

# PRES PRESS

Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

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Dear members and friends,

Here we are at the midway point in summer. I cannot imagine where the month of June went. Airlines are packed with people traveling once again. We are preparing for VBS again this year! In a few weeks, things will be getting busy once again. Things will be the same but different. Who knows what that means? Yet, it seems that the summer has just flown by. Whatever you choose to be doing, I hope that you and yours have a great time and that you have arrived back refreshed and ready to go for another year.

Rest is one of the ways God ministers to our needs. It was built into the rhythm of nature at creation, and into the Law when it was first recorded. Sometimes taking a break can be a very holy thing to do.

We will all be rebuilding our schedules very soon. As we do, remember the idea of the Sabbath was to make the day holy to the Lord. It does sadden me to realize that we live in a society which has reduced the Sabbath to merely a guaranteed day off, a day on which we schedule ball games and the like. But it is so much more than that. It is a day to honor God and become refreshed in our faith, so that we might have the spiritual strength to face the rest of the week. We are to keep it holy by worship, rest, and recreation which gives us a genuine rest. So right now, while you have a chance to rearrange your priorities, don't miss this avenue for spiritual growth and restoration. And don't forget, worship is an integral part of the prescription God has for what ails us.

There is an old story about a man's quest for help:

A man falls over a cliff and on the way down grabs a hold of the only thing possible, a small shrub growing from the rock face. It's not very strong, there is no way up, and it's a very long way down. He begins to pray: "Lord, I've not been as good as I might, but I really need your help." There is silence. The man prays: "Is anybody there?" A voice thunders out: "I hear you, my son. I will help, but you must trust me. Let go of the branch."

There is silence, then the man yells: "Is anybody ELSE there?"

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Don't forget the wonderful help that God has put at our disposal. We hope you are having an absolutely fantastic summer and that we will see you again soon here at Spring Branch!

In Christ's Service,



Kevin

# Missions of the Month

The “Mission of the Month” for July is the 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. Each year, over 200

volunteers per month help keep the campus in good working order by completing necessary projects and providing support for programs, chapel services, and children’s activities.

## **Mission Facts**

- The Mission is one of only a few shelters for homeless women and children in Houston.
- The Mission has grown to a 12-building campus in Northwest Houston.
- The Mission averages over 120 residents per day in a normal year. On average, 40% of The Mission’s residents are children under the age of 13.
- The Mission operates with a lean staff and many volunteers.
- The Mission serves a growing need in our community. Year after year, The Mission is forced to turn away over 4,000 women and children due to lack of beds.
- The average resident family has 2.5 children per mother.
- The majority of The Mission’s operating funds are in-kind donations that come from individuals, churches and businesses.
- The Mission does not receive government funding.
- Through a collaboration with other local resources, classes and services are provided for a variety of subjects including: job readiness, computer training, money management, education, health, parenting, and more.
- On average, it costs the Mission \$40.00 per day to house, feed, and clothe one homeless woman or child.
- The average stay for a Mission resident is 4 to 6 months.
- In any given year, 40 to 60% of our resident women are working or are enrolled in school.



## **July Mission Updates & Opportunities**

**Blood Drive Update** – Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center will be returning to SBPC on Sunday, July 18th! The Blood Drive will take place from 8:30am-12:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Ashely Powell at [ashleycrawford161@gmail.com](mailto:ashleycrawford161@gmail.com) to sign up.

**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 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 Lu Taylor if you are interested in volunteering to deliver meals one month. The Saturday for this month will be July 24th.

**Spring Branch Presbyterian Church is participating in the PCHAS Back to School Supply Campaign!** – You can go to our church website and click on one of the links to sign up to sponsor one or more items for Elementary or Middle School supplies. After you purchase the items, please bring them to the Church Office by July 31st. The donations brought to the church will be delivered to the PCHAS Office to support children in the PCHAS Foster Care program. If you would rather not sign up online, there will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex and on the table outside of the church office. For more information, go to: [www.springbranchpres.org/pchas-back-to-school-drive](http://www.springbranchpres.org/pchas-back-to-school-drive).



# GIVE BLOOD.ORG

## Spring Branch Presbyterian

**Sunday,  
July 18  
8:30 am - 12:30 pm  
Fellowship Hall  
1215 Campbell Rd**

**To schedule an appointment,  
contact Ashley Powell  
(979) 571-2499  
ashleycrawford161@gmail.com**



*Artemio, blood recipient*



**EAT. DRINK. BRING I.D.**

**Share your  
donation story**



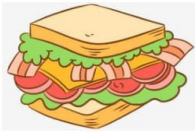
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# July 4<sup>th</sup> Picnic

Join the fun for a celebration of our nation's 245<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

Sunday, July 4, following worship



Fellowship Hall



We will have sandwiches, salads, watermelon, root beer floats and much more!



Games



Patriotic Sing-a-Long

Wear your red, white & blue and come join the party!

Sunday, July 18 at 10:50 AM

*A service of Ordination and Installation*



Glenn Lanan and Donald McDaniel will be Ordained and Installed as Ruling Elders for the Class of 2024. Charles Fairchild and Jennifer Miller will be Installed as Ruling Elders for the Class of 2024. 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: Kay Craig, Margaret Ford, Lisa Merritt, and Christopher Powell.



# Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services<sup>SM</sup>

**Thank you Spring Branch Presbyterian Church members  
for helping kids at PCHAS!**

Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services (PCHAS) provides Christ-centered care and support to children and families in need. Each year, we hold an annual Back to School drive for our kids heading to school in the fall. All supplies from SBPC will go to support children in our Foster Care program.

Sign up to sponsor one or more items by clicking these links:

Elementary School: [Elementary School SignUp Genius Link](#)

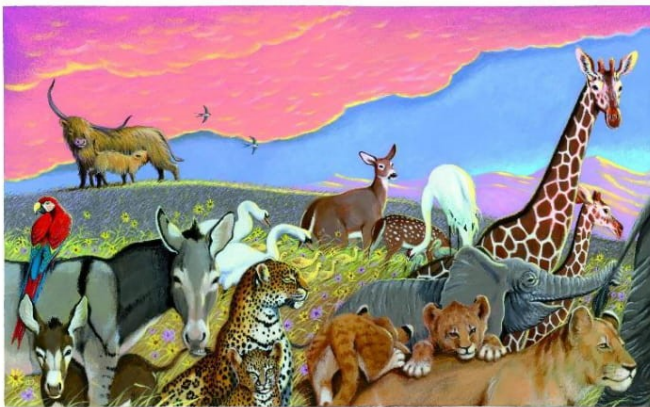
Middle School: [Middle School SignUp Genius Link](#)

**If you would rather not sign up online, there will be a sign-up sheet on table outside of church office.**

**Please bring all donated items to SBPC. Items must be received by July 31<sup>st</sup>.**

For questions, call Laura Joy at (713) 893-3735 or email at: [laura.joy@pchas.org](mailto:laura.joy@pchas.org) or Miguel Carlin at: 713-464-7659 or [miguel@springbranchpres.org](mailto:miguel@springbranchpres.org).

The Faith Development ministry team of Spring Branch Presbyterian Church, in conversation with the Academy, is working hard to discern the best way to proceed with VBS 2021 in light of the ever-changing COVID landscape. The theme for the week will be built around the folksong "All God's Creatures Have a Place in the Choir." Science, art, music, and storytelling will reflect animals mentioned in the Bible.



The dates for this year's VBS are Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> through Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. Each day will begin at 9:00 for the children and end at 11:30. At this time with the Covid metrics in consideration, VBS will include the Academy students and the children and youth of Spring Branch members.

Faith Development will continue to reassess as the summer progresses. If you are available to volunteer for VBS 2021, please email Denise Wilborn ([dwilborn55@gmail.com](mailto:dwilborn55@gmail.com)) or Miguel Carlin ([miguel@springbranchpres.org](mailto:miguel@springbranchpres.org)).

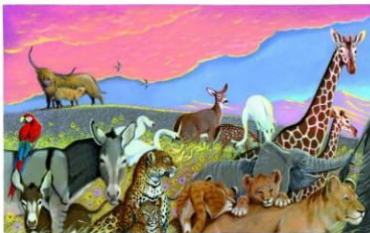
[VBS Registration Form 2021](#)

[VBS Youth Volunteer Registration 2021](#)

[VBS Adult Volunteer Registration 2021](#)



**We All Have a Place**  
*“All God’s Creatures Have a Place in the Choir”*



**Spring Branch Presbyterian Church, 1215 Campbell Rd.**  
**Vacation Bible School: Tuesday-Friday, July 13 – 16, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.**

**Child’s Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age Information (for children who are entering Pre-K through just finished 5th grade):**

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age on July 13 \_\_\_\_\_

Last school grade completed (2020-2021) \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Numbers:** Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_

Work \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Church (if not SBPC):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Allergies/Medical Information/Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Emergency Contact(s):**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Dismissal Information:**

Name(s) of person(s) other than parents who may pick up this child from VBS:

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*All Academy COVID-19 protocols in place the week of July 13th will be followed by all Spring Branch Presbyterian Church children, youth, and adults.*

*Forms should be returned to the church office or emailed to [miguel@springbranchpres.org](mailto:miguel@springbranchpres.org). Questions should be directed to Denise Wilborn ([dwilborn55@gmail.com](mailto:dwilborn55@gmail.com)), or to Miguel Carlin ([miguel@springbranchpres.org](mailto:miguel@springbranchpres.org)).*



## The Gathering Place Ministry Program



Four years ago, we started the ministry/care program called “The Gathering Place,” for persons with memory challenges and their caregivers. This is a once-a-month program from 10 AM-1 PM. The “guests” and their caregivers come for fun, food, fellowship & exercise. Our church volunteers are necessary to help with the program. If you were to come observe the program, I think you would see that everyone seemed to be having a lot of fun, including the volunteers! We have a different theme for each month and like to decorate for the theme. We also try to tie the crafts and the lunch into the theme. Some dress for the theme, if possible. If you talk to some of our volunteers, I think most will say they get as much out of it as the guests do. **AND**, you get a home-cooked, nutritional lunch!

We need lots of volunteers! We already have quite a few of the main positions filled, but we still have room for **YOU!** You might be helping with crafts or exercise, or helping with the music. Or, perhaps helping prepare and serve lunch. **OR**, you can just come and visit with the Care Partners. **REMEMBER:** it is only once a month!!

We will be having our training on July 19. You must be registered and take the training to be a volunteer.

This is a wonderful Mission Outreach and Congregational Care opportunity that God has sent to us. If you are interested in helping out for only once a month, please contact Jacquie Ballesteros at 713-305-1114 or [jballesteros1103@gmail.com](mailto:jballesteros1103@gmail.com) or Sarah Dikeman at 713-468-3973 or [swdmmd@dikeman.net](mailto:swdmmd@dikeman.net).



# SUMMER



Lane Rouse is participating in the US Navy's boot camp through July 16th. He would love to receive letters or cards from his friends at SBPC. He can be reached at the following address for the next two weeks:



SR Rouse, Lane E.  
Ship 12 Div. 323  
3515 Sailor Dr.  
Great Lakes, IL 60088-3515



## *PW at a Glance*

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

**HAPPY HANDS** will meet on 7/28 at 9:30 a.m. in the Gathering Place.

There will be a **PW WELCOMING TEA** on 8/8 at 3:00 PM

**BIBLE STUDY BOOKS** for 2021-2022 (*What My Grandmother's Taught Me*) are available in the Church Office, or can be picked up from Sarah Dikeman's house. The cost is \$10. Last years' study books can be delivered to the Church Office to be recycled to other groups.

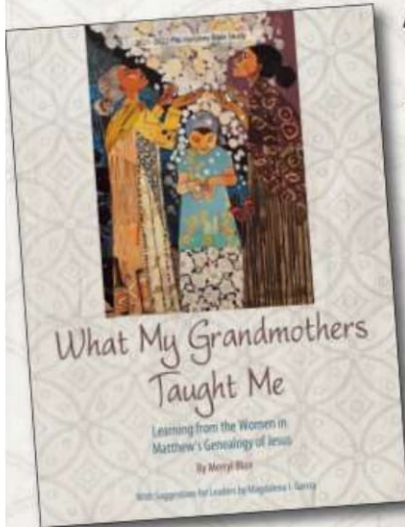


Happy Hands will meet on Wednesday, July 28, 2021, at 9:30 am. Join us as we stuff and close the heart pillows that are so welcomed by our area hospital patients! Lots of good fellowship. Hope to see you there.



You are invited to an overview of

**Introducing the 2021–2022 PW/Horizons Bible study**



The first chapter of the Gospel of Matthew invites us into the family stories that helped shape Jesus and shape us too. The women in Jesus' family tree have backstories that are exactly the kind of story you can imagine hearing while sitting spellbound as a grandmother reminisces about her early life.

Matthew chose to mention a handful of women: Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary.

What can they teach us? Matthew has named these women for a reason. Their stories will lead us into the Gospel, the Good News about Jesus Christ. Having explored their stories together, we will have a richer idea about what the good news is.

**There will be two in-person overviews the first two Saturdays of August.**

**Saturday, August 7**, at First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena  
4647 Preston Avenue, Pasadena TX 77505

Registration and Refreshments at 9:30am, followed by overview from 10am to 12noon  
Register with Ruth Askine at 713-515-9248 via phone or text.

**Saturday, August 14**, at Northwoods Presbyterian Church  
3320 Cypress Creek Pkwy, Houston TX 77068

Registration and Refreshments at 9:30am, followed by overview from 10am to 12noon  
Register with church office at 281-444-8861 or email [nicole@northwoods.org](mailto:nicole@northwoods.org)

**If you would rather attend a virtual overview,**

there will be an overview via Zoom on **Saturday, August 21**, at 10am to 12noon.  
You may email Carol Davis at [caroldavis@entouch.net](mailto:caroldavis@entouch.net), and she will email you the Zoom link.

All overviews will be presented by Patti Nanney, R.E., Spring Branch Presbyterian Church;  
Connie Nyquist, C.C.E. (Retired), Clear Lake Presbyterian Church; and  
Reverend Laura Grice, T.E., The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church.

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**All overviews are free!**

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

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# Tea Party

The Annual  
Spring Branch Presbyterian Women's  
**Welcoming Tea**



will be  
**Sunday, August 8 3-5 PM**  
in the  
**Gathering Place**

The new PW study book is:  
"What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Lessons Learned  
from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus"

In keeping with the book, our  
theme will be Family Trees and  
we invite all women – mothers,  
daughters, grandmothers &  
granddaughters, etc.  
to come enjoy the tea.

The Tea is free to all.

We will have a silent auction for  
special gift baskets.

Babysitting available on request. Please call  
Sarah Dikeman or the office.





## Sunday Morning Summer Zoom @ 9:30

Faith Development is offering a Sunday morning Zoom option this summer. The Zoom opportunity offers flexibility and availability from home or on the road during vacations. Some of us are not yet ready to, or not able to attend Sunday School in person. You are welcomed to join us by Zoom. Some of you may be on the road and still want to be connected to the church on Sunday mornings. You are welcomed to join us by Zoom.

Jim Kunkel will facilitate our virtual discussions beginning June 6<sup>th</sup>. The first two Sundays he will provide an overview of the Bible. The class attendees will decide the topic and direction Jim will then guide us through during June and July. If you are only able to join us a few Sundays, not a problem. Each Sunday will offer an entry point for all those attending.

If you are interested in joining us on Sunday mornings, please let Denise Wilborn ([dwilborn55@gmail.com](mailto:dwilborn55@gmail.com)) or Carol Davis ([caroldavis@entouch.net](mailto:caroldavis@entouch.net)) know and a Zoom invitation will be sent to you. If you need support setting up or accessing Zoom, let us know.



Pour yourself a cup of coffee or hot tea. Stay comfortable in your pajamas. Join us this summer as we wander through the Bible.

## BEAUTIFY THE CHURCH



Would you like to beautify the sanctuary on Sunday mornings while honoring a loved one or commemorating a special occasion? The 2021 Flower Sign-Up Calendar is located in the Narthex. If you are currently worshipping from home, but would still like to sponsor flowers for a Worship Service, you may sign up digitally by using this form: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084cabac2ba1fa7-2021>. **The cost per arrangement is \$65.00. Special arrangements vary and should be requested EARLY!** Checks should be written to SBPC and mailed to the Church Office or placed in the Offering Box on Sunday mornings.



# Pastors Bible Study



*You are invited to attend Pastor's Bible Study with Kevin! The group gathers at 11:00 AM on Tuesday mornings. The Bible Study is now being offered both in-person and virtually. You may either join in-person at 11:00 AM in the Gathering Place, or by Zoom using the information below. We hope to see you there!*

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

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

*During the month of July, we will take the following Tuesdays off: July 13th & 27th.*

## **July 4, 2021; 6th Sunday after Pentecost; Communion**

Text: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Title: "The Church in the Spirit 7: Strength For Weakdays"

Focus: When we are weak, Christ is strong.

## **July 11, 2021; 7th Sunday after Pentecost**

First Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

Text: Mark 6:14-29

Title: "The Church in the Spirit 8: Fatal Distractions"

Focus: How can we stand fast in the face of injustice?

## **July 18, 2021; 8th Sunday after Pentecost; Ordination and Installation of Officers**

First Reading: Ephesians 2:11-22

Text: Psalm 23

Title: "The Church in the Spirit 9: Mi Vida Loco"

Focus: How can we be led by the Spirit when life is at its craziest?

Dear SBPC Family,

It is my pleasure to thank you from the bottom of my heart for investing time and effort into organizing my graduation party, as well as sending great wishes, cards and memorable gifts. Your thoughtfulness is a gift I will forever treasure. Thank you for adding to the joyful spirit of my graduation with your presence and generous monetary gifts. As you know, graduating with an MBA is a big step in my life, but it wouldn't be as significant without you there to celebrate. It was a difficult couple of years for me, considering returning to school 20 years after I finished my bachelors, in addition to performing my daily work at the Church, and looking after my family, despite the great difficulties caused by the crisis of Covid-19 here as well as worldwide. But, with God by my side, my family, friends, professors and your unstinting support, I achieved success, for which I am grateful and thank you very much.

And last but not least, I want to thank my family, Ruden and Deona, and my amazing parents, without whose encouragement and support I could not have easily achieved this milestone.

God bless you and your families!  
With thanks and appreciation,  
Jorida



## 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).

sign up for our  
Mailing List

## Church's Prayer Chain List?

*The email prayer chain is open all who would like to pray for those individuals in need of prayer. If you would like to be included in the email prayer chain as a prayer warrior or If you have a prayer request for an individual contact [swdmmd@dikeman.net](mailto:swdmmd@dikeman.net). It is requested that prayers be for your **family members, or extended families and friends** who are in need of prayer.*



# happy birthday



Luke Fuller	7/6	Carmen Reyer	7/19
Tad Mizwa	7/6	Dr. Mark Turney	7/19
Joseph Wilborn	7/7	Virginia Morrison	7/20
Maggie Wright	7/7	Riley Fairchild	7/22
Don Tremble	7/10	Dana Ballard	7/23
Miriam Vyles	7/10	Nicki Laverty	7/24
Kyle Eveler	7/11	Sandy Chegade	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 Caldera	7/29
Lisa Schultz	7/18	Margo Smith	7/29






## Happy Anniversary

Daniel and Sarah Powell

7/13



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
Independence Day 9:30am - Sunday school 10:50am - Worship 12pm - July 4th Picnic (FH) 	6pm - Yoga (GP 1) 7:30pm - Boy Scouts (GP)	9:15am - Cong. Care Mtg. 10am - Flexercise (GP) 11am - Pastor's Bible Study 5:15pm - Special Olympics: 6pm - Basketball (GP)	9:30am - Wed. Welcome	10am - Flexercise (GP) 11am - MAM Ice Cream	9am - Jessie's Bites	6pm - CENTI Church
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9:30am - Sunday school 10:50am - Worship	5pm - Academy Board 5:30pm - Choir 6pm - Yoga (GP 1) 7:30pm - Boy Scouts (GP)	Vacation Bible School (9:00am-11:30am, Daily) 5:15pm - Special Olympics:	Vacation Bible School (9:00am-11:30am, Daily)	9am - Jessie's Bites 5:15pm - Special Olympics:	VBS Closing Celebration 9am - Jessie's Bites	8am - Presbyterian Men 6pm - CENTI Church
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Ordination & Installation 8:30am - Blood Drive (FH) 9:30am - Sunday school 10:50am - Worship 	9:30am - TGP Training (GP) 6pm - Yoga (GP 1) 7:30pm - Boy Scouts (GP)	PresPress Articles DUE 10am - Flexercise (GP) 11am - Pastor's Bible Study 5:15pm - Special Olympics:	9:30am - Wed. Welcome	9am - Jessie's Bites 10am - Flexercise (GP) 5:15pm - Special Olympics:	9am - Jessie's Bites	11am - Hot Meals 6pm - CENTI Church
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
9:30am - Sunday school 10:50am - Worship	6pm - Yoga (GP 1) 7:30pm - Boy Scouts (GP)	10am - Flexercise (GP) 5:15pm - Special Olympics:	9:30am - Happy Hands (GP) 9:30am - Wed. Welcome	9am - Jessie's Bites 10am - Flexercise (GP) 5:15pm - Special Olympics:	9am - Jessie's Bites	10am - Memorial Service 6pm - CENTI Church



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