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Greetings, members and friends!

It is that wonderful time of the year in Texas when we can get drenched with sweat just getting from the car to our front door. It has been the hottest June and July on record in Houston. Of course this year, the lack of rain has been an additional challenge. This year has also been an experiment for us, converting one of our flower beds to a vegetable garden. Did we pick a great year for that or what? I wish I could say it was a complete success. Some is and some isn't, but then again, it is a challenge growing anything right now. (Of course, our electric bill has had no problem growing enormously!) Now what about the church? There has also never been a more challenging time to build and grow as a church. What elements are needed to make a growing, healthy church?

There are lots of books out there purporting to give the answer, but I believe that the five basic principles can be boiled down to these: 1) The church must be focused squarely on Jesus Christ. 2) There must be a very strong emphasis on missions, both local and global. 3) The church leaders, both pastors and others, must be united in purpose and vision. 4) There must be compassion and understanding between the people of different ages, ethnicities, and other persuasions. 5) The church needs to understand the true motivation for growth.

While growth is admirable, some churches want to grow for all of the wrong reasons. Some want to grow so that the financial burdens of the church would ease. In other words, the more people there are to give, the less everyone has to give in order to meet the budget. Others want to grow for reasons of prestige, so that we will be better than some other church. Still others wish to grow in order to have more programs to make us attractive to families with children. These and many others may be popular, but they are wrong!

So why do we want to grow? First and foremost, we grow because Jesus told us we are the light of the world. We are a city set on a hill, a light that is not to be hidden. Growth is the primary indicator that our light is shining. It means that we are proclaiming Christ's love to this world, which desperately needs to hear it. When we shine Christ's light, we remember that in everything we do, the Father in Heaven is to be glorified! This may sound simple, but how many of us are doing it?

Friends, we are part of a blessed family under Christ called Spring Branch Presbyterian. By grace, we are children of God. In response to that grace, let's be motivated to grow by the desire to hear the voice of God's creation, giving God glory. Let us pray, not only for cooler temps, but also for the rain of God's Spirit to water us deeply for true growth.

*Kevin R. Boyd*

In Christ's Service,  
Kevin Boyd

# Missions of the Month

The "Mission of the Month" for August is MAM (Memorial Area Ministries). MAM was started in 1981 as a coalition of 14 local churches and one synagogue to establish a network to provide emergency services to families living in poverty. Today, over 30 congregations provide financial and other support to MAM.

MAM provides a wide array of services to the community, which now includes (Spring Branch, Cypress and Alief).

Services provided include: financial assistance programs, citizenship classes, employment services, English instruction, immigration assistance, mental health counseling, after school and immunization programs, and special targeted programs.

Our church will be collecting funds for MAM to provide school uniforms for children during the month of August. MAM's 2022 goal is to provide \$50 uniform vouchers to 5,000 children. Donations will be accepted in the breezeway before and after the service every Sunday, and donations may be dropped off in the church office. Please make checks payable to SBPC and write *MAM back to school* in the memo line.



## August Mission Updates & Opportunities

**Hurricane Kits** – On Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 100 hurricane kits were packaged out our 4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic. Thank you to everyone who participated! The kits are being distributed to our neighbors in need on August 13<sup>th</sup>.

**PCHAS Back-To-School Supplies** – Our church is a big supporter of PCHAS (Presbyterian Children's Home and Services). During July, we had a Back to School Drive to provide school supplies for the children involved with PCHAS. Thanks to everyone who contributed, and way to go SBPC!

**July Blood Drive Update** – Thank you to everyone that participated in our July 24<sup>th</sup> Blood Drive. We had a great success with a total of 14 eligible donors for 13 units of whole blood, and one plasma donation.

**Mission of the Church to Feed My Sheep: Hot Meals** – Currently, SBPC delivers Hot Meals to 34 elderly who generally have mobility problems. These are indeed "hot" chicken lunches prepared by Pappy's Café and delivered by SBPC members on the 4th Saturday of each month, and they are so very appreciated. At various times of the year, other items are provided by the church. These have included Advent and Easter information, hurricane kits and Thanksgiving Pumpkin Bread. Time involved is two to three hours late Saturday morning. This only happens if we have drivers to deliver. Please consider helping with this mission by driving some Saturday. For more information contact Lu Taylor, [lu@lutaylor.com](mailto:lu@lutaylor.com) or 832-571-8779.

**Young Adult Mission Project** – The Young Adult Group is headed to Mo-Ranch for a self-run retreat, August 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>! While on the trip, the group will be pre-packaging pet food for Animeals, the program through Interfaith Ministries of Greater Houston that delivers a one-week supply of pet food to Meals on Wheels recipients that have cats or dogs. The Mission Team is providing the funds to purchase pet food in Kerrville while on the trip. If you would personally like to sponsor a bag of pet food, monetary donations can be placed in the offering plate on Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, with "young adult mission" in the memo line. A healthy 50 lb bag of dog food is roughly \$30, and a healthy 25 lb bag of cat food is roughly \$20.



Sunday, August 7

*Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's  
Gift of Rest and Delight*

Is the title of the new study book for Presbyterian Women.



**This year we are having an all-church family picnic following worship on August 7**

**Presentation of Bible Study, Sunday School, Church Activities & Missions**

**Gift Basket Raffles benefiting the PM/PW Scholarship Fund.**

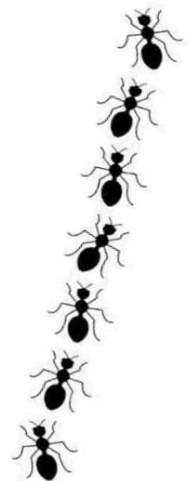
**Main dish & dessert provided.**

***Bring a picnic side dish.***

**For more info – contact Sarah Dikeman or Kay Craig**

Please RSVP to:

[Ethan@springbranchpres.org](mailto:Ethan@springbranchpres.org) by Aug. 2



# 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 8/1 at 6:00 PM at Treebeard's.

There will be an **All-Church Family Picnic** following church on 8/7.

**HAPPY HANDS** will meet on 8/24 at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room.

**BIBLE STUDY BOOKS** for 2022-2023 (*Celebrating Sabbath*) are available in the Church Office, or can be picked up from Sarah Dikeman's house. The cost is \$10.



The PW Unwind Group is meeting on August 1st at 6:00 PM for dinner at Treebeards, 9655 Katy Freeway, entrance on Gaylord off of Bunker Hill. Call Jacque at 713-305-1114 to RSVP.



Happy Hands will meet Wednesday, August 24, 9:30 am, in the Conference Room. Note the change of rooms. If the Academy is in the entry hall with songs, join them or come to the Breezeway entrance! See you then.

## Wednesday Night Supper

Save-the-Date for Wednesday Night  
Supper to resume on  
September 7th!

The **Academy Open House** will be  
at 5:30 PM, followed by the Supper  
at 6:00 PM.



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

### Volunteers Needed!

We need volunteers to teach Children's Sunday School. The curriculum and supplies are all set to go. We only need two volunteers per month to teach the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. Our children have had little faith development since the pandemic began other than Children's Moment, ably led by Patty Blome, Patti Nanney, Marguerite Priest, Megan Hogg, Denise Wilborn, Miguel Carlin, Jan Fitts, Todd Miller and Pastor Kevin, to name a few. Can you spare an hour to continue what they started?



Save-the-Date of Saturday, October 8th, for a special women's program in the Fellowship Hall, sponsored by the Faith Development Team!



## 2022 Vacation Bible School Food Truck Party!!

The Faith Development ministry of Spring Branch Presbyterian Church is grateful to each and every volunteer and center leader who shared their gift of time and compassion with the children attending Vacation Bible School from July 19-22, 2022

Spring Branch Presbyterian and CENTI Church were able to welcome 84 participants to our VBS this year!! We want to send a special thank you to everyone who donated food to the Fair Haven Food Pantry. We were able to donate 100 food items to our neighbors in need. Furthermore, we were able to give several packages of diapers to Memorial Assistance Ministries.

During the week, we built community together as we learned about the goodness of God in our lives. We were able to make new friends and help others in need that may be hungry. Our scripture focus for the week was Matthew 6:11.

We were blessed to have the support of our Spring Branch Presbyterian Academy staff. A special thank you also goes to Mrs. Renee Henry, Spring Branch Academy Director, and Miguel Carlin, Ministries Coordinator at Spring Branch Presbyterian for serving as 2022 VBS Co-Director's.

VBS would not have been possible without our many volunteers!! We want to thank the following individuals below from SBPC and CENTI Church for their energy and enthusiasm throughout the week. We also want to thank everyone that prayed for us during VBS. We look forward to welcoming everyone to our 2023 VBS next year.

### Center Leaders

Jackie Nix (Crafts), Reverend Kevin Boyd and Reverend Mark Plunkett (music), Ben Dethloff & Ethan Mitchell (AV), Laurie Mitchell (snacks/refreshments), William Stockton (Recreation), Marguerite Priest & Donald McDaniel (Storytelling), Victoria Segovia (Science).

### Volunteers

Silvia Argyriou  
Laurie Mitchell  
Steven Lezon  
Carlette Boyd  
Miguel Carlin

Amena Chehade  
Betty Magnuson  
Jackie Nix  
Denise Wilborn  
Bob Deutsch

Kay Craig  
Jennifer Miller  
Donald McDaniel  
Jan Fitts  
Alexa Montemayor

Thomas Wilkinson  
Bunnie Lezon  
Marguerite Priest  
Deona Vakiari  
Michelle Moody

### CENTI Volunteers

Pastor Sebastian Lopez  
Carol Villabona  
Jessica Florez

Enrique Sanchez  
Elizabeth Cruz  
Andrea Rodriguez

Gabriela Pena  
Georgina Ponce







The VBS "Food Truck Party" theme was on a roll, with God winning the race with our Academy kids & friends this summer. They were fed with lots of activities and the spirit of God's love. They had a yummy, scrumptious and fun time.

## Vacation Bible School 2022



Thanks to all of our helpers



## SPOT LIGHT... Our Infant Teachers

Early childhood development is very crucial, beginning at birth. Our experienced and trained teachers help facilitate this early learning and growth period for our infants. The Academy's program helps nurture our infants through early milestones of their life. Our parents are blessed to have a loving and dedicated infant staff.



Ms. Jennifer, Ms. Angelica and Ms. Ada  
5 yrs                      1 yr                      1 yr



Ms. Carmen and Ms. Aurora  
14 yrs                      13 yrs



Ms. Noemi, Ms. Renee and Ms. Betty  
6 yrs                      1 yr                      6 yrs



# *Save the Date*

## November 5 and 6

to celebrate

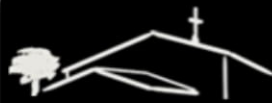
*70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for Spring Branch Presbyterian Church*

*70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for Boy Scout Troop 478*

*50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for Spring Branch Presbyterian Academy*

*Platinum Jubilee*

*1952 - 2022*



**SPRING BRANCH**  
Presbyterian Church

**Festival – 10am to 2pm, Saturday**  
**Worship Service – 10:50am, Sunday**  
**Catered Luncheon – 12:15pm, Sunday**

**Info & Registration**

[www.springbranchpres.org/platinum-jubilee](http://www.springbranchpres.org/platinum-jubilee)

713-464-7659





Have you taken any photos at a Church, Academy, or Boy Scout Troop 478 event during the last 70 years?

Laurie Mitchell is collecting photos for our 70th anniversary celebration in November.

The pictures can be from any time over the last 70 years. **We are also collecting Baptism photos for a special display**, so please make sure to include those pictures in your submissions! Please contact Laurie to coordinate the best way for her to borrow your precious memories!



This is the Platinum Jubilee year for SBPC – our 70th birthday of the church. Not only that, it is the 70th birthday of our Boy Scout Troop #478. Plus, it is the 50th birthday of the Spring Branch Presbyterian Academy Day Care. (*Academy's 50th anniversary celebration delayed due to COVID.*)

On Saturday, November 5, we will begin with a Jubilee Festival on our church's campus from 10am to 2pm. On Sunday, November 6, we will celebrate with worship and afterwards with a catered lunch in The Gathering Place.



**A celebration of this size will require a lot of volunteers to make it happen, especially our Jubilee Festival on Saturday, November 5th!**

The Jubilee Festival & Catered Luncheon on Sunday will be completely free, with the exception of concessions on Saturday.

Please consider signing up for one or more slots to help make this celebration a success! You may register at this [SignUpGenius Link](#). Team Leaders will be appointed for specific areas, and instructions for the different activities will be provided to you at a later date. Many hands make light work! Some tasks are helping with food service, others supervising or running games/activities, or helping with the logistics to make the Festival happen. If you have any questions, please contact [Ethan Mitchell](#) or [Patti Nanney](#).

The **Jubilee Festival** will be taking the place of the Academy Fall Festival this year, which is typically a fundraiser for the Spring Branch Presbyterian Academy. The Jubilee Festival will be the first day of Anniversary Celebrations for the Church, Academy, and Boy Scout Troop. It will be completely free, with the exception of festival food.



The Academy is taking the lead on financing the festival games portion of our celebration. A donation board is on the Parent Center, adjacent to the front offices. Please consider choosing an item to donate. Most items are partial payments toward the full price amount. The Academy is handling payment of the attractions, so please make all contributions to the Academy. All donations made are tax deductible. If you have any questions, please see Ethan Mitchell or Renee Henry.

**The items available to sponsor are:** 24ft Rock Wall, Dixie Twister Chair Swing, 4-in-1 Sports, Giant Kerplunk, Hungry Hippo, Laser Tag, Extreme X Obstacle Course, Ferris Wheel, Vintage Carousel Ride, Circus World Inflatable, Gaga Ball Pit, Mini Hoop, Plinko, Ring Toss, Can Smash, Tic-Tac-Toe, Balloon Dart Board, Face Painters, Balloon Animal Artists, Generators, and Carnival Tents.

The Property Committee has plans underway to have the church grounds re-landscaped at a cost of \$16,000. If you would like to contribute to the project, please make checks payable to Spring Branch Presbyterian Church, and put "Landscape Fund" in the memo line. The goal is to have the work completed in early September so that everything will be installed and settled for our Platinum Jubilee Anniversary in November. For questions, please see Ethan Mitchell.



## Place your order now for your Spring Branch Presbyterian Church Platinum Jubilee Anniversary T-Shirt!



Place your t-shirt order online at this [LINK](#). The shirts are \$10/each. The first step is to select an online payment or cash/check payment. If you select online, you will be directed to PayPal to complete your order. If you select PayPal, you must complete the payment for your order information to be submitted. Please make checks payable to SBPC, and to the attention of Jorida Vakiari.

T-Shirts will be available for pickup in October. Additional shirts will be sold at the Platinum Jubilee celebration on Saturday, November 5th, and Sunday, November 6th.

Please contact Ethan Mitchell ([ethan@springbranchpres.org](mailto:ethan@springbranchpres.org)) if you have any questions.



## **Platinum Jubilee Logos are now available on our SBPC Lands' End storefront!**

Are T-shirts not your style? Choose your own style apparel from [Lands' End](#) and pick from two embroidered anniversary logos!

You can choose from men's and women's polos, shirts, t-shirts, pullovers, jackets, totes, caps, aprons, and much more – all with a *Platinum Jubilee* logo!

You can choose from a multitude of material colors as well as different colors for the logos.



There are two different logo options available (pictured above).  
The **large** size logo is 4.5" x 2.75", and the **small** size logo is 3.5" x 2".

### **To Order:**

1. Go to: [business.landsend.com/store/springbranchpres](https://business.landsend.com/store/springbranchpres)
2. Hover over **My Account** and select **Create an Account** when the window pops up.
3. After you've created your account, select a category to start shopping, or use the search tool (Men, Women, Promotional Products).
4. Click on the item you would like to purchase and choose the color and size of the item. **Then select Apply Logo(s) to continue.**
5. Select your *Platinum Jubilee* Logo (Platinum Jubilee – LARGE or Platinum Jubilee – SMALL). It will let you preview it on the left side of your screen.
6. If you would like to change the color of the Logos, select **Change Logo Color(s)** and pick from the provided options. Note: The logos are made up of different stitched sections. To change the color, please make sure that you change the color of all pieces of the Logo. You can see this in realtime in the preview on the left side of your screen. If you do not see the color option that you'd like, you can search for it where it says "Search by Madeira Color."
7. Select the location where you would like the logo, and **click Apply Logo.**
8. Push **Add to Bag** and continue shopping or checkout.
9. Once your items are ready, they will ship to the address you provided when you setup your account. If you have not setup an account, please do so now so you do not lose your items.

Contact Ethan Mitchell at [ethan@springbranchpres.org](mailto:ethan@springbranchpres.org) if you have any questions.  
If there is an item on the [Lands' End Business website](#) that you like, but is not available on the SBPC storefront, please contact Ethan Mitchell and the item will be added.



*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 Conference Room, 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>

**August 7, 2022; Communion, 9th Sunday after Pentecost**

Text: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Title: People of Faith 1

Focus: People of faith learn to trust God.

**August 14, 2022; 10th Sunday after Pentecost**

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Text: Hebrews 11: 29-12:2

Title: People of Faith 2

Focus: People of faith have been give the promise of something better.

**August 21, 2022; 11th Sunday after Pentecost**

First Reading: Hebrews 12:18-29

Text: Jeremiah 1:4-10

Title: People of Faith 3

Focus: People of faith are regular people going new places.

**August 28, 2022; 12th Sunday after Pentecost**

First Reading: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Text: Jeremiah 2:4-13

Title: People of Faith 4

Focus: People of faith are outward looking.



# FAIRBEES SQUARE DANCE CLUB

**Free, Free, Free!**



## FUN NITE! YES FUN!

## THURSDAY

## September 8<sup>th</sup>

**Fun Nite**  
**7:30-9:30**  
**Plus Lessons**  
**September 15<sup>th</sup> 7-8pm**  
**Club Dance 8-9:30**

@ Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

1215 Campbell Road

Houston, Tx 77055

**Information:** Amelia Strickland  
James.f.strickland@att.net. (H). 281-495-2397. (C) 713-560-8470  
or Keiko Horton 713-480-7186 [Keikohorton@gmail.com](mailto:Keikohorton@gmail.com)  
or Nancy Beaton 713-927-7251 [wbeaton@att.net](mailto:wbeaton@att.net)

GIVE IT A TRY



### Benefits of Square Dancing

- Cardiovascular conditioning
- Strengthens weight bearing bones
- Slows loss of bone mass
- Helps Coordination
- Increases attention span
- Increases self-esteem,
- Decreases tension.

**Fun, Fun, Fun!!!!**



*Modern Square dancing is a new experience where you have fun, meet new friends, grow healthy, and enjoy life.*



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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

## Happy Anniversary!



Jennifer and Todd Miller	8/3
Dr. Doris and Mike Wright	8/5
Jeremy and Kate Cross	8/14
James and Meredith Qualls	8/15
Dr. Matt 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
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
9:30am - Monday Welcome 10am - WOW (S) 6pm - PW Unwind 6pm - Yoga (CR) 7:30pm - Boy Scouts (GP)	9:15am - Cong. Care Mtg. 10am - Flexercise (GP) 11am - Pastor's Bible Study (CR) 6pm - Basketball (GP)	8am - APCE Meeting (GP 1) 10am - Flexercise (GP) 11am - Pastor's Bible Study (CR) 6pm - Basketball (GP) 6:30pm - Fellowship Meeting (FH)	8am - APCE Meeting (CR) 5pm - Girl Scouts (GP 2)	9am - Jessie's Bites (Kitchen) 10am - Flexercise (GP) 6pm - Fairbees (GP) 6pm - Yoga (CR)	9am - Jessie's Bites (Kitchen)	6pm - CENTI Church Service (GP)
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