kroger that also contribute. They work with the Houston Food Bank and local hunger relief charities in over 18 counties in South Texas. 100% of all Souper Bowl of Caring donations benefit local hunger-relief charities.



**We invite everyone to wear their favorite football team's shirt to church on February 7.**

## Did you know?

- 48 million Americans live in poverty
- 1 in 7 Americans face hunger every day
- More than 630,000 people in the United States are homeless
- 23% of those struggling went to college
- Or that 16 million children live in food insecure households

**Jesus' words: "I was hungry and you gave me food, thirsty and you gave me drink... whenever you did this for one of the least of these followers of mine, you did it for me!"**



## February Mission Updates & Opportunities

**SBPC Hot Meals on Weekends** – The current COVID-19 restrictions have made this service opportunity possibly more important than ever. 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 February 27th.

**Special Offerings Update** – Thank you to everyone that contributed to the *Christmas Joy Offering*. We are happy to announce that we collected \$1,876.



## Ash Wednesday

**Wednesday, February 17th**

Drive-Thru Ashes at 6:00 PM

The Drive-Thru line will be arranged in such a way that you can come pickup dinner, sanitarily receive ashes, or both! Watch you email for more information!

*Pastor Kevin will lead a video Ash Wednesday Devotional that will be released to the Congregation on February 17th.*

### Drive-Thru Wednesday Night Supper



**Feb. 3 — Cane's Chicken Tenders**

**Feb. 17 — Red Beans & Rice**

Ash Wednesday



You will drive through the main entrance, past the port-cochere to where you will see Kevin loading dinners. You do not have to get out of your vehicle, just roll down the window or unlock the passenger side door. Kevin will also be offering prayers for all who wish. Please try to arrive between 6:00-6:20 PM. All sanitary precautions will be strictly observed during preparation and delivery. *Watch your email for placing orders!*

The dinners will be free, but we are accepting donations. We are also accepting donations for the Fair Haven Food Pantry (non-perishable food items, plastic grocery bags, cleaning supplies, and paper products). Food donations brought to the Drive-Thru on Wednesday, February 3rd will be put towards our Souper Bowl of Caring count! We will also be accepting monetary donations for the Souper Bowl of Caring on February 3rd.

We are also continuing to accept thank you cards for our dedicated Houston healthcare workers. Please do not seal the envelopes.

# Presbyterian Women this Month

Happy  
Valentine's Day



## PW at a Glance

**PW MODERATORS** meet on 2/3 at 9:30 a.m. (via Zoom)

**PW BOARD MEETING** meet on 2/3 at 10:15 a.m. (via Zoom)

**PW CIRCLE** meeting on 2/10 at 9:30 a.m. (via Zoom)

**THE HORIZONS** Evening Bible Study using **ZOOM** will be on Tuesday, 2/16 at 7:00 p.m.

Lessons 6: [www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/into-the-light/](http://www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/into-the-light/)

Contact Carol Davis to receive a Zoom Invitation for both the Day Circle and the Evening Bible Study.

There will be no **ZIP TRIP** or **HAPPY HANDS** in February.

**PW BIBLE STUDY** books are available in the Church Office, or can be picked up from Sarah Dikeman's House. The cost is \$10.

**PW DIRECTORIES** are available in the Church Office or for pickup from Sarah Dikeman.

## Bible Study Using Zoom: February 16th at 7:00 p.m.

Lesson 6 of *Into the Light* will be discussed by the group of women using Zoom on Tuesday, February 16, at 7 p.m. All SBPC women are welcomed in this Bible study group through videoconference! Contact Carol Davis at [caroldavis@entouch.net](mailto:caroldavis@entouch.net) to receive the Zoom invitation to join the meeting.



**SBPC Scholarship applications are now available for interested students!** Completed applications are due May 1 for the year applying and should be turned in to Sarah Dikeman for the women's scholarship and Ken Crawford for the men's scholarship.

**Spring Branch Presbyterian Church  
Women's/ Men's Scholarship Application  
2021-2022 Academic Year**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone cell: \_\_\_\_\_ home: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you employed: FT \_\_\_\_\_ PT \_\_\_\_\_ Work Study \_\_\_\_\_ N/A \_\_\_\_\_

Name of College, University, or Technical School: \_\_\_\_\_

Level: Freshman \_\_\_\_\_ Sophomore \_\_\_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_\_\_  
Senior \_\_\_\_\_ Post- Grad \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Years Attended: \_\_\_\_\_ FT/ PT student \_\_\_\_\_

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Honors Program: \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

On a separate piece of paper, in paragraph form, please describe:

1. Your goals
2. Extracurricular activities
3. Community service
4. How your faith and belief in God affects your studies
5. Your membership and involvement in Spring Branch Presbyterian Church
6. Use of Scholarship money
7. Any other information you'd like to share
8. Optional Photograph

\*\*Applications are due the 1<sup>st</sup> of May for the year applying and should be turned in to Sarah Dikeman for the Women's Scholarship and Ken Crawford for the Men's Scholarship. Applicant must be enrolled or accepted at a college, university, technical school, or certification program. Scholarships will be awarded in the summer of the year applying. Recipient must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0/C average. Applicant must be an active member in good standing of Spring Branch Presbyterian Church. Reapplication may be made each year beginning January 1.

# 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 study:*

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

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

## **February 7, 2021; 5th Sunday After Epiphany; Communion**

First Reading: Isaiah 40:21-31

Text: Mark 1:29-39

Title: Call Time Out!

Focus: Like Jesus, we need to take time regularly to nourish our spiritual lives.

## **February 14, 2021; Transfiguration of the Lord**

First Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-12

Text: Mark 9:2-9

Title: Plugging In

Focus: A life in Christ is a life of bright obedience.

## **February 21, 2021; 1st Sunday in Lent**

First Reading: Mark 19:9-15

Text: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Title: Purple Daze 1: Telling the Story

Focus: As the purple in the temple told a story, we also need to learn how to tell what God has done for us.

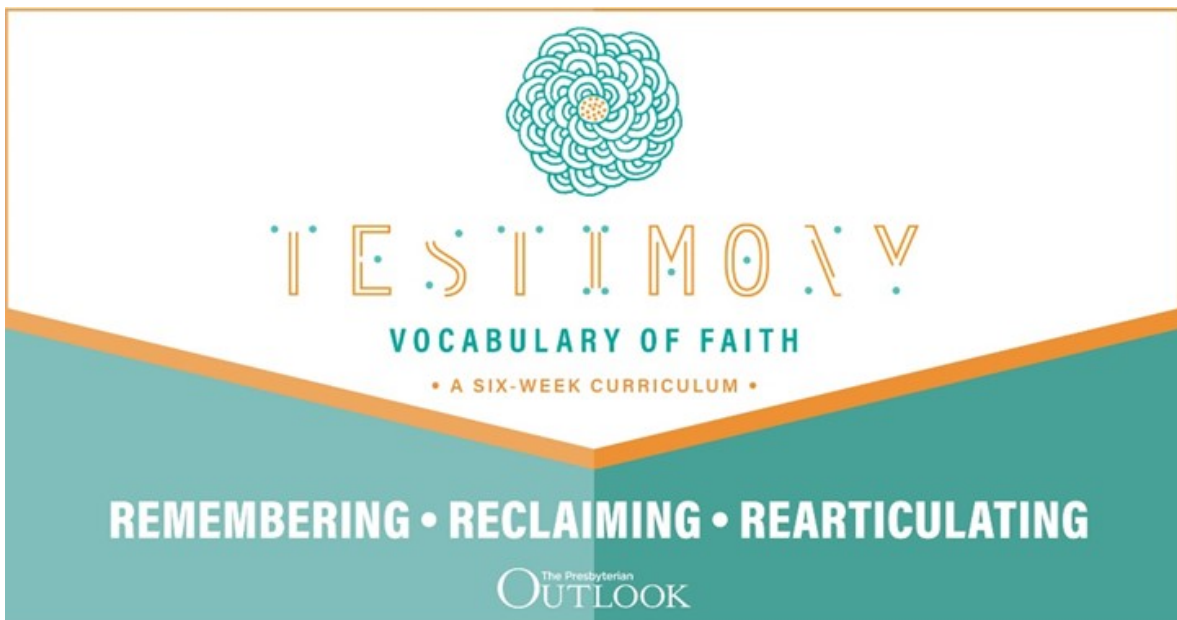
## **February 28, 2021; 2nd Sunday in Lent**

First Reading: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Text: Mark 8:31-38

Title: Purple Daze 2: The True Meaning of the Cross

Focus: Jesus was dressed in a purple robe as he was beaten. The cross is the way of sacrifice.



All are invited, welcomed, and encouraged to join a six-week exploration of who God is, and who we are in relationship with God. This Lenten study will begin Sunday, February 21st and go through Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. Participants will gather via Zoom at 7 pm each Sunday and Rev. Dr. Kevin Boyd will facilitate the discussions. Let Denise Wilborn know you are interested in joining this Lenten journey by emailing her at [faithdevelopment@springbranchpres.org](mailto:faithdevelopment@springbranchpres.org).



Although the **Explorers Sunday School Class** is meeting in-person on Sunday mornings, you can still join virtually via *Zoom*! The group gathers at 9:30 AM, both virtually and in-person. If you would like to participate via Zoom, please contact Linda Crawford.



Please don't forget to turn in your Pledge Card. You can find one in the Narthex or the Church Office. For a digital copy of the Pledge Card, please visit the following link: <http://www.springbranchpres.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Pledge-Card.pdf>.

You can download this card, type directly into it, and email it to [giving@springbranchpres.org](mailto:giving@springbranchpres.org) or [jorida.vakiari@springbranchpres.org](mailto:jorida.vakiari@springbranchpres.org).

***Peace and Thanks***

## Worship With Us

**SBPC has resumed in-person Worship and Sunday School.** If you would like to attend Worship and/or Sunday School, you will need to register each week. By registering, you are agreeing to follow the guidelines set forth for a safe return. The guidelines for Worship and Sunday School are available at [www.springbranchpres.org/worship-registration](http://www.springbranchpres.org/worship-registration).



You can register for Worship and Sunday School each week by completing the online form at [www.springbranchpres.org/worship-registration](http://www.springbranchpres.org/worship-registration). You may also register via email to [secretary@springbranchpres.org](mailto:secretary@springbranchpres.org). If you register via email, please include if/which in-person Sunday School Class you will attend.

Every week, the service is being streamed live to the SBPC YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCK-MbvQ1TkJiUmDq1Psswg>.

### 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](http://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.





# RODEO JOHN KNOX

## Saturday, February 20, 2021

John Knox Presbyterian Church  
2525 N. Gessner Rd  
Houston, TX 77080

On Saturday, February 20, 2021, John Knox Presbyterian will host our annual Rodeo Dinner and Auction. This year's dinner will be offered "to-go" so that you and your family may enjoy a meal at home together or you may want to order a few to-go boxes and have a socially distanced meal with friends!

You could offer to pick up meals for your neighbors who aren't getting out these days as well. Any way you choose to do it, we'll provide a delicious meal that we know you'll enjoy!

### On the menu this year is:

Choice of pulled pork or chicken. All plates will include sausage, cheesy ranch roasted potatoes, charro beans, Mexican street corn, bread, onions/pickles/jalapenos and peach cobbler!

### Below are details:

Date: Saturday, February 20

Time: Pick up times will vary in the afternoon according to your ticket number so that we don't have too many people picking up at one time. We will also deliver curbside on Brigade Street if you prefer not to come in the building.

Cost: \$20 per plate

Where: John Knox Presbyterian Church, 2525 N. Gessner Rd., Houston, TX 77080

The deadline to get your ticket is Sunday, February 14. To purchase your tickets, please call our office at 713-462-5448.

Funds raised will benefit three local charities in our community. We combine a portion of the profits from this fundraiser with the profits from our annual fall Charity Bazaar to split between the three chosen organizations. Those organizations will be announced soon.

We will also have an online auction. Photos and descriptions of the items will be available by the end of January on our website at [www.johnknoxhouston.org](http://www.johnknoxhouston.org). You may also call 713-462-5448 to be put on our email list for bidding.

Happy  
Birthday!

happy  
Birthday  
To you


Sarah Fake	2/1
Clara Dikeman	2/2
James Daley	2/3
Silvia Argyriou	2/4
Victoria Kissinger	2/4
Cali Alegria	2/6
Stephen Earnest	2/7
Loretta Pittman	2/8
Logan Balli	2/9
Fonda Blair	2/10

Daniel Powell	2/10
Merveilles Massamba	2/13
Dr. Doris Wright	2/13
Eric Purfurst	2/14
Lynn Dudinsky	2/15
Beth Mizwa	2/15
Kayla Mizwa	2/18
Dianne Bigelow	2/21
Amelia Hazel Laverty	2/27



Happy Anniversary!

Barbara and Don Tremble 2/5

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1 7pm - Worship Team	2 11am - Pastor's Bible Study 1:30pm - Cong. Care Mtg.	3 9:30am - PW Moderator 10:15am - PW Board 6pm - Drive-Thru WNS 7pm - Property Meeting	4	5	6
7 Souper Bowl of Caring 9:30am - Sunday school 10:50am - Worship	8 5pm - Academy Board	9 11am - Pastor's Bible Study	10 9:30am - PW Circle	11	12	13
14 Transfiguration of the Lord 9:30am - Sunday school 10:50am - Worship Happy Valentine's Day	15	16 11am - Pastor's Bible Study 7pm - Horizon's Bible Study	17 Ash Wednesday 6pm - Drive-Thru WNS 	18	19	20 PresPress Articles DUE
21 1st Sunday in Lent 9:30am - Sunday school 10:50am - Worship 7pm - Testimony Study	22 11am - Pastor's Bible Study 7pm - Session	23	24	25	26	27 11am - Hot Meals
28 2nd Sunday in Lent 9:30am - Sunday school 10:50am - Worship 7pm - Testimony Study	1	2	3	4	5	6



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*“Let all that you do  
be done in love.”*

-1 Corinthians 16:14