Greetings friends and members of Spring Branch PC!

In about two weeks, we will be starting our annual stewardship campaign. Yes, you will be asked to pledge, but my hope this year is that this will certainly not be what you remember most. Rather we will be talking about being a missional church. Now even though this word has become a common “buzzword” lately, it will help us engage in some important questions about our church. Put simply, a missional church is one who realizes that we draw our identity from being sent, rather than simply by attracting others to our events. As such, we embody Christ’s presence in our world as we engage in the restoration, healing, and reconciliation.

You will be seeing more about our title, “Boots on the Ground.” Covid took a lot out of virtually all churches. By this title, we are saying that it is time now to get up and start being involved in the mission of the church. We plan to have some fun with this theme, so get your boots out and get ready to wear them to church on October 30th. You will be hearing more in the next few weeks.

Having boots on the ground, or being personally involved in mission, is something that naturally flows from a reconciled heart. This month we are highlighting one such example. It happened when God put a vision in our hearts, and we responded in faith. So, please see the article about the Blessings Home orphanage later in this newsletter.

Faithfully,
Kevin

Kevin R. Boyd
Platinum Jubilee  November 5 & 6

Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

Join us as we celebrate our 70th Anniversary for Church & B. S. Troop 478 50th Anniversary for The Academy

Jubilee Festival, November 5, 2022
10am to 2pm

Over 40 Activities
- Horseshoes
- Hole-in-One
- Laser Tag
- Hungry Hippo
- Cornhole
- Balloon Dart
- Toddler Play Zone
- Giant Kerplunk
- Cake Walk
- Duck Pond
- Spoon Races
- Obstacle Course
- Gaga Ball
- Dixie Twister Chair Swing
- Tug-of-War
- Balloon Animals
- Can Smash
- Face Painting
- Giant Connect-4
- Circus World
- Sack Races
- Bowling
- 24 ft Rock Wall
- 3-Legged Races
- Petting Zoo
- Fishing Booth
- Gutter Boats

Everything FREE except food at Festival

Jubilee Festival Happenings:
11:00 AM  Playground Groundbreaking
11:30 AM  Boy Scout Pictures:
  - Troop 478 Eagle Scouts
  - Scouts & Leaders who have ever been involved with Troop 478

Please REGISTER if attending Jubilee Festival or Sunday’s Catered Luncheon

1215 Campbell Road, Houston, TX 77055
713-464-7659
https://www.springbranchpres.org/platinum-jubilee/

Lot to do, but many hands make light work. We definitely could use your help, so please sign-up as a volunteer!

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER
www.springbranchpres.org/platinum-jubilee

Sunday Happenings:
9:30 AM  Sunday School
Scout Hut Open House
10:50 AM  Worship Service
12:15 PM  Catered Lunch
Check it out...

Everything you want to know about the Platinum Jubilee is on the church’s website.

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.

There will be no charges to attend either event, except for food at the Jubilee Festival. (We will be accepting donations at the catered lunch on Sunday, November 6.)

At the Jubilee Festival on November 5 there will be over 40 activities, games and rentals plus all types of carnival foods. We will also have several of our missions represented, a groundbreaking of our new Academy playground at 11am, and Boy Scout photos (past and present) taken at 11:30am.

In addition, the Boy Scouts will have an open house at the Scout Hut on Saturday, and then again before Worship and after the luncheon on Sunday.

Since we are using almost all of the church campus and parking lot for the Jubilee Festival, we will have plenty of parking spaces available off-campus with buses transporting people to/from the SBPC parking lot.

Worship service on November 6 will include posting/retrieving colors by our Boy Scouts, our choir members being joined by past members, and hopefully some of our past pastors assisting with the service.

The celebration continues after the Worship with a catered lunch in The Gathering Place.

Whew! Lots to do, but many hands make light work. We definitely could use your help, so please sign-up as a volunteer. This is your church; we hope you will come and be a part of it all.

Included on the church’s website are links to:

- Register for attending Jubilee Festival on November 5 and Anniversary Luncheon on November 6
- Take a gander at the activities at the Jubilee Festival
- Register to volunteer at Jubilee Festival
- Order Platinum Jubilee T-Shirts
- Order Lands’ End Platinum Jubilee Shirts
- Submit Church, Academy or Boy Scout Troop 478 photos

In the months ahead more information will be made available on the church’s website.

If you know of someone who may be interested in receiving information about this celebration, please give names, current addresses, or emails to the office or to Sarah Dikeman.

www.springbranchpres.org/platinum-jubilee
**NEWS STORIES**

- Dwight Eisenhower elected President over Adlai Stevenson by wide margin
- 1952 presidential campaigns are the first to be broadcast on television
- Korean conflict continues as truce attempts fail
- Princess Elizabeth of Britain coronated queen upon the death of her father, King George VI
- U.S. begins construction of first nuclear submarine, the *Nautilus*
- U.S. detonates world’s first hydrogen bomb
- Violent protests erupt in Egypt
- Britain develops atomic bomb
- Puerto Rico becomes self-governing commonwealth of USA

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**Inventions**

- Polio vaccine
- Chevrolet Corvette prototype completed
- Microwave ovens size of refrigerators and cost over $1,200
- Electric guitar
- Roll on deodorant
- Barcode

**Top Baby NAMES**

- James
- Robert
- John
- Michael
- David
- Linda
- Mary
- Patricia
- Barbara
- Susan

**Sports**

- World Series: New York Yankees
- NBA Championship: Minneapolis Lakers
- NFL World Champions: Detroit Lions
- Olympics held in: Helsinki, Finland

**TELEVISION & MOVIES**

- I Love Lucy
- Jackie Gleason Show
- Dinah Shore
- Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet
- Today Show debuted
- Singin’ in the Rain
- Alice in Wonderland
- High Noon
- The Greatest Show on Earth

**Spring Branch Presbyterian Church**

- Held first worship service on March 23, 1952, at the Dad’s Club on Voss Road.
- The Charter Roll closed September 14, 1952 with 72 members.
- The Pastor Nominating Committee presented the name of Rev. Lamar Hicks on November 3, 1952 as the first pastor of SBPC.
- The church purchased 3.8 acres of land, including easements, in Campbell Place for $7,000 in November 1952.
- The Session authorized the sponsorship of Boy Scout Troop 478 with 9 charter members and the construction of the Boy Scout building on November 10, 1952.
- Spring Branch Presbyterian Church was chartered on November 18, 1952.

**Popular Music**

- Oh, Happy Day
- I Get a Kick Out of You
- Rock the Joint
- Your Cheatin’ Heart
- It Takes Two to Tango
- You Belong to Me
- Here In My Heart
How Did Our Church Get Its Name?

At a Congregational Meeting on July 27, 1952, the following names were placed in nomination:

- John Knox
- St. Giles
- Spring Branch

The name “Spring Branch” received the most votes.

Mrs. T. E. Hickey of Third Presbyterian Church...
sent these definitions and Scriptures, to the right on this page, along with the following prayer to Taft Lyons, a Seminary student who was helping the church:

“God grant that the Spring Branch Presbyterian Church may be a branch bringing forth rich fruit for the Kingdom, because it is an outgrowth of the Spirit of Christ, who is the source and supply of the spring that never faileth but leadeth the way to Life Everlasting. Amen.”

Note:
“How Did Our Church Get Its Name?” was originally published in the SBPC PresPress, June 1957. It was provided to us for our 60th Anniversary by Dr. Al Moreau, our pastor from April 1978 to August 1985, who found it in the Historical Foundation files at Montreat.

**SPRING**
To start or rise suddenly; the first stage or early portion; the source of supply, especially that of a stream – an issue of water from the earth, a natural fountain.

*Isaiah 58:11*
The LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail.

*John 4:13-14*
Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.”

**BRANCH**
A shoot growing from the main stem; an outgrowth of the larger body; a tributary of the larger stream.

*Proverbs 11:28*
He that trusteth in his riches shall fall; but the righteous shall flourish as a branch.

*John 15:5*
I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

Synod of Texas, Presbytery of Brazos
Spring Branch Church
Houston, Texas
1957 – Church History
The “Mission of the Month” for October is the Fair Haven Food Pantry.

Did you know that in the United States we throw away at least 10 times as much food as it would take to end hunger? The Fair Haven Food Pantry has been serving our community since 1975. Their mission is to provide emergency food assistance to persons in the Spring Branch/Memorial area until other food assistance is available, or until assistance with food is no longer needed.

The Food Pantry offers the “Client Choice” model approach. The client choice model promotes higher satisfaction with the food available to choose, less waste, and ultimately less cost of food provided and greater opportunities for volunteer and clients to interact. The basic premise of the client choice food pantry model is just that – allowing people seeking food assistance to choose for themselves what products they receive. Many client choice pantries resemble small grocery stores, with products on shelves and in coolers/freezers, from which clients can choose from. Client choice food pantries are the perfect companion to food banks, as their flexible structure allows them to accept a wide array of products to offer their clients, rather than trying to always keep the same exact few things in stock.

We are extremely thankful for all of your continued support that makes what Fair Haven Food Pantry do even possible.

The Food Pantry is open and available Monday thru Friday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Clients are eligible for one visit per week. It is located in the north parking lot at the east end of the Fair Haven Worship Community, located at 1330 Gessner.

October Mission Updates & Opportunities

The Peace & Global Witness Offering is received during the Season of Peace, and we will collect the offering through Sunday, October 9th. A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the Church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this offering to connect with the global witness of Christ’s peace.

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 or 832-571-8779.

Seafarers’ Boxes – It’s nearing time to prepare Seafarers’ boxes to be delivered on November 27. Our goal is to collect goodies to fill at least 100 boxes and send them to the Seafarer’s Center at the Port of Houston. Items can be put in the purple bin outside of the Church Office.

Lion’s Club Eyeglasses – SBPC is happy to collect your used eyeglasses for our friends at Spring Branch Lion’s Club. Feel free to bring donations to church office.
Wednesday Night Supper

Oct. 5 — Pasta & Meat Sauce

Oct. 12 — Goulash

Oct. 19 — Hamburgers

Oct. 26 — Chicken Pot Pies

Taking reservations during the pandemic has 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-heitd.com.

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 $12.00 (immediate family only please)
- To go plates $5.00

Let’s Grow in God

Remember!

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**

PW UNWIND on **10/3** at 6:00 p.m. at Mia’s Table (1035 Gessner)

PW MODERATORS on **10/5** at 9:30 a.m. (Conference Room)

PW BOARD MEETING on **10/5** at 10:15 a.m. (Conference Room)

THE HORIZONS Evening Bible study using ZOOM will be on Monday, **10/10** at 7:00 p.m.

PW DAY CIRCLE meeting on **10/12** at 9:30 a.m. (Conference Room)

If you would like to join by Zoom, please contact Patti Nanney for an invitation.

**Lesson 2 Video:** [www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/celebrating-sabbath](http://www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/celebrating-sabbath)

ZIP TRIP to Bryan Museum on **10/19** at 9:30 a.m.

HAPPY HANDS will meet on **10/26** at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room.

BIBLE STUDY BOOKS for 2022-2023 (*Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God’s Gift of Rest and Delight*) are available in the Church Office, or can be picked up from Sarah Dikeman’s House. The cost is $10.

PW DIRECTORIES are available in the Church Office.

The Women of the Church have several interesting trips to zip around this year! The September 21st trip was a visit to Historic Tomball.

**On October 19th, we will travel to Galveston to tour the Bryan Museum,** located in the historic Galveston Orphanage. The lunch location is yet to be determined. If you plan to join us, please let Marguerite Priest know at mepriest@hotmail.com.

**Join us for the last Happy Hands meeting of the year on Wednesday, October 26th, at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room.** We’ll be stuffing and finishing heart pillows to give to hospital patients. This will be our last meeting of the year, because the 4th Wednesdays of November and December are right in the middle of the holidays. We’ll resume meeting in January. If you have washable fabrics or yarn to donate, or completed scarves, baby hats, etc., please contact Doris Wright.
Getting back to business! After so long at home with the pandemic, we are getting back to normal and are beginning a Stewardship Campaign for 2023.

Our theme this year is *Boots on the Ground*, because we are looking for active, in-person participants. It’s time to get back to our Missional Church! In this campaign, we are, of course, asking for your financial pledge for the new year, but more than that, we are requesting that you look into the past and remember the volunteering and mission projects that you worked with. It’s hard to get back, so we ask that you pick one thing you remember that you enjoyed – Seafarer’s Boxes, Angel Tree, decorating the church for Advent and Christmas, singing in the choir, to name a few opportunities.

Our active campaign will run from October 16th through the end of October, with a final celebration lunch on October 30th. On that day, we ask that everyone come to worship wearing boots – any type of boot – rain boots, cowboy boots, work boots, hiking boots, high heeled boots – whatever you like!

At the following link is a Stewardship devotional called *Living Gratitude* to use over the next 28 days: https://www.springbranchpres.org/boots-on-the-ground/. We hope that you will enjoy it as a daily read in your spiritual life. Paper copies will also be available for pickup from Narthex on Sundays.

Let’s get back in the Spirit with Boots on the Ground!

Jacquie Ballesteros,
Stewardship Chair
**Women's Retreat**

Come find a new rhythm for your life
Release, Rest, Renew

**October 8, 2022**

9am to 3pm
Fellowship Hall
$10 per person, lunch provided

Facilitated by
Anne Wilson, Glynden Bode,
Jo Nan Carr, Meg Scott-Johnson

Spring Branch Presbyterian Church
1215 Campbell Road
Houston TX 77055

Pay cash or check of $10 to Patti Nanney or SBPC office

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**Come find a new rhythm for your life... Release, Rest, Renew**

**Description:** Let's gather for a time of fellowship and reflection as we explore the meaning of Sabbath. Gift yourself with an opportunity to make new friends, greet long-time companions, participate in 2 workshops, worship, and break bread with a community of faith.

Our leaders are a group of faithful friends who have known each other for over 20 years.

- **Anne Wilson** is a seasoned educator who has served 4 different churches here in Houston. During her retirement, she serves on various church-related boards and loves being called "Gram" by her 3 grandsons.

- **Glynden Bode** is a spiritual director, a retired United Methodist minister and educator. She continues to meet others in spiritual direction, serves on several church-related boards, and enjoys her 9 grandchildren.

- **Jo Nan Carr** is an avid traveler and creative individual whose art styles are ever-evolving. Part of her artist statement says, "I want my art to have areas of peace and, yet, I want viewers to know it was made with joy. Creating something that was not there before makes me happy."

- **Meg Scott-Johnson** is a trained spiritual director and trained labyrinth facilitator. In her retirement as a clinical social worker she enjoys tending her pollinator garden and keeping up with seven grandchildren.
This month, Lin and I will mark the 1-year anniversary of my health issue. We believe now is the right time to express our deep gratitude to our Church Family. So many of you came to our aid in so many ways: transportation to and from the hospital, meals for weeks on end, check-in calls, home visits, and general moral support. Even a year later, you are still finding ways to show us love and care. Your wonderful acts are never far from our minds. Thank you all so much.

In Christ,
Lin and Rocco Sabala

The Presbyterian Men's Ministry is planning our next fellowship event on Sunday, October 23, 2022.

We will be gathering after worship for a sack lunch in the Fellowship Hall. After lunch and fellowship, we will then go for an afternoon of bowling. All are welcome to attend. RSVP's can be sent to Donald McDaniel.

If you are interested in learning more about Boy Scout Troop 478, please join the Troop on Monday evenings from 7:30-8:30 PM at the Scout Hut. The Troop is always looking for new scouts to join!

Spring Branch Presbyterian is excited to be the sponsoring organization of Girl Scout Troop 124182! Regular meetings are the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month, from 5:00-6:00 PM in the Gathering Place.

We would be glad to have you join us at our upcoming troop meetings to learn how to get involved. If you would like to get more information, or have any questions, please contact Karen Dikeman at kdikeman@gmail.com.
It’s time to prepare to pack Seafarer’s Boxes on November 27th!

On Sunday, November 27th, we will be packing and wrapping shoe boxes at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall, full of goodies to send to the Seafarer’s Center at the Port of Houston. We need lots of boxes, so get out there and go shoe shopping! Our goal is to collect over 100 boxes to pack. Ladies’ sized boxes are the best, but we can also accept the plastic shoe boxes with lids that you can buy at the dollar store, at Walmart, or other stores.

If your family enjoys selecting, packing and wrapping, consider filling a box (or several) on your own. This has been quite successful, so we will continue to offer this option. Please bring any fully wrapped boxes to the church by Sunday, November 20th. Laurie would like to guarantee 100+ boxes total, so it would be helpful to know how many we will be packing and wrapping together on the 27th.

Below is the list of requested items from the Port of Houston. The Seafarers prefer full sized items over small travel sized items. We are also in need of wrapping paper.

If you would like to help deliver, please let Laurie know.

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In February of 2021, a new ministry began for St. Paul Presbyterian Church in Faisalabad, Pakistan. As Pastor Fraz Siddique walked the streets of his city, he noticed the increasing number of homeless children on the streets. He began to pray and talk to other pastors in his area and abroad. Among these was his longtime friend, Dr. Kevin Boyd, pastor of Spring Branch Presbyterian Church in Houston, TX. The two had done many projects together in the past, but this need was a magnitude greater. As they prayed, a building became available. It was painted and refurbished. A nonprofit charity was started in Pakistan, and the project would eventually be co-sponsored by Spring Branch Presbyterian. Children were screened and admitted, and the Blessings Home Orphanage became home to 24 children. There was a huge problem: The ministry had children to feed, rent and staff to pay, but no money. It almost closed a month after opening. Dr. Boyd mentioned this as a prayer need in his weekly Bible Study class and God began to move. Donations began to come in. For $2,000.00 monthly, the children were housed, fed, clothed, and educated. The project was joined by Rev. Mike O’Neil and First Presbyterian Church of Wheeling, WV, as well as numerous individuals. To date, no fundraiser has ever been held.

Today, Blessings Home Orphanage is a Christian faith-based ministry that is non-profit and non-sectarian. Its vision is to spread the good news among the poorest as a sign of God’s kingdom, and to heal wounded souls in the name of Jesus. Its mission is to be servants of God, sowing the seed of the God’s word for all people, and to reach to the remote areas and unreached people of Pakistan.

There are now 31 children. Many of these children came from the nearby brick lines, where entire families are often forced to work in order to barely survive, living in mud houses with no plumbing or electricity. Others came as orphans, domestic workers, and transgender children. Despite recently being considered the lowest in their society, now their spiritual and basic physical needs are being met by the grace of God, without discrimination of gender or age. Girls are being trained and educated to break the chain of poverty. The burden of numerous bonded laborers has been lessened. They are learning about the gospel in both word and deed. Please see the end of this article for testimonies from some of the children.

Amazingly, all of this is still being accomplished for $2,000 to $2200 per month! Numerous people are donating their time and there is no overhead. Still, the needs at this time are great. The daily and monthly expenses such as rent, utilities, caretaker stipend, food, gas, school fees and supplies, laundry costs etc. are going up, especially as more children arrive. With the recent floods, the price of food and necessities has doubled, and in some cases, tripled. We need to increase our budget by about $1,000.00 per month, while our initial gifts are nearly exhausted. Simply put, we need more partners. Please pray about becoming one of those partners. Together, let’s stand amazed at what the Lord accomplishes.

Gifts may be sent by writing a check to:
Spring Branch Presbyterian Church
1215 Campbell Rd.
Houston, TX 77055
In the words of the children:

My name is Musa. I am eight years old. We are five siblings. My elder sister is disabled. My father left us, and the burden of all five of us siblings was on my mother. She has been working hard and suddenly she got sick and left the earth. In these situations, we often spend the whole day alone without eating. And the landlord has also ordered us to leave the house. Then pastor Fraz took us with them in Blessings Home Orphanage. Now we are studying and living, and they care us with all the needs.

My name is Kiran. I am fifteen years old. I live at Brick company (Bhatta). I have two other siblings. My mother died while giving birth to my younger sister. My father took a loan from the owner of the kiln due to which we used to make bricks all over the kiln. And it was difficult to make ends meet. We used to go to the kiln at 4:00 am to make bricks and come back at 1:00 pm. One day while working at the kiln in the heat, my father had a stroke, and his left side became immobile. Now he can't walk again. A few days later, my father also died due to lack of proper treatment. Meanwhile, the owner of the kiln started harassing us more and increased the working hours. When Pastor Fraz came to my father's funeral, he was told about us brothers and sisters that we have no one in this world anymore. Pastor Fraz brought us with him at Blessings Home Orphanage. Now we are living well here. And are also getting education under his shadow.

Spring Branch Presbyterian had the special privilege to welcome our friends from SummerHouse on September 8th, for their fall parent support group meeting. The purpose of this meeting was an opportunity for families to learn about the exciting activities that are occurring at SummerHouse. Additionally, the families had an opportunity for fellowship with each other. Summerhouse is one of our community partners that we support throughout the year. We look forward to continuing to deepen our relationship with SummerHouse in the future.
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=VU1VZVByeFlI1MEwxNmxrR090S0JVQT09

October 2, 2022; World Communion, 17th Sunday after Pentecost
Text: 2 Timothy 1:1-14
Title: Life in Community 5: Radical Hospitality
Focus: The goal of the church is love for one another.

October 9, 2022; 18th Sunday after Pentecost
First Reading: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
Title: Life in Community 6: Heartfelt Thankfulness
Focus: The true church lives in gratitude for what Christ accomplished on the cross.

October 16, 2022; 19th Sunday after Pentecost
First Reading: Jeremiah 31:27-34
Title: Life in Community 7: Surprising Faith
Focus: Our faithful God often surprises us.

October 23, 2022; 20th Sunday after Pentecost, Stewardship 1
First Reading: Joel 2:23-32
Text: Luke 18:9-17
Title: Boots on the Ground 1: Kid’s Boots
Focus: We can obey God with a childlike faith

October 30, 2022; 21st Sunday after Pentecost, Stewardship 2
First Reading: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
Title: Boots on the Ground 2: They Come in All Sizes
Focus: God’s grace and mission are for all people.
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!
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2. Hover over My Account and select Create an Account when the window pops up.
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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 is 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 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.
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.

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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 2022 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/30E084CABAC2BA1FA7-2022](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E084CABAC2BA1FA7-2022), or to 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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**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](http://www.springbranchpres.org).
Atkinson Ballesteros 10/1
Nolan Rouse 10/1
Stephanie Williams 10/1
Jacquelyn Dillard 10/3
Joan Belk 10/4
Nick Ballesteros 10/5
Catherine Daley 10/6
Jan Fitts 10/6
Ravisse Massamba 10/6
Miguel Carlin 10/7
Todd Miller 10/9
Amena Chehade 10/12
Ludovic Massamba 10/12
Robert Deutsch 10/13
Neal Dikeman 10/13
Rachel Wright 10/13

Renae Oswald 10/14
Margie Wedemeyser 10/15
Caroline Humphrey 10/19
Megan Hogg 10/21
Mary Powell 10/21
Blair Ballard 10/25
Carlette Boyd 10/28
Zach Farley 10/29
Jorida Vakiari 10/29
Regan Walters 10/29
James Humphrey, Sr. 10/31
Kelly Lezon 10/31
Margaret Rouse 10/31

Happy Anniversary!

Jorida and Ruden Vakiari 10/1
Marc Bik and Nina Rach 10/2
Kim and Jay Tangney 10/9
Regan and Nick Walters 10/10
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- **World Communion Sunday**
- 9:30am - Children's SS Class (GP)
- 9:30am - Sunday School
- 9:45am - Choir Practice
- 10:50am - Worship
- 6:30pm - Scout Meeting (GP 2)

- **Columbus Day**
- 9:30am - Children's SS Class (GP)
- 9:30am - Sunday School
- 10:50am - Worship
- 12pm - Monthly Birthday

- **Reformation Sunday**
- 9:30am - Sunday School
- 10:50am - Worship
- 12:15pm - Choir Practice
- 12:15pm - Presbyterian Men

- **Dedication Sunday**
- 9:30am - Children's SS Class (GP)
- 9:30am - Sunday School
- 10:50am - Worship
- 12:15pm - 70th Anniversary
- 12:15pm - Stewardship Luncheon
November 5th & 6th
Jubilee Festival—10:00 AM-2:00 PM, Saturday
Worship Service—10:50 AM, Sunday
Catered Luncheon—12:15 PM, Sunday

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