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From the desk of Pastor Mark...

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Many years ago, I knew a wonderful man named Bob. He was an elder and an extremely active member of the last church I served. I admired many things about Bob: he was an old-fashioned gentleman, he had a great sense of humor, he adored his wife and family, he was always ready to serve the church in any way he could – and he was one of the smartest people I ever knew.

During Bob's career, he had been a chemist for a major chemical company. He studied at major universities around the country, and he held several degrees in science. When he and his wife moved to a retirement center, he joined the monthly science presentations and discussions that occurred there – and even led a few. It was one way the residents of that retirement center got to know him and his wife quickly.

Because Bob was a really smart guy, you might think he could make other people feel pretty dumb when he talked. But exactly the opposite was true! If you asked him a scientific question, he would answer in such a way that you felt uplifted and informed - not dumb at all for asking. Not every brilliant person can do that, but Bob was good at it.

My favorite thing about Bob was his outlook on the miracle of life as given by God the Father. When some of Bob's scientific colleagues would challenge him on matters of faith, Bob would debate them all day, and then some to try to convince them to see life another way. When he was once asked, "Bob, when you look through a microscope and see a cell with all its structure, how can you believe that an all-powerful being created that?" Bob's answer was a cheerful exclamation: "How can you not believe when you see that?" Hard to argue with that...

About ten years ago, Bob finally lost a long fight he had with cancer. He had been taking a medication for years that kept it in check, but that medicine finally stopped working. At the time, his type of cancer only responded to that particular medicine; so when it quit working, Bob knew it would only be a matter of time. Turned out, he only had about a month to live.

When he finally died, it was a peaceful ending. His family grieved for their loss, but they also rejoiced in knowing their husband, father, and grandfather was with the Lord he believed in so strongly. He was my friend, and I miss him still.

Thanks, Bob, for always seeing the Lord - and for leading others to Him. Amen!

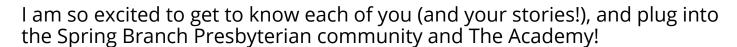


Meet our new Co-Pastor For Family Ministries, Rev. Savannah Goodman!

Dear Spring Branch Presbyterian, I am absolutely thrilled to join SBPC as Co-Pastor and to work closely with Pastor Mark and the staff!

Here are some facts about me:

- Building and fostering relationships and caring for and connecting people is my calling. I love by being inclusive and supporting people. I am passionate about getting to know people and their stories.
- İ have a husband named, Jordan, and a dog named, Hunter.
- I am an ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament in the PC(USA) Church, and hold the Licensed Master Social Work (LMSW) credential.
- Through a dual degree program, I graduated with my Master of Divinity (MDiv) from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and my Master of Science in Social Work (MSSW) from the University of Texas at Austin in May of 2022.
- I attended Davidson College in North Carolina and graduated with a Psychology major and a Hispanic Studies minor.
- I am a native Austinite.
- In my free time, I like to read science fiction and fantasy novels, play board games, knit, and hike.
- I am involved both with a monthly intergenerational crafting group, and a monthly social justice family book club.



In great anticipation, Savannah



Save Savannah's new email address! savannah@springbranchpres.org





One Nation Under God

Wednesday, July 3, 6:00 PM

Fellowship Hall



Patriotic Sing-a-Long with Kerry

Wear your red, white & blue and come join

the party!









The Mission Team wants you to know about some of the benevolences our church supports. The "Mission of the Month" for July is The Mission of

Yahweh, which is a faith-based, non-denominational emergency & transitional shelter that provides homeless women and children with food, clothing, shelter, and services.

The Mission is one of only a few shelters for homeless women and their children, and has served Northwest Houston since 1961. The Mission has approximately 120 residents per day, with at least 50 of those being children. Additionally, 40% to 60% of the women are enrolled in school. On average, it costs the Mission \$40.00 per day to house, feed, and clothe homeless women and children. The Mission of Yahweh is excited to share with our congregation that they will be building a new dormitory to house additional women in need in our community. This will help alleviate the number of women and children they must turn away due to not having space.

Furthermore, our congregation supports the Misson throughout the year by conducting donation drives and giving a yearly benevolence. We also have many members and friends that donate items to the resale store. The store was recently renovated, and a grand re-opening was held on June 29th. All proceeds from the store go back to support the programs throughout the year.

July Mission Updates and Opportunities

Family Movie Night June 28th - Another movie night in the books! We had a wonderful gathering of friends and neighbors as we enjoyed a time of fellowship together and got a break from the heat. Stay tuned for our next movie night in the fall!

PCHAS Annual School Supply Drive - While we are wrapping up one school year, we are preparing for the next by collecting school supplies for the children of PCHAS through an online Amazon Wish List. The online wish list can be found using the QR Code. We are accepting

in-person donations as well. Please stop by the church office to get

the list. Please drop off all donations by July 12th.

Vacation Bible School Recap – We wish to thank everyone who donated to our VBS Mission Project to support our friends at NewSpring. NewSpring was very appreciative of our donations!

Save-the-Date for our July Blood Drive - SBPC will have a Blood Drive on Sunday, July 21st, from 8:30 AM-12:30 PM in the

Fellowship Hall. Please contact Ashley Powell at ashleycrawford161@gmail.com if you would like to donate. Share the gift of life! All donors will receive an Olympics t-shirt!

SBPC Hot Meals on Weekends - The 4th Saturday of each month we look for individuals to deliver meals to shut-ins. We have 2 routes, so we usually need a total of 2 pairs of volunteers each month. Please contact Lu Taylor if you are interested in volunteering to deliver meals for one month.



School Supply Wish List

All Supplies due by July 12



QR Code

- 1. Scan QR Code to the left to go to the PCHAS Amazon Shopping List.
- 2. Click on item(s) you wish to buy.
- 3. Select "Qty" you wish to buy.
- 4. Click on "Add to Cart" button.
- 5. Click on "Checkout" button.
- 6. Click on button next to "Presbyterian Children's Homes & Services' Gift Registry Address" so items will be shipped directly to PCHAS' office.
- 7. Click on "Use this address" button.
- 8. Choose Gift Options, Payment Method, and Shipping Options.
- 9. Click on "Place your order" button.



In order to receive the correct and complete number of needed Back-to-School items for the kids, PCHAS is utilizing an <u>Amazon Shopping List</u> format this year. You can go into the "Shopping List" to choose which items you would like to donate. The supplies will be shipped directly to the PCHAS Cypress Office.

If you would prefer to buy your own supplies and not use the Amazon Shopping List, please bring the supplies to Miguel Carlin before July 12.

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. In order to receive the correct and complete number of needed supplies for the kids, PCHAS is utilizing an Amazon Shopping List format this year. The supplies will be shipped directly to the PCHAS Cypress Office. If you would prefer to buy your own supplies and not use the Amazon Shopping List, please bring the supplies to Miguel Carlin before July 12th. There will be a Backpack Stuffing Party on Tuesday, July 16th, from 11:00 AM-4:00 PM at the PCHAS Cypress Office. Please sign-up with Miguel if you'd like to attend.

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Sunday, **July 21** 8:30 am - 12:30 pm **Fellowship Hall** 1215 Campbell Rd

To schedule an appointment, contact Ashley Powell (972) 571-2499 ashleycrawford161@gmail.com

Donors will receive an Olympics t-shirt!

Sponsor Code: 0324





















On June 11th-14th, Spring Branch Presbyterian hosted our annual Vacation Bible School. This year's theme was Camp Firelight, where we focused on Bible stories that reminded us to trust God, as he is with us wherever we go and in all situations. We spent the week together living out this theme through participating in interactive stations around science, music, recreation, storytelling, and crafts.

Camp Sealm 56:3
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AOVENTURE WITH GOD

Our mission project for the week was partnering with NewSpring to collect art supplies for their *Passport to*

the World Program. This program works with students from around Spring Branch to learn about different countries and cultures from around the world. We wish to thank everyone who donated supplies during the week!

VBS would not have been possible without the support of our 26 SBPC volunteers and friends at CENTI Houston. We want to express a special thank you to both congregations for their support. Through their enthusiasm and energy throughout the week, we were able to welcome 122 children each day, as well as welcome nine youth volunteers this year. We also wish to thank the Spring Branch Presbyterian Academy staff for their help and support during the week, as well as the awesome decorations they provided. We also wish to thank Pastor Mark and Miguel Carlin for serving as co-directors this year. Special kudos goes to Jackie Nix, Deona Vakiari, Ben Dethloff, Ethan Mitchell, Marguerite Priest, Donald McDaniel, Laurie Mitchell, and William Stockton for serving as team leaders this year. We also wish to thank Pastor Sebastian Lopez and Carol Villabona from CENTI Church for serving as music team leaders. A special VBS Dinner and Celebration was held on June 13th to share highlights from our week together. The dinner was enjoyed by all, and we appreciate everyone that organized the meal for us this year. We look forward to welcoming everyone to VBS next year!



Children's Chime Choir: The Chime Choir meets in the Sanctuary at 9:30 AM on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. This is a chance for elementary aged children to get to ring chimes as part of Worship. We are excited to continue this new adventure! Please contact Megan Hogg (megan1661@yahoo.com) for additional details.

The Children's Sunday School Class will be taking the month of July off for summer vacation. Join us when we resume on Sunday, August 4th!



Presbyterian Women this Month



PW at a Glance

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

PW UNWIND will meet on 7/1 at 6:00 p.m. at North China Restaurant (14525 Katy Frwy)

HAPPY HANDS will meet on **7/24** at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room.

There will be a **PW WELCOMING LUNCHEON** on **8/11** at 12:15 p.m.

BIBLE STUDY BOOKS for 2024-2025 (*Let Justice Roll Down*) are available in the Church Office. The cost is \$10. Last years' study books can be delivered to the Church Office to be recycled to other groups.

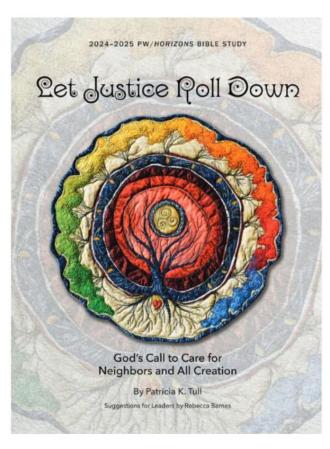




On Monday, July 1st, the Unwind Group is going to North China Restaurant for dinner at 6:00 PM. This restaurant is an old favorite! It's located at 14525 Katy Freeway, 77079. As usual, please let Jacquie Ballesteros know at 713-305-1115, only if you plan to attend.

Happy Hands will meet on Wednesday, July 24, 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!





Have you signed up for this year's PW/Horizons Bible Study Overview?

The study is titled <u>Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation</u> by Patricia K. Tull.

There will be one in-person overview on **Saturday**, **August 3**.

Spring Branch Presbyterian Church, 1215 Campbell Rd, Houston TX 77055. Registration and refreshments at 9:30am, followed by overview from 10am to 12noon Register with Sarah Dikeman at 713-201-9426 (call or text) or email swdmmd@dikeman.net. At our Church

There will be one virtual overview via Zoom on Saturday, August 10.

Overview will last from 10am to 12noon. You may email Patti Nanney at <u>pananney@sbcglobal.net</u>, and she will email you the Zoom link.

All overviews are **FREE** and will be presented by Patti Nanney, R.E., Spring Branch Presbyterian Church.

Save the date – The PW luncheon is August 11th after the church service. We will be entertained by Tracy Pace, a delightful English lady who is both a comedian and musician. She has entertained our guests at The Gathering Place many times. Kay and Betty will delight us with a wonderful luncheon. Sarah Powell is asking everyone to collaborate on a creation of a collage that celebrates all that we are as Presbyterian Women, and which will be available for auction at the luncheon. If you have any photos, paper, or small trinkets that you would like to contribute to the group project, please bring them to the luncheon. There will be items available as well.

We have numerous raffle baskets offered. Baking, wine, gardening, spa, Daiso (Daiso is like a Japanese variety store. This basket will have items that would appeal to our young attendees like cute hair ornaments, stationery, stickers, pens and pencils, craft things), Bible Study Time, Christmas, fall, Taco Tuesday, Butterfly Garden. If you would like to put one together (find someone to do it with you), please contact Jennifer Miller. Suggestions are playtime, back to school, BBQ, Tailgate, crafts, Italian dinner, movie night, etc.

If you want to be involved, we need someone to sell raffle tickets and then to draw the winners (contact Sarah Dikeman).

Sarah Powell could use helpers to set up on Saturday and take down on Sunday afternoon.

Patti Nanney will present an overview of next year's Bible Study. There will be tables showing all the different activities of the church for the women during the year.

Come join us! Women and girls of all ages are welcome!





It's time to start thinking about what "theme" of basket you might want to put together for our raffle!

Here are some ideas – Spa, Wine, BBQ, Movie Night, High Tea, Tailgate... The ideas are endless! Do one yourself, or get together with a friend. We already have a Halloween and a Gardening theme on the books. Remember, all funds raised go to the PW scholarship fund. So far, we have the following baskets: Wine, Baking, Gardening, Bible Study Time, Daiso, Spa, Taco Tuesday, and Butterfly Garden!

For questions, or if you would like to donate a basket, please contact Jennifer Miller at 713-562-5897 or email at jennmill60@gmail.com.



July Birthday Celebration!

Please join family, friends, and congregation members on Sunday, July 14th, right after our 10:50 worship service as we celebrate those in our church community born in July. Linger for conversation, fellowship, and light snacks.

BEAUTIFY THE CHURCH



Would you like to beautify the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings while honoring a loved one or commemorating a special occasion? The 2024 Flower Sign-Up Calendar is located in the Narthex. If you are currently worshiping from home, but would still like to sponsor flowers for a Worship Service, you may signup digitally by using this form: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E084CABAC2BA1FA7-46865119-2024, or email jorida.vakiari@springbranchpres.org. 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 (Attn: Jorida) or placed in the offering plate on Sunday mornings.





JULY

SPRING BRANCH PRESBYTERIAN ACADEMY

2024

Special thanks to the church volunteers and Academy teachers for their hard work coordinating this summer's Vacation Bible School program - "Camp Firelight." It was four days of exploring God's word with art, science, games and yummy snacks prepared by the lovely church ladies. When we asked the kids what they enjoyed about VBS they said the



Bible stories were the best. The stories so intrigued our VBS kids, that they so looked forward to hearing the next ones. All the effort to share God's message in a fun and exciting way via VBS, was so appreciated and enjoyed by our kids and their parents. Thank you church for VBS - and the yummy! celebration dinner.





Idea Spring Welcomes





Thursday, August 22nd
5:00 PM
1215 Campbell Road
(Dinner at 6:00 PM)

Questions? Contact Ethan Mitchell at ideaspring@springbranchpres.org.

Ready to be amazed?
Ready to laugh?
Then come join us for a fun filled night of magic with Scott Hollingsworth, the resident magician of the Houston Science Museum!

G @SBPC.Idea.Spring www.springbranchpres.org/ideaspring



Idea Spring is kicking back into gear this school year at SBPC! We have plans set through May—so mark your calendar and join us for these events! Each program will begin at 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall, followed by a dinner around 6:00 PM.

Aug. 22nd

Mr. Magic

The Idea Spring Speaker Series was created as a free program for our church, Academy, and community. It's educational, interactive, and fun for the whole family!

We are also in need of some volunteers to help make these events possible. This could be as a greeter, setup help, cleanup, help with the meal, etc. Or, serving as the point person for programs when Ethan is unavailable to be there. All logistics will be taken care of ahead of time—all you have to do is show up ready to serve!

Aug. 22nd	Mr. Magic
Sept. 19th	Parenting the Love and Logic Way <i>(parent course)</i>
Oct. 17th	Houston SPCA
Nov. 21st	Houston Arboretum & Nature Center
Jan. 16th	Crocodile Encounter
Feb. 20th	DePelchin Children's Center <i>(parent course)</i>
April 10th	The Creature Teacher
May 15th	Club SciKidz Houston

If you have questions or are interested in helping out, please contact Ethan Mitchell (Idea Spring Coordinator) at ideaspring@springbranchpres.org.



Is coming back in the fall... Sign up for updates!







Spring Branch Presbyterian Church was pleased to host a Troop 478 Eagle Scout Court of Honor on Sunday, June 9th, as we recognized the achievements of Samuel Cherry, Carter Coleman, Kyle Helberg, Trenton Stuenkel, and Matthew Zatopek. Each Scout achieved their Eagle Rank by earning a minimum of 21 merit badges, and demonstrating the Scout Spirit, service, and leadership. They also have to create, implement, and manage a service project that benefits their community. Congratulations to

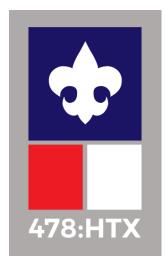
each of these scouts and their families on this outstanding achievement!













Once an Eagle, Always an Eagle Summer Vacation Season has arrived! Please remember to snag those extra hotel toiletries while you are traveling. It's also a good time to watch sales and stock up on items at dollar stores, and on grocery trips. And finally, be on the lookout for women's sized shoe boxes. Seafarers' Donations can be brought to the Church Office anytime of the year! Below is the list of requested items from the Seafarers' Center:



Hairbrush / Comb	Kleenex	Lip Balm
Magnets	Gold Bond Powder	Gold Bond Cream
T-shirts (new)	Needle & Thread	Shaving Cream
Nail Clippers	Toothpaste	Gum & Hard Candy
Q-Tips	Mechanical Pencils	Flashlight w/ batteries
Popcorn	Socks	Word Search/ Sudoku/ Fill-in books
Earbuds / Headphones	USB Flash Drives	2025 Calendar
Band-Aids (fabric)	Baseball Caps (new)	Disposable Razors
Dental floss	Deodorant	Lotion
Hot Chocolate	Key Chains	Texas Souvenirs
Shampoo	Playing Cards	Toothbrushes
Conditioner	Body Wash	Pocket sized notebooks & pens

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.

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. It is requested that prayers be for your **family members**, **or extended families and friends** who are in need of prayer.

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

The International District would like to remind everyone that Hurricane Season is upon us. We all need to be smart and plan ahead for all kinds of disasters: natural, man-made, technological and terrorist related. In Southeast Texas, however, the most likely disaster scenario is a Hurricane.

BEFORE THE HURRICANE

- Monitor local TV or AM 740 KTRH
- Check supplies; especially water
- ➡ Fuel Vehicles & Generators
- Cover Windows with Plywood
- Bring in all objects that could become missiles
- Take pictures of property & contents for insurance purposes

DON'T FORGET THE PETS!

Pet disaster kits should include: medications, first aid kits, sturdy leashes and collars, carriers to transport pets safely, current photos with owner or family members, food, potable water, litter/pan, muzzle, can opener, and toys.

GALLONS
OF WATER,
PER PERSON,
PER DAY.

STOCK EMERGENCY SUPPLIES

>> at least 72 hours worth <<

- ➡ First Aid Kit
- ➡ NOAA Radio & Batteries
- Flashlight & Batteries
- Extra Eye Glasses
- ➡ Bottled Water & Non-perishable Food
- Clothing & Bedding
- Toilet Paper & Personal Hygiene Items
- Medications & Prescription copies
- Cash & Credit Cards
- Photo ID & Important Documents
- ⇒ Baby & Elderly Necessities

Make a check list of necessary pre-hurricane preparations and review with your family. Review it again when there is a storm in the Gulf. Discuss evacuation plans with your family.

Check Radio 740 and local television media for updates on zones being evacuated.

Make sure your home insurance policy is current and remember that standard policies may not cover flood/ wind damage.

For more information, visit the Harris County Office of Emergency Management website at: hcoem.org





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

Happy Anniversary!



Daniel and Sarah Powell 7/13 Mark and Jeanne Plunkett 7/30 Jul 2024 (Central Time - Chicago) 27 13 6pm - CENTI Church Service (GP) 8am - Presbyterian Men (CR) PresPress Articles DUE 11am - Hot Meals 56 19 12 7pm - CENTI: Youth Program (YR) Church & Academy Closed 18 52 = Church & Academy Closed 10am - Flexercise (GP) 10am - Flexercise (GP) 10am - Flexercise (GP) 6pm - Fairbees (GP) 6pm - Fairbees (GP) 6pm - Fairbees (GP) 뢷 က 24 10 17 31 9:30am - Happy Hands (CR) 6pm - July 3rd Party (FH) 2 19 23 30 6 6:30pm - Fellowship Meeting (CR) 9:15am - Cong. Care Mtg. (CR) 7pm - CENTI Bible Study & 7pm - Craft Wedding (S) 10am - Flexercise (GP) 6pm - Basketball (GP) 7pm - Session (CR) 15 22 7pm - Craft Wedding Rehearsal (S) 59 5:30pm - Academy Board Meeting 10am - The Gathering Place (FH) 7pm - Boy Scouts (Scout Hut) 7am - Coffee with the Pastor 10am - Staff Meeting (P) 9:30am - WOW (S) 6pm - PW Unwind Church Calendar, Outside SBPC Reservations 14 28 21 7pm - BSA Planning Meeting (GP) 8:30am - Blood Drive (FH) 12pm - Monthly Birthday 9:30am - Sunday School 9:30am - Sunday School 9:30am - Sunday School 9:30am - Sunday School 9:30am - Chime Choir 9:30am - Chime Choir 10:50am - Worship 10:50am - Worship 10:50am - Worship 10:50am - Worship 9:15am - Nursery 9:15am - Nursery 9:15am - Nursery 9:15am - Nursery



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