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From the desk of Pastor Savannah Goodman...

Dear Spring Branch Presbyterian,

Happy February! The month of love. The month where commercial America repeatedly tries to tell us what love is (even though Valentines Day decorations have been in stores since December, and Easter decorations are probably out by now...). It seems like everyone has an opinion about "love" and what "love" should be or what "love" should look like – including the music industry!

The Billboard's Top 50 Love Songs of All Time paints quite a picture and includes songs that range from "Endless Love" by Diana Ross and Lionel Richie, to "We Found Love" by Rihanna feat. Calvin Harris, and "Silly Love Songs" by Wings, "I Will Always Love You" by Whitney Houston, "Crazy Little Thing Called Love" by Queen, and more!

Love is love. And, everyone has a definition of what "love" is, what it means to them, and what it looks like in their own lives.

And, God is love. God is love, and God has a lot of love to share with each and every one of us. God's love is inclusive, communal, and boundless. It is not something that you can earn or something that can be given and then taken away. It is a gift from God that you will always have – no matter what. It is a love that says, "you are important." "You matter." "I am proud of you." "You are very unique and very special." "I see you and I hear you." It is a love that affirms, welcomes, transforms, and teaches. God is our model for love: what love is and how we can love – ourselves, each other, and the world. God is love.

So, during this month of love, I encourage you to ask yourself these two questions:

- 1. Where did I see God's love in action today?
- 2. And, how can I share God's love with the world in new and different ways today?

Ask yourself these questions and be open to the ways that God is working in your life and teaching you about love and how to love.

Love, Pastor Savannah



The "Mission of the Month" for February is the Souper Bowl of Caring. For over 30 years, the Souper Bowl of

Caring has been driving grassroots efforts using the energy of the Big Game to illustrate the collective impact of tackling hunger locally.

Each year, churches, schools, and civic groups around the country join us, and host food and fundraising campaigns that benefit charities in their own neighborhoods.

Since 1990, close to \$200 million has been donated to local charities around the nation with over 305,000 unique groups participating.

Please help us in supporting this wonderful cause to help those in need. All money and food collected on February 9th will go to tackling hunger through the Fair Haven Food Pantry. Last year we collected 466 pounds of food and \$163. Let's see if we can top that in 2025!

February Mission Updates and Opportunities

Feed My Starving Children – We plan to again support Pines Presbyterian Church in this wonderful act of mission. Kids and adults of all ages hand-pack **nutritious MannaPack**[®] meals specifically designed to assist in reversing and preventing

undernutrition. You can sign up for a 2-hour time slot on the following days: **February 21st & February 22nd**. See Laurie Mitchell to sign up for a time on the 22nd to go over with a group from SBPC. You can also go to <u>www.fmsc.org</u> to register for a time to volunteer on your own.



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.

Mission of Yahweh supplies drive – SBPC will be collecting some items for the Mission of Yahweh that are in high demand and low supply right now. They are in dire need of 55 gallon trash bags, toilet paper, and paper towels. Please consider purchasing some of these items as you do your shopping this month. Bring them to the foyer outside the church office all month long!

February 16th Blood Drive – Save the date for our next blood drive. In preparation for the February event, it is important to take consistent iron supplements or enjoy a high iron diet. In addition, high water intake and physical activity 24-48 hours before donating, and a hearty breakfast on the day of can boost your success as a donor! We challenge you to be a first-time donor!



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Spring Branch Presbyterian

Sunday, February 16th 8:30 am - 12:30 pm Fellowship Hall 1215 Campbell Rd

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

Sponsor Code: 0324

Camille, blood recipient



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Annual Congregational Meeting — Sunday, February 9th



Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held immediately following Worship on Sunday, February 9th.

The purpose of the meeting is to:

- Present the 2025 Budget, as approved by Session.
- Receive a State of the Church from the 5 Ministry Teams.
- Approve the changes to the Terms of Call for Pastor Mark Plunkett.
- Elect the Ruling Elders for the Class of 2028 (Jim Kunkel, Betty Magnsuon, Sarah Powell).
- Present the Session approved Academy Board members for the Class of 2028 (Lee Dudinsky, Lauren Tacchi).







Alanis Olivarez, Family Services Outreach Coordinator Topics include: Self-Care for Parents and Caregivers, Positive Parenting.

Thursday, February 20th 5:00 PM 1215 Campbell Road *Refreshments Provided*



Please RSVP in the Academy or Church Offices, or scan the QR code. *Childcare will be provided through the SBP Academy.*

Questions? Contact Ethan Mitchell at <u>ideaspring@springbranchpres.org</u>.

www.springbranchpres.org/ideaspring





SBPC will be participating in the Annual Souper Bowl of Caring on Sunday, February 9th to help tackle hunger in Houston.

Please remember to bring your canned food items or monetary donation on Sunday, February 9th.



Wednesday Night Supper



Taking reservations during the pandemic helped us to reduce food waste in the kitchen and improved our meal planning. We plan to continue the reservation process, but will also take walk-ins as long as we have extra food to serve. Kay Craig has taken over the reservation process, so, if you'd like to attend, please email Kay at kay@craig-heidt.com.

Feb. 5 — Pulled Pork Sandwiches Jeannie Stockton

Feb. 12 — Chicken Pot Pies Jennifer Miller

Feb. 19 — Chili Cook-Off Kay Craig

> Feb. 26 — BBQ Jim Kunkel and Lu Taylor

Prices for the supper are as follows:Adults (age 13 & up)\$5.00Children (ages 1-12)\$2.00Family w/children ages 1-12\$12.00(immediate family only please)

We are now accepting credit card payments at Wednesday Night Supper!





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

SBPC Cowboy Chili Dinner

Once again we are having our "occasionally-annual"

Chili Dinner. Hunt down that great recipe, find that ole' chili pot, pick those hot peppers, and get cookin'!



Cook up your best chili and bring a pot to share for dinner on

Wednesday, Feb 19th, at 6:00 PM

The Fellowship Group Wranglers will provide crackers, Fritos, grated cheese, chopped onions, salad, dessert, and drinks.

Even if you don't make chili, put on your best western duds & come join the fun & fellowship!

If you are bringing chili, please email or call Kay Craig and let her know about how much you will be bringing so we will know we have enough for everyone. <u>kay@craig-heidt.com</u> or 713-248-4138.



calling all Youth!!

On February 2nd, the youth will begin meeting in the Youth Room for Bible Study, Fellowship, and Mission work with the Pastors. Meetings are at 9:30 AM on Sunday mornings on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. Other volunteers for the program are Jordan Goodman, Carla Pace, and Riley Fairchild.



If you would like to volunteer for a segment, please call Jacquie Ballesteros (713-305-1114), or Pastor Savannah Goodman at the church office. Please come and join in the fun!!

Presbyterian Women this Month

PW at a Glance

PW UNWIND will meet on <u>2/3</u> at 6:00 PM at Spring Branch Ragin' Cajun.

PW BOARD MEETING on <u>2/5</u> at 10:15 a.m. (Conference Room).

PW DAY CIRCLE meeting on <u>2/12</u> at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room. If you would like to join by Zoom, please contact Patti Nanney for an invitation.

THE HORIZONS Evening Bible study using **ZOOM** will be on Tuesday, <u>2/11</u> at 7:00 p.m.

Lesson 6 Video: www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/let-justic-roll-down.

ZIP TRIP to the Freeport Historical Museum on <u>2/19</u> at 9:00 a.m.

HAPPY HANDS will meet on 2/26 at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room.

BIBLE STUDY BOOKS for 2024-2025 (*Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation*) are available in the Church Office. The cost is \$10.

Bible Study Using Zoom: February 11th at 7:00 p.m.

Lesson 6 of *Let Justice Roll Down* will be discussed by the group of women using Zoom on Tuesday, February 11th, at 7 p.m. All SBPC women are welcomed in this Bible study group through videoconference! Contact Sarah Powell at <u>mrspowelltobe@yahoo.com</u> to receive the Zoom invitation to join the meeting.



PW Unwind Group

The Unwind Group is meeting for dinner at 6:00 PM on Monday, February 3rd, at the Spring Branch Ragin' Cajun, located at 1725 Wirt Road.



Please RSVP to Jacquie Ballesteros at <u>jballesteros1103@gmail.com</u> or text to 713-305-1114, only if you have questions or plan to attend.

On Wednesday, February 19, 2025, the Presbyterian Women of Spring Branch Presbyterian Church invite you to join us as we travel to the Freeport Historical Museum! Founded in 2009 by the late Historian and WWll Veteran Nat Hickey, the

Freeport Historical Museum is located in Historic Downtown Freeport, Texas, and focuses on over 300 years of history and Freeport's impact on the Texas Coast. With a grand re-opening in 2024, the Freeport Historical Museum features original artifacts and bilingual interpretive panels that guide visitors through Freeport's rich and diverse history.



We will leave the church at 9:00 AM, carpooling to the museum with lunch after our tour. The cost for the museum is \$3.00 for seniors, children, and active military. The cost is \$5.00 for all others. Lunch locale to be determined. More information to come! Men of the Church and others are invited! Reservations are not required, but to assist in planning. Please text or email Marguerite Priest – 281-435-3941/ mepriest@hotmail.com if you are planning to attend. We plan to go to the Blue Bell Creamery in March!



Happy Hands will meet on Wednesday, February 26th, at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room. Join the group for great fellowship, stuffing and stitching pillows, knitting, crocheting, and just hanging out. All are welcome!

Scholarships

SBPC Scholarship applications are now available for interested students! Completed applications are due May 1 for the year applying, and should be submitted 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 2025-2026 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 Sopho Senior	omore Junior 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 1st 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.

Attention all young adults! All college-aged to mid-thirties, up and coming professionals are welcome!

You are invited to the Young Adult Breakfast Club with Pastor Savannah Goodman at La Peep (9807 Katy Freeway, Houston, TX 77024) on Sunday, 2/16, at 9:00 AM. The Young Adult Breakfast Club will meet monthly for a time of fellowship and connection. Childcare is available at the church. We will meet at the church at 9:00 AM to carpool. Bring \$5 and the church will cover the rest! We look forward to connecting with you then! Please email Pastor Savannah Goodman (savannah@springbranchpres.org) with any questions.

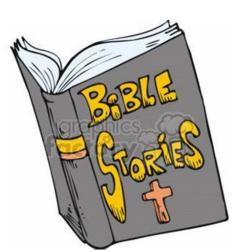
You are invited to a young adult fellowship night with Pastor Savannah Goodman at US Golf and Games (10106 Thermon, Houston, TX 77075) on Sunday, 2/23, at 2:00 PM. The church will cover the price of your first game of mini golf and/or your first go kart ride. Bring money for food and drinks. If



you need childcare, please email Pastor Savannah Goodman (<u>savannah@springbranchpres.org</u>) by Sunday, 2/16, at 5:00 PM, so she can make the necessary childcare arrangements with The Academy. Also, please email Pastor Savannah Goodman (<u>savannah@springbranchpres.org</u>) to RSVP (so she can get an accurate head count) and/or if you any questions. We look forward to connecting with you then!



Please join family, friends, and congregation members on Sunday, February 9th, right after our 10:50 worship service as we celebrate those in our church community born in February. Linger for conversation, fellowship, and light snacks. *Stories & Songs* begins on February 2nd during Worship, with stories from *Growing in God's Love*, songs, coloring pages, and crafts. Pastor Savannah has chosen the stories to coincide with the Sermons. This program is during the Worship Service for ages 3-6 years old. Children will leave the Sanctuary right



after Children's Moment and be returned to their parents during the last hymn.

Volunteers are needed weekly to help with this program. Please call Pastor Savannah in the church office or Jacquie Ballesteros at 713-305-1114.



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.

Join us for our Ash Wednesday Services on March 5th.



There are three service opportunities as we begin our Lenten Season together. There will be two brief services for those who are unable to attend in the evening (7:00 AM & 12:00 PM). We will have Wednesday Night Supper in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 PM, and then our evening Ash Wednesday Service will be at 6:45 PM in the Fellowship Hall.





2025 Presbyterian Women's Spring Gathering

Cultivating A Well-Balanced Life Ecclesiastes 3:1 -To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven

> April 5, 2025 | 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. St. Philip Presbyterian Church 4807 San Felipe St. Houston, TX 77056

Speakers for the Spring Gathering

Mahlon Hight Director of Congregational Care and Senior Adult Ministry Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church Dallas Meg Scott-Johnson Member of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance National Response Team St. Philip Presbyterian Church Houston



Book, Audio & Video Exchange

Wednesdays, March 19th & 26th

6:30 PM following Dinner

The Fellowship Group will have a book exchange in March. As you do your spring cleanup, set aside all your books, CD's, movies (DVD or VCR) & magazines to exchange with others. Cookbooks are especially popular!

Everything must be appropriate for ALL ages as there will be children and youth choosing books.

This is a great way to get rid of some things in your home and get some new literature for free!

You may bring your items the first evening and leave them until the next week.







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It's our 5th Annual Feed My Starving Children MobilePack!

Come be one of the 500 volunteers who work together to feed starving children around the world. We will be packing over 120,000 meals over the course of 5, two hour, packing shifts. There are opportunities for everyone from the age of 5 to 105. We'll have sit down jobs, carry jobs, and packing jobs available for whatever your ability.

Funds are also needed to make this a successful MobilePack. Your financial support can save a child's life. Each meal only costs .29 and look at what each dollar given can do.



As we prepare for our big day we need a team of volunteers to help organize this amazing event. If you'd like to be on the organizing team or to learn more about how you can help, please contact Pastor Andy or Tony Samper. Remember, we need YOU to make this another huge success for our community and the hungry around the world.

Does your business make something that could be sold as an auction item? Do you frequent a business that might donate something for the auction? If so, please call Cindy to schedule adding your donation to the list.

To volunteer or to give, please go to www.pinespc.org/fmsc.

Saturday, March 22 10am-2pm

FREE TO THE PUBLIC!

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JOIN US FOR SHOPPING, VISITING WITH NEIGHBORS, AND GETTING OUT IN THE SPRING WEATHER UNDER OUR BEAUTIFUL OAK TREES. THERE WILL BE A VARIETY OF VENDORS WITH HOMEMADE ITEMS AS WELL AS ESTATE SALE ITEMS.

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BEAUTIFY THE CHURCH



Would you like to beautify the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings while honoring a loved one or commemorating a special occasion? The 2025 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: <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/</u> go/30E084CABAC2BA1FA7-54170716-2025, 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



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FRIDAY EMAIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Would you like to receive our weekly announcements via email every Friday? Sign-up by visiting our Church website, <u>www.springbranchpres.org.</u> 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 <u>swdmmd@dikeman.net</u>. It is requested that prayers be for your <u>family members, or extended families and friends</u> who are in need of prayer.



Sarah Fake	2/1	Jacob Ruiz	2/11
Clara Dikeman	2/2	Jessica Tanner	2/12
James Daley	2/3	Merveilles Massamba	2/13
Silvia Argyriou	2/4	Doris Wright	2/13
Victoria Kissinger	2/4	Eric Purfurst	2/14
Cali Alegria	2/6	Lynn Dudinsky	2/15
Stephen Earnest	2/7	Beth Mizwa	2/15
Loretta Pittman	2/8	Kayla Mizwa	2/18
Logan Balli	2/9	Kayla Ballejo	2/20
Fonda Blair	2/10	Richard Machain	2/20
Daniel Powell	2/10	Amelia Laverty	2/27
Jordan Powell	2/10		

Happy Anniversary!



Don and Barbara Tremble2/5Jennifer Chehade and Hector Tapia2/7

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-1 Corinthians 16:14