

# PRES PRESS

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Spring Branch Presbyterian Church  
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Greetings, friends and members of Spring Branch Presbyterian Church.

What an utterly unusual time this is! Because of the Covid-19 virus, we are having to learn new ways of doing and being church. Some of this is terribly disconcerting. But I also believe that there are other parts of this situation which have been tremendous blessings.

I am reminded of the advice of Fred Rogers, the amazing Presbyterian minister, to "look for the helpers." "When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news," Rogers said to his television neighbors, "my mother would say to me, 'Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.'"

I believe that in this time we are rediscovering our neighbors. We are rediscovering how much we value the times we have in community. Those things are golden. However, one of the most delightful things about these times has been to discover the helpers. I think we are all naturally scared, but the overwhelming majority of people I have met have expressed a true desire to be a helper. This is wonderful.

Of course, just before Christ was crucified, he promised to send us a Helper so that we would be able to go through life with the strength we need to exercise our gifts for the building up of the Kingdom. Not coincidentally, this month we will be celebrating Pentecost, the celebration of the outpouring of that Spirit. I believe we need that Spirit more right now than anyone of us can remember.

Please also remember, if you are the one in need of help, look for the helpers. There are plenty out there ready to be of assistance. But they have to be given a chance. So it is with your church staff. We have been working very hard during this crisis, and we are here with you and for you! Please do not hesitate to contact me personally if there is any way we can help.

In Christ's Service,  
Kevin Boyd, Pastor

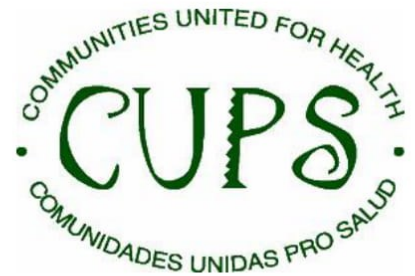
*"I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever."*

-John 14:16

# Missions of the Month

The “Mission of the Month” for May is CUPS (Communities United for Health). CUPS provides school supplies, computers and durable medical equipment to impoverished communities throughout Mexico. In 2019, CUPS helped renovate three schools by providing funds for constructing or repairing school roofs, as well as assisting with classroom renovations. Along with helping renovate schools, CUPS was able to again provide school supplies, computers, and

Spanish/English dictionaries partnering with Poblado La Soledad Preparatory High School. Spring Branch provided two boxes of school supplies to CUPS to be sent to the high school, as well as funding for the dictionaries. Additionally, we have collected durable medical supplies and sent them to CUPS. The most recent donation was in March.



## May Mission Updates & Opportunities

**Missions during the COVID-19 Outbreak-** We continue to participate in mission opportunities during this outbreak. Below is summary of our efforts:

- Sewing masks for medical staff and first responders- A team of mask sewers organized by Kay Craig has been sewing masks to distribute. To date, the team of Kay, Luna Lassiter, Terry Austin, Silva Argyriou, Jennifer Miller, Sarah Dikeman, and Betty Magnuson have sewn 229 masks!
- Letters/Cards for medical staff and first responders- We continue to send cards and letters to first line essential staff to help maintain morale and thank them for their efforts while they deal with additional workloads during this stressful time. Spring Branch has sent 101 cards to our first line essential staff at Memorial City Hospital.
- Fair Haven Food Pantry – Our church has delivered in excess of 253 food items to the food pantry during the stay at home order.

**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 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 is May 23rd.

*Every week, Pastor Kevin is recording “Chapel” Talks for our Church and Academy families in place of our usual WOW time. Kevin is also recording Pastoral Messages a couple times each week. These videos are being shared via email and/or on the [Church](#) and [Academy](#) Facebook pages. You can also view them by going to the Playlists tab of the [Church YouTube](#) channel.*



**Digital  
Church**



**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  
2020-2021 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.

# SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, May 10th  
10:00 AM

Drive-In Worship Service  
Annual Congregational Meeting



We will have another Drive-In Service on Sunday, May 10th. We will gather at 10:00am for Worship and Communion, with our Annual Congregational Meeting immediately following. We are gathering at 10:00am (instead of 10:50) before the heat of the day, and so that you can celebrate Mother's Day with your family.

Come to the SBPC parking lot on the 10th and tune your radio to FM station 89.5 to hear everything. You will receive a copy of the Bulletin and Congregational Meeting materials prior to Sunday for you to print or view on your mobile device. The service will also be streamed live on Facebook at [facebook.com/springbranchpres](https://facebook.com/springbranchpres).



The purposes of the meeting are to:

- Elect the Ruling Elders for the Class of 2023.
- Approve the changes to the Terms of Call for the Pastor (Rev. Dr. Kevin R. Boyd) as presented in the 2020 Budget.
- To present the incoming members of the Academy Board, Class of 2023, as elected by the Session.
- To present the 2020 Budget (as approved by the Session).
- To receive a State of the Church with written reports by the five Ministry Team Leaders.

## Drive-Thru Wednesday Night Supper

**May 6** — Ham, Mac & Cheese

*Marguerite Priest & Delia Nix*



**May 13** — Spaghetti

*The Rouse Family*



### **Wanted: A Few Wednesday Night Supper Cooks**

Want to escape your own kitchen to cook for a bit larger crowd? The fellowship committee is looking for folks who might like to cook a meal on a Wednesday in May. Ideally, it would be two family members to do the cooking together. First come first served on the dates. May 20th and 27th are currently available. We are socially distancing in the kitchen and wearing masks and gloves. Kay and Betty are the expert packers of the meals and Ethan and Laurie have been the runners to get food to Kevin outside at the drive-thru. Please reach out to Laurie if you would like to help us out. If you need help with quantity planning or shopping, we can help with that. We've been serving between 50 and 60 each week.

### **Virtual Wednesday Night Suppers continue Wed. May 6th!**

We can offer a link, but we can't "guarantee your usual table." You can join the meeting by visiting [zoom.us/join](https://zoom.us/join) or by using the Zoom app. Here is the information to join the meeting: Meeting ID: 902 581 177, and Password: 008889. We'll be online this Wednesday, May 6th from 6:30-7:30 p.m. This is a "come and go call" so don't feel like you have to stay on for the full hour. We hope to see you there! Feel free to swing by the church and pick up your drive-thru dinner and then join us.





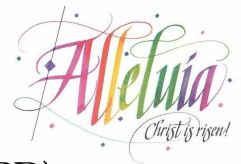
# Presbyterian Women this Month

## Unwind Will Zoom on Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

It took a pandemic to cancel one of our monthly Unwind Dinners. I am guessing some of you may be zoomed out. Zoom fatigue can set in. If not and you'd like to see each other's smiling faces and catch up with each other, let's gather on Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00. A Zoom initiation will be sent by email. If you do not receive an email and would like to join other Unwind ladies for fellowship, please email Denise Wilborn at [faithdevelopment@springbranchpres.org](mailto:faithdevelopment@springbranchpres.org).



## PW at a Glance



**UNWIND** meets on 5/5 at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom.

**PW MODERATORS** on 5/6 at 9:30 a.m. (Location/video TBD)

**PW BOARD MEETING** on 5/6 at 10:15 a.m. (Location/video TBD)

**PW CIRCLE** meeting & salad luncheon on 5/13 at 9:30 a.m. (Location/video TBD)

**THE HORIZONS BIBLE** study using **ZOOM** will be on Monday 5/18, at 8:00 p.m.

Lesson 9: [springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/love-carved-in-stone/](http://springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/love-carved-in-stone/)

**HAPPY HANDS** might meet on 5/27 at 9:30 a.m.

## Bible Study Using Zoom: May 18th at 8:00 p.m.



Lesson 9 of *Love Carved in Stone* will be discussed by the group of women using Zoom on Monday, May 18th, at 8 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.

# 2020 Class of

CONGRATULATIONS!

## Caroline Bik

B.X. Aerospace Engineering, graduating Spring 2020  
The University of Texas at Austin

Graduating from The University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering, a minor in Business, a minor in Dutch, and a certificate in Humanitarian Engineering. Caroline has been active in a wide variety of organizations through her time as an undergraduate student. She spent her first 2.5 years active with the UT sailing team before transitioning her time to Texas 4000 for Cancer, a non-profit student and cycling organization focused around fighting cancer. In addition to cycling and sailing, she has been active on two design teams - Design-Build-Fly, fabricating RC aircraft to meet a design challenge, and Projects with Underserved Communities, designing and constructing a resource center for a community in Southern India. Outside of organization activities, she served as a first-year interest group mentor for incoming students for three years and has worked as a Peer Advisor in the engineering study abroad office since her semester abroad at TU Delft in the Netherlands.



I was supposed to intern at Halliburton this summer doing Supply Chain Engineering, but the program has been cancelled due to COVID. I am waiting to hear back about my acceptance status to a fellowship program I applied for, called Congress Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals (CBYX). This includes a year abroad in Germany studying the German language, following a semester of coursework, and completing a 5-month internship. This program has been delayed, and I am not sure when I will be updated again.

As for graduation, UT will have a virtual ceremony this May with the hope for a regular ceremony in late summer or during next fall.

After graduation, Caroline plans to take a gap year before pursuing a master's degree related to sustainability, most likely in Humanitarian Engineering or Environmental Engineering and Policy. Thank you SBPC for all the prayers and support - hook 'em horns!



## *Ryan Blair*

Bachelor's degree in Exercise and Sports Science  
Texas State University  
Graduation in July, 2020

While graduating in the summer from Texas State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Exercise and Sports Science with a concentration in Health and Fitness Management coupled with a minor in Business Administration, Ryan was in the Theta Chi Fraternity as well as the Texas State ultimate frisbee team throughout his college years. After graduation, he plans to pursue a path in the personal/ group training field.

## *Riley Fairchild*

Riley Fairchild has spent the last 3 years completing her undergraduate Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology, with a minor in interpersonal communications! She had plans to walk in the University of Houston's spring commencement and to complete her final courses in the summer. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, her 17 hour course-load for this semester has been moved online, and the spring commencement has been postponed to late spring or early fall; she will still be taking 12 hours of courses in the summer though. She hopes to be a near-fluent Spanish speaker after taking a cumulative 16 hours of the language over the course of her undergraduate career. She never expected to graduate in 3 years, but here she is! She aspires to attend graduate school in the future, but with the current state of the world, and her massive fear of accumulating debt, she plans to postpone graduate school until she can attain a stable income and lifestyle. She thanks the Presbyterian Women for their financial and moral support, and is extremely grateful for the SPBC congregation who has supported her throughout her life.





# Alex Napuri

Law Degree from University of Houston Law Center  
Graduating in May, 2020

While there aren't necessarily "majors" at my law school, I was able to focus my classes on criminal law and trial practice so that I am prepared for a future as a prosecutor or defense attorney later on. In my three years I have been involved in the Student Bar Association, by helping plan events for the student body, and The Advocates, a group which organizes intramural advocacy competitions. The group I was most active in, and that has helped prepare me for practice the most, is the mock trial team. I was able to travel to three national competitions, and I learned under experienced trial attorneys and judges.

Unfortunately, graduation has been postponed, but the new date is currently unknown. The administration is looking for new dates toward either the end of summer or the beginning of fall. The bar exam, however, may also be postponed to be held around the same time, so it's unclear whether I will be able to attend graduation.

Post-graduation, the civil firm I am currently working at has graciously offered to keep me on the payroll until I find a job I love (they know I prefer criminal law). I will be applying to the Harris County District Attorney's Office after taking the bar exam. I also wanted to include a thank you to the congregation. I discovered a love for public speaking while volunteering with Vacation Bible School and Youth Sunday, so I truly don't think I would have ended up in law school had I not come to this church. I have always felt encouraged and supported by the consistent gifts and well-wishes from the Presbyterian Women, my shepherds, my confirmation partner, and the congregation as a whole. Thank you all.



# William Stockton

Graduating from the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) with a BBA in Cyber Security and a minor in Digital Forensics. While in college, he participated in Delta Sigma Pi Professional Business Fraternity and several community service organizations. Although coronavirus is sweeping the world right now, he plans to attend graduate school in the Fall of 2020, either at Northeastern University in Boston or at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in NYC. William would like to thank everyone at SBPC for their constant support and prayer as he finishes out his first degree - Go 'Runners!

B.B.A. in Cyber Security  
University of Texas at San Antonio  
Graduation in May, 2020



Volunteers in SBPC's **College Connection** ministry through Presbyterian Women have been praying for and sending holiday cards/notes to these students along with the other SBPC college students and college students from Presbyterian Children' Homes and Services. Both SBPC and PCHAS college students received "care packages" in the Spring and Fall, consisting of school supplies and snacks. Gift cards are also sent twice a year. Look for this college ministry to start again in the Fall; volunteers are always needed!



Friends are treasures tried and true. Thank you so much for remembering me, especially during this trying time. The lilies are beautiful and I am enjoying the Sunday School quarterlies. Your outreach reminds me I am not alone. Thank you for your service and love, Elaine Hall

### *A Beautiful Day In Our Neighborhood*

Your Faith Development team is in conversation regarding what vacation Bible school might look like. The members are in conversation with each other, as well as others involved in VBS. Carol Davis, Miguel Carlin, and Denise Wilborn joined a recent Zoom meeting with other Christian educators and faith development leaders struggling with the same dilemma. This is a good time to consider why we even have vacation bible school and to approach the how with creativity. There are many moving pieces and data driven decisions are evolving as we move through this. Please know the health of the children and our volunteers takes priority.



Thank you to everyone who has been contributing to the church each week in the absence of our usual *Presentation of Tithes and Offerings* time on Sunday mornings. Don't forget that the church expenses continue just the same. If at all possible, please mail in your contributions, or use the online giving option ([www.springbranchpres.org/give](http://www.springbranchpres.org/give)).

Thank you for your continued commitment!



# Pastors Bible Study



*The Pastor's Bible Study with Kevin is continuing to meet online. A Zoom invitation will be sent out each week for accessing and joining the meeting.*

## **Sunday Morning Reflection Opportunity**

Faith Development will continue to offer an on-line opportunity for Sunday morning study; or another time of your choice. The new class of young parents and families is using beautifully produced, timely, and relevant videos each week for their discussion on Sundays. InLighten Films offers dramatic, scripture-based films which are theater quality. As stated on the InLighten Film website, "No robe and sandal reenactments. No cartoons. No one preaching at you." Each video is supported by questions for discussion and reflection. An email with a link to each week's film and discussion questions will be sent out.



## **Virtual Sunday School**



The Explorer's Sunday School Class is meeting virtually using the video conferencing Platform *Zoom*. The group meets at the usual 9:30 a.m. time on Sunday mornings. If you would like to participate and don't normally attend the class, please contact the Crawfords to receive a Zoom Invitation.



HE IS RISEN  
**EASTER**  
CELEBRATION



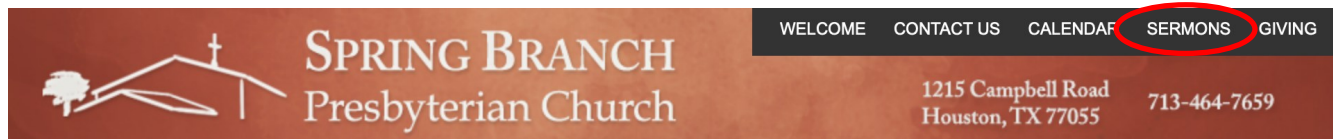
He is not here;  
he has Risen!

Luke 24:6

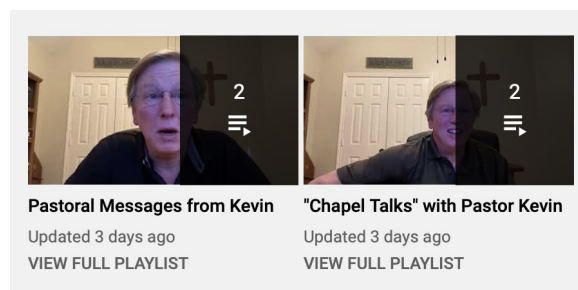
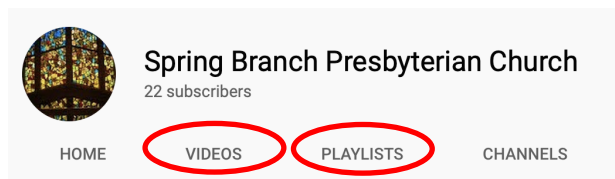
# COMMUNICATIONS CORNER

## How to access our *Digital Worship Services & Messages*:

1. Go to [www.springbranchpres.org](http://www.springbranchpres.org) and select **Sermons**. This will redirect you to the Church YouTube Channel.



2. The most recent uploads will appear here under the **Video** tab. Select the **Playlists** tab to view the Pastoral Messages & “Chapel” Talks from Pastor Kevin.



3. To view the Digital Services & Announcements on the Church Website, go to [www.springbranchpres.org](http://www.springbranchpres.org), scroll down to recent news and click on the most recent posting.



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Are you a member of the SBPC Emergency Group on Facebook? If not, visit the link below and request to become a member.

[www.facebook.com/groups/SpringBranchPresbyterianEmergencyManagement/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/SpringBranchPresbyterianEmergencyManagement/)

# Birth<sup>day</sup> Blessings

Nick Goodrich III	5/2	Ellie Cross	5/14
Bryn Fuller	5/4	Rebeca Rivera-Alegria	5/15
Evan Powell	5/9	Curtis Stockton	5/15
Ken Crawford	5/10	Emmett Royal Laverty	5/20
Caroline Bik	5/11	Thelma Stockton	5/21
Dr. Matt Dikeman	5/11	Madelynn Turney	5/21
Delilah Holder	5/11	Kay Kay Haulcy	5/23
John Lazo	5/12	Nikki Childs	5/26
Web Trevathan	5/13	Thomas Daley	5/29




Happy Anniversary!



Carla and Christopher Pace	5/24
Brice and Dr. Denise Wilborn	5/29
Robert and Sonya Bear	5/31

Church Calendar

May 2020 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
Academy Closed	Academy Closed	11am - Pastor's Bible Study 6pm - Unwind on Zoom	9:30am - PW Moderator 10:15am - PW Board 6pm - Drive-Thru WNS 6:30pm - Virtual WNS	Scholarship Applications		
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9:30am - Explorers - Zoom 10:50am - Digital Worship	Academy Closed	11am - Pastor's Bible Study 6pm - Unwind on Zoom	9:30am - PW Moderator 10:15am - PW Board 6pm - Drive-Thru WNS 6:30pm - Virtual WNS			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Mother's Day 10am - Drive-in Worship 	Academy Closed	11am - Pastor's Bible Study	9:30am - PW Circle 6pm - Drive-Thru WNS 6:30pm - Virtual WNS			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9:30am - Explorers - Zoom 10:50am - Digital Worship	8pm - Horizon's Bible Study	11am - Pastor's Bible Study	PresPress Articles DUE 6pm - Drive-Thru WNS 6:30pm - Virtual WNS			11am - Hot Meals
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
9:30am - Explorers - Zoom 10:50am - Digital Worship	Memorial Day 	11am - Pastor's Bible Study 7pm - Session	6pm - Drive-Thru WNS 6:30pm - Virtual WNS			
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
9:30am - Explorers - Zoom 10:50am - Digital Worship 						



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TODAY IS *Your* DAY.

You're off to **GREAT PLACES!**

You're **OFF AND AWAY!**

—Dr. Seuss—

