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From the desk of Pastor Savannah Goodman...

Dear Spring Branch Presbyterian,

It has been a very full and exciting first month since I joined the staff as Co-Pastor for Family Ministries. I have enjoyed getting to know some of you, and I look forward to getting to know more of y'all soon! My husband, Jordan, and I are in awe of your hospitality and love. We both feel very included and welcome in this community.

It has been a privilege to be a worship leader and to participate in WOW/Chapel. I have begun learning about the Mission and Faith Development Ministry Teams and all that they do. I look forward to learning even more and supporting these ministry teams and their leaders.

Here are some more facts about me:

- My favorite color is purple. My friends and family would say that I am “purple obsessed.”
- I played the trumpet from middle school through college. My mother and brother also play the trumpet, and we used to play the trumpet all together. My dad, who has no musical talent, just appreciates the trumpet a whole lot.
- I love visiting National Parks and hiking. Jordan and I went to Big Bend National Park for our honeymoon.
- I love musicals and musical theater in general. My favorite musicals include (but are not limited to): *Oliver*, *Wicked*, *Hamilton*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, and the *Music Man*.
- I love learning languages because it is a way for me to connect with other cultures and people who are different than me. I am conversationally fluent in Spanish, and I enjoy Hebrew and Greek exegesis opportunities.

I am very excited to get to know each of you (and your stories). And, I look forward to plugging into the Spring Branch Presbyterian community and the Academy even more!

In great anticipation,
Pastor Savannah

Missions of the Month

The “Mission of the Month” for August is Memorial Assistance Ministries (“MAM”). Since 1982, MAM has been dedicated to helping those in the Spring Branch area by providing resources such as basic needs for those in poverty, employment services assistance, financial empowerment, and disaster relief assistance. Their mission is to build stable families, a dynamic workforce, and vibrant communities together.

SBPC has partnered with MAM in many mission opportunities over the years, and we are currently supporting the MAM Resale shop by providing recycled plastic bags and newspapers, which they use to wrap merchandise. For the second year in a row, we will partner with John Knox Presbyterian Church to provide an ice cream social for MAM employees and volunteers this month.



Our beloved member, Web Trevathan, was dedicated to the MAM Back-to-School program, and he spearheaded our collection efforts for over a decade. Let's continue to support this annual drive in his memory going forward!

This annual program helps parents shop for new uniforms for their children, because **all children** deserve to have a great back-to-school experience! Starting the year with new clothes helps children feel confident to greet their friends and focus on their studies.

When YOU donate:

- **MAM distributes more than 3,000 gift cards to local schools for children in need of school clothes! They would love to help 5,000 families this year.**
- **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!**

August Mission Updates and Opportunities

MAM Back-to-School Uniform Voucher Drive – SBPC is once again collecting funds throughout the month of August for the Memorial Assistance Ministries (MAM) Back-to-School Uniform Voucher Drive. MAM coordinates with school guidance counselors and local vendors to provide school uniforms for local needy families. Donations can be placed in the offering plate on Sunday mornings or mailed to the church office. We also welcome online donations, which can be given at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/MAM-Back-to-School>.

Recap of July 21 Blood Drive – Many thanks to Ashley Powell, who always does a great job of organizing and hosting our blood drives. It was very successful, with a variety of whole blood, red cells, and plasma donations. Thank you also to all our faithful donors, who help save the lives of others!

Recap of July PCHAS School Supply Drive – Donations were made by SBPC members in several ways this year. Some supplies were dropped off at the church, direct donations were made through the Amazon Wish List, and then another \$175 was given to SBPC for the Mission Team to purchase even more items off the Amazon Wish List. The drive was extended an extra week because of Hurricane Beryl.

VBS Mission Project – In the month of June, we are encouraged everyone to purchase art supplies for NewSpring for the Passport to the World Program. This program was created for students from 8-18 to learn about different countries and their cultures. In addition to the supplies collected, \$200 was given to NewSpring from our Special Projects account.



2024 Pentecost Offering – Spring Branch participates annually in the PC(USA) Pentecost Offering, which benefits young adults and children and risk. 40% of the offering total is kept by our church to be remitted to an organization of our choice that helps children and young adults. The remaining 60% goes to the Presbyterian Mission Agency to help support ministries like the Young Adult Volunteer Program. We are pleased to report that we collected \$180. The recipient for Spring Branch's local portion will be the Mo-Ranch Scholarship Camp & Conference Fund.

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 one month.

Pillowcase Workshop Coming Soon



Want to learn to make "Burrito-Style" Pillowcases? Coming soon we will have some more Craft Sundays this fall. We hope to start in September on a Sunday afternoon.

Don't get rid of any of your fabric pieces while doing your fall cleaning. We hope to make some of these to give away to Mission of Yahweh and other places.

Each pillowcase takes the following amount of fabric:

- $\frac{3}{4}$ to 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ yard main fabric (depends on size of pillowcase)

- $\frac{1}{2}$ yard cuff fabric

- $\frac{1}{4}$ yard trim fabric

You can use 100% cotton or cotton/poly or flannel



You can make some for yourself, for Christmas gifts, or to give away.

But, don't purchase any fabric just yet. Come to the first class to see what some of us with large collections of fabric will be donating.

Here are links to some videos showing how to make these pillowcases:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TAomYjHzUQk>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dp70bLUib-4>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F0rHrQgzfjY>



GIVE THE GIFT OF BELONGING

**YOU CAN HELP PROVIDE OVER 3,000
LOCAL STUDENTS WITH NEW SCHOOL
CLOTHES AND UNIFORMS BY SUPPORTING
MAM'S BACK TO SCHOOL CAMPAIGN!**

Everyone wants to fit in – especially on the first day of school. Help ensure every child in our community can start the school year excited, confident and ready to learn!

“Our students felt so special when they were able to wear a new uniform. Thank you for providing a world of difference to our parents and students!”

-RIDGECREST
ELEMENTARY EDUCATOR

**SCAN THE QR CODE
TO DONATE!**



TO LEARN MORE VISIT:
MAMHOUSTON.ORG/BACKTOSCHOOL
<https://tinyurl.com/MAM-Back-to-School>

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Idea Spring Welcomes



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

**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!**

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

 @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.

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.

Wednesday Night Supper

August 28th — Hamburgers!

Fall Wednesday Night Suppers will be starting back up on August 28th, at 6:00 PM, in the Fellowship Hall with hamburgers and all of the trimmings.



Prices for the supper are as follows:

Adults (age 13 & up)	\$5.00
Children (ages 1-12)	\$2.00
Family w/children ages 1-12 (immediate family only please)	\$12.00
To go plates	\$5.00

September 4th — Cane's Chicken Tenders!

The Academy Open House will begin at 5:00 PM, followed by the supper at 6:00 PM. Come learn more about our primary mission!



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.



Children's Sunday School Class meets **1st & 3rd Sundays of the month** at 9:30am in the Children's classroom in The Gathering Place.



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 8/5 at 6:00 p.m. at Athena Greek & European Kitchen

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

HAPPY HANDS will meet on 8/28 at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room.

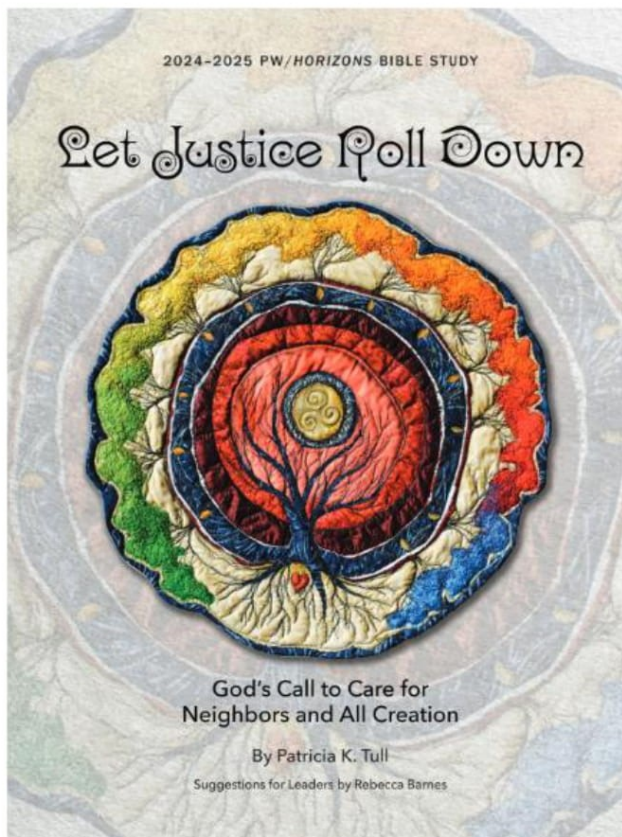
BIBLE STUDY BOOKS for 2024-2025 (*Let Justice Roll Down*) are available in the Church Office. The cost is \$10.

Please join the Unwind Group for dinner at Athena Greek and European Kitchen on Monday, August 5th, at 6:00 PM, located at 13250 FM 529, 77041. Athena has a wonderful reputation for Greek food, and just opened their dine-in restaurant. Please RSVP, only if you plan to attend, to Jacquie Ballesteros at 713-305-1114 or jballesteros1103@gmail.com.

ATHENA'S
GREEK & EUROPEAN
KITCHEN



Happy Hands will meet on Wednesday, August 28th, at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room. Join us as we stuff and close the heart pillows that are so welcomed by our area hospital patients. Lots of good fellowship. We hope to see you there!



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

The study is titled *Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation* 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 pananney@sbcglobal.net,
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!





*Spring Branch
Presbyterian Church*

Annual Presbyterian Women's

Welcoming Luncheon

Sunday, August 11

12:15 - 2 PM

The Fellowship Hall

You are invited to bring your mothers, grandmothers, daughters & granddaughters to join us for a lovely luncheon. We will be serving a fabulous variety of foods including a surprise entrée, salads, and dessert goodies.

*We will be entertained by
Tracey Pace, a comedienne / musician.*

*We will also have the introduction to our new Bible Study
for the coming year.*

*Please RSVP to Kay Craig - 713-248-4138
or kay@craig-heidt.com.*

It's not too late 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.



August Birthday Celebration!

Please join family, friends, and congregation members on Sunday, August 18th, right after our 10:50 worship service as we celebrate those in our church community born in August. 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 sign up 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.



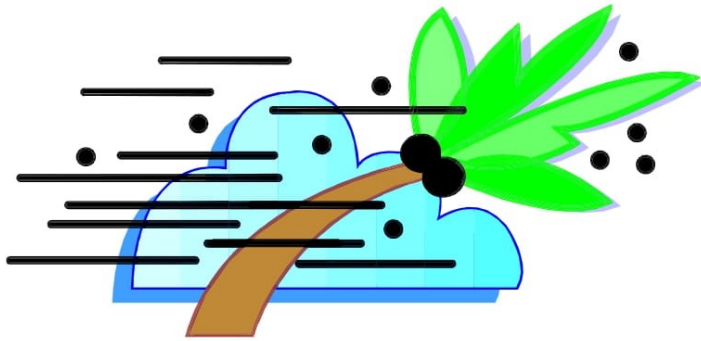
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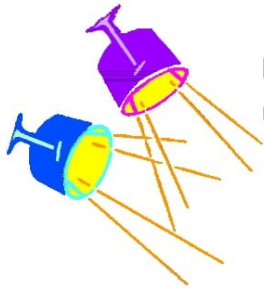
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SPRING BRANCH PRESBYTERIAN ACADEMY

2024



We would like to thank Academy parents for their patience and understanding during the week of Hurricane Beryl, while we dealt with issues of the aftermath at the school. We thank God for his love and protection during the time we experienced with the rough weather. God bless all.



SPOT LIGHT...



Texas "TAX FREE" weekend for back to school shopping. AUGUST 9TH THRU AUGUST 11th.



Can you believe that our Summer Camp is almost over? The first day of the SBISD school season is Aug. 15th, including the Academy Session and the kids classroom Promotions. Check it out below:



OPEN HOUSE DAY
Come meet the Teacher
SEPTEMBER 4TH
Stay for dinner



PICTURES ON
SEPTEMBER TUE. 24th & Wed. 25th



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR
SEPTEMBER 9TH - 12TH



TRUNK OR TREAT!
THURSDAY OCT. 25th
5:30 - 6:30 PM

**For A Delicious and Healthy Children's
Lunchtime Meal Program**

happytummies.tx@gmail.com
www.happytummiesllc.net
832-896-6990



Is coming back in the fall..

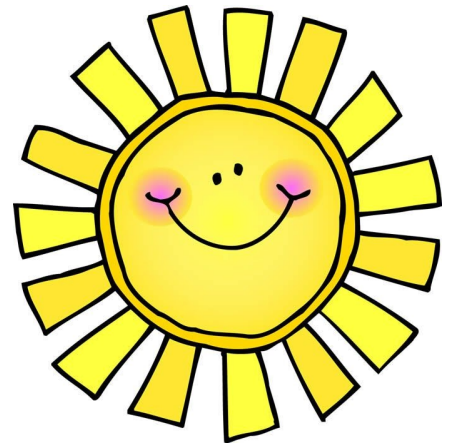
Sign up for updates!



**Text @h47378d
to 81010**



Please remember to snag those extra hotel toiletries while you are traveling this month. 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.*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Christina Holland	8/3	Ali Nix	8/15
Lee Dillard	8/4	Lee Dudinsky	8/19
Rocco Sabala	8/6	Lane Rouse	8/20
Joseph Kissinger	8/8	Dr. Rebecca Turney	8/20
Cameron Blome	8/9	Jennifer Chehade-Tapia	8/23
Lu Taylor	8/9	Jim Kunkel	8/23
James Humphrey	8/10	Jennifer Fuller	8/27
Betty Magnuson	8/10	Ron Tremble	8/28
Charles Powell	8/12	Stephen Lezon	8/29
Kim Tangney	8/12	Jack Carr	8/30
Brenda Lanan	8/13	Gary Tanner	8/30
Betty Harris	8/15	Steve Nanney	8/31

Happy Anniversary



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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
9:15am - Nursery 9:30am - Children's SS Class (GP) 9:30am - Sunday School 9:45am - Choir Practice 10:50am - Worship	7am - Coffee with the Pastor 9:30am - WOW (S) 6pm - PW Unwind 7pm - Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)	9:15am - Cong. Care Mtg. (CR) 10am - Flexercise (GP) 6pm - Basketball (GP) 7pm - CENTI Bible Study &		10am - Flexercise (GP) 6pm - Fairbees (GP)	7pm - CENTI: Youth Program (YR)	9:30am - PW Overview (GP) 10am - City of Spring Valley 6pm - CENTI Church Service (GP)
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Blessing of the Backpacks 9:15am - Nursery 9:30am - Chime Choir 9:30am - Sunday School 9:45am - Choir Practice 10:50am - Worship 12pm - Monthly Birthday 12:15pm - PW Welcoming 5pm - Cub Scouts: Wolf (GP 1 & 2)	5:30pm - Academy Board Meeting 7pm - Cub Scouts: Tiger Cub (GP)	10am - Flexercise (GP) 6pm - Basketball (GP) 6:30pm - Fellowship Meeting (CR) 7pm - CENTI Bible Study &	5pm - Girl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3)	10am - Flexercise (GP) 6pm - Fairbees (GP) 7pm - Cub Scouts: Webelos (GP 1)	Academy Closed 7pm - CENTI: Youth Program (YR)	6pm - CENTI Church Service (GP)
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 11th

Worship Begins at 10:50 AM

Don't forget to bring your Backpack!

