Dear Members and Friends.

Flight 401 was bound for Miami from New York City with a load of holiday passengers. As it approached the Miami Airport for its landing, a light that indicates proper deployment of the landing gear failed to come on. The plane flew in a large, looping circle over the swamps of the Everglades while the cockpit crew checked out the light failure. Their question was: Had the landing gear actually not deployed or was it just the light bulb that was defective?

The flight engineer fiddled with the bulb and tried to remove it, but it was stuck. Another member of the crew tried to help out... and then another. By and by, if you can believe it, all eyes were on the little light bulb that refused to be dislodged from its socket. No one noticed that the plane was losing altitude. Finally, it dropped right into a swamp. Many were killed in that plane crash. While an experienced crew of high-priced and seasoned pilots messed around with a seventy-five-cent light bulb, an entire airplane and many of its passengers were lost. The crew momentarily forgot the most basic of all rules of the air ~ "Don't forget to fly the airplane!"

This kind of focus is also important for our church. We can become so focused on property, on finances, on activities, on community involvement... that we focus so much of our attention on insignificant issues, and we lose sight of what church is all about.

In this new year, it is my hope and dream that we would turn a new page in our church’s history. Exciting things are close at hand. We must not forget that our first priority is to serve Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. When we do that, I am sure that Christ will bless us. There are always lots of details that we need to take care of. But let’s not forget to fly the plane!

We need everyone to help make Spring Branch what God wants us to be. Listen for more updates soon and come join the excitement!

In Christ’s Service,

Kevin Boyd

“I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”

-John 10:10
The Mission of the Month for January is Comunidades Unidas Pro Salud (CUPS)! CUPS is a Christian organization founded in 1989 to improve the quality of life in rural communities along the Mexico-U.S. border. Maximizing the use of capital and human resources, CUPS unites mission trip volunteers with the people of Mexican and U.S. communities in projects that touch the lives of thousands of people. Health and education projects are a primary focus, and these are designed to meet community defined needs. Other humanitarian projects and programs, such as disaster relief, are also important in the work for CUPS.

During the month of January, our church will be collecting gently used jackets of all sizes to take to the residents of this area. These can be left in the bins outside of the church office. All donated jackets need to be delivered to the church by January 20th to allow time for Nina Rach, CUPS Board Member, to pick them up. She will be leaving the following day for Mexico.

January Mission Updates and Opportunities

Angel Tree follow up – This year we had the pleasure of spreading Christmas cheer to 16 children within 6 families. Each child received 3 Christmas gifts, school and art supplies, and a food basket for the entire family to share. These families were extremely grateful for everything they received, and it would not have been possible without the church’s generous donations, as well as Laurie Mitchell’s leadership. Great job to all!

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.

Feed My Starving Children – We would like to help support Pines Presbyterian 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 and times: January 20th 11am-8pm, or January 21st 9am-8pm. See Miguel to sign up for a time to go over with a church group, or if you would like to individually volunteer. The deadline to sign up is Sunday, January 15, 2023. To learn more about Feed My Starving Children, please visit their website at www.fmsc.org.

Family Movie Night (Stay Tuned) – It’s time for some fellowship! SBPC is hosting a family movie night at the church on January 20th at 6:30pm. We will be providing hot cocoa with marshmallows. The movie is still to be determined and will be updated in the Friday eblasts as soon as details are finalized. Save the date!
Winter Coat and Clothing Drive

December 19 – January 20

Drop off your new or gently-used men’s, women’s and children’s coats, jackets, sweaters, or fleeces at box outside of church office.

If you have any questions, please contact Nina Rach at nina.rach@yahoo.com or Miguel in the church office.

To learn more about Communities United for Health Communidades Unidas Pro Salud (CUPS), a Texas based mission organization started in 1989 focused on health and education in rural communities along the US Mexico Border, please visit https://cupsmission.org/.

Thank you for your donations!!
Wednesday Night Supper

Meal Tickets are available!

Finding yourself short of cash on Wednesdays? You may now purchase meal tickets and pay by check. Each meal ticket is good for four meals. There are meal tickets for Adults ($20/four meals), Children ($8/four meals) and Families ($48/four family meals). Purchase the tickets at the cashier each week. Thank you!

Jan. 11 — Chicken Pot Pie
   Jennifer Miller

Jan. 18 — Pasta & Meatballs
   Jan Fitts

Jan. 25 — Tamales & Enchiladas
   Kay Craig & Betty Magnuson

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)

First Birthday Celebration of 2022

Join us in the breezeway, weather permitting, for our first birthday celebration of the new year on Sunday, January 8th. Immediately after worship, we will gather for light snacks as we honor our January birthdays!
The Worship Team is seeking volunteers to help remove the Greens from the Sanctuary on January 8, 2023, immediately after the Worship Service. As usual, many hands make for light work. Pizza will be provided for volunteers before work is started. So that lunch can be planned, please contact Donald McDaniel at dmcdan77007@sbcglobal.net or 713-294-4005 to sign up.

Child and Elder Protection Policy

It’s time to renew! Everyone at the church needs to be certified to work with and around children and elders. This certification is renewable every two years, and with the pandemic, we are all out of compliance. In January, copies of the training and policy manuals will be emailed and/or given out. Please read it and then take the test in order to be certified. Our goal is that 100% of the church staff and members be certified this year. You can read the manual at your leisure during the month of January. Then, meetings will be set up after Wednesday Night Supper and after church during January for you to take the test. This takes about 10-15 minutes as it is only 25 questions.

Some will think that they don’t work with elders or children and will not need to do this. However, think about all the things that you do in and around the church – committee meetings, Sunday School, Presbyterian Men and Women, attending church, preparing Seafarer’s boxes, delivering Angel Tree gifts, cooking and hospitality for the church. You are in contact with elders and children all the time. Please make some time to complete this assignment.

The Children’s Sunday School Class will meet on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays in January, 1/8 and 1/15. We hope that you can join us!
**PW at a Glance**

**PW UNWIND** on **1/3** at 6:00 p.m. at Cajun Town Café (6476 West Little York)

**PW MODERATORS** on **1/4** at 9:30 a.m. (Conference Room)

**PW BOARD MEETING** on **1/4** at 10:15 a.m. (Conference Room)

**THE HORIZONS** Evening Bible study using **ZOOM** will be on Monday, **1/9** at 7:00 p.m.

**PW DAY CIRCLE** meeting on **1/11** at 9:30 a.m. (Conference Room).

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

**Lesson 5 Video:** [www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/celebrating-sabbath](http://www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/celebrating-sabbath)

**ZIP TRIP** to Messina Hof Harvest Green Winery & Kitchen on **1/18** at 9:45 a.m.

**HAPPY HANDS** will meet on **1/25** at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room.

Please join us for Unwind in the New Year at Cajun Town Café, located at 6476 West Little York, Houston, TX 77091. We will meet on **Tuesday, January 3rd**, instead of Monday, as Monday is being observed as a holiday in most of the city.

RSVP only if you plan to attend to Jacquie Ballesteros at: jballesteros1103@gmail.com. We hope that you can join us!

**Bible Study Using Zoom: January 9th at 7:00 p.m.**

Lesson 5 of *Celebrating Sabbath* will be discussed by the group of women using Zoom on Monday, January 9th, at 7 p.m. All SBPC women are welcomed in this Bible study group through videoconference! Contact Sarah Powell at mrspowelltobe@yahoo.com to receive the Zoom invitation to join the meeting.
January Presbyterian Women ZIP Trip  
Wednesday, January 18, 2023.

PW ZIPS to Messina Hof Harvest Green Winery and Kitchen, located at 8921 Harlem Road, Richmond, TX. Lunch and Tour on January 18th! Carpool will leave the church at 9:45 am to meet at the Winery. Please contact Marguerite Priest at mepriest@hotmail.com for reservations.

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January Craft Workshop

Join us on Sunday, January 22, at 2-4 PM for our next fun workshop!

We will be making Valentine cards to be sent by Presbyterian Women to the kids at Presbyterian Children’s Homes & Services that they sponsor, and also to our SBPC college students.

You will also be able to make a few cards for yourself. We will provide plenty of supplies, but you are welcome to bring any supplies you would like to. Children 10 and up may attend with an adult.

If you have any questions, call Kay Craig at 713-248-4138, or email to kary@craig-heit.com

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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
2023-2024 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 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. Reaplication may be made each year beginning January 1.
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

**January 1, 2023; 1st Sunday of Christmas, Communion**
- Text: Matthew 2: 13-23
- Title: Into This Mess
- Focus: Jesus came into the middle of our very messed up world, and still does.

**January 8, 2023; Baptism of the Lord**
- First Reading: Matthew 3:13-17
- Text: Isaiah 42:1-9
- Title: Bruised and Flickering
- Focus: When we are at our weakest Christ is at His strongest.

**January 15, 2023; 2nd Sunday after Epiphany**
- First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7
- Text: John 1:29-42
- Title: The Main Thing
- Focus: God’s idea of success is often very different than ours.

**January 22, 2023; 3rd Sunday after Epiphany**
- First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4
- Text: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18
- Title: Melted Together
- Focus: The true church is fused together by the love of Christ.

**January 29, 2023; 4th Sunday after Epiphany**
- First Reading: Matthew 5:1-12
- Text: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
- Title: CrossWise
- Focus: The cross is ultimate wisdom.
Dear SBPC,

Merry Christmas! Thank you for partnering with me and Dave as we minister to our Christian brothers and sisters in Pakistan. What a joy to share the riches God has given to us.

In Christ’s Love,
Mary D’Alessio

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**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!

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”.

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**Church’s Prayer Chain List?**

The **email prayer chain is open all who would like to pray for those individuals in need of prayer.**

If you would like to be included in the email prayer chain as a prayer warrior or if you have a prayer request for an individual, contact swdmmd@dikeman.net. It is requested that prayers be for your **family members, or extended families and friends** who are in need of prayer.
Spring Branch Presbyterian

Sunday,
February 12th
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
Boots on the Ground! Stewardship Campaign

Please don’t forget to turn in your Pledge Card for 2023. You can find one in the Narthex, Church Office, or Parlor. For a digital copy of the Pledge Card, please visit www.springbranchpres.org/stewardship. You can download this card, type directly into it, and email it to giving@springbranchpres.org or jorida.vakiari@springbranchpres.org.

BEAUTIFY THE CHURCH

Would you like to beautify the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings while honoring a loved one or commemorating a special occasion? The 2023 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/30e084cabac2ba1fa7-2023#/ 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.

If you are purchasing something for reimbursement by the church, please take a tax exempt form from the Church Office with you. You can keep it in your car, purse, or wallet! Help us save a few dollars the next time you make a purchase for the church.

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.
Here’s how to shop AmazonSmile:

1. Visit smile.amazon.com
2. Sign in with your Amazon.com credentials
3. Choose a charitable organization to receive donations (smile.amazon.com/ch/74-6017486)
4. Select your charity
5. Start shopping!
6. Add a bookmark for smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to return and start shopping at AmazonSmile

The 2023 Offering Envelope Books are now available in the Narthex. Please sign your name by the number that corresponds to your book number. If you already have a book of offering envelopes, you can continue to use it since it doesn’t correspond to specific dates. Thank you for your continued commitment!

SBPC will be participating in the Annual Souper Bowl of Caring on Sunday, February 12th to help tackle hunger in Houston.

Please remember to bring your canned food items or monetary donation on Sunday, February 12th.
Thank you for your support!
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**Happy Birthday!**

Kip and Margaret Rouse 1/29

**Happy Anniversary!**
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**Family Movie Night**

**Normal Text**

**Additional Information**

- **New Year's Day**
- **Church & Academy Closed**
- **Baptism of the Lord**
- **Epiphany**
- **Feeding My Starving Children (Pine PS)**
“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”

- 2 Corinthians 5:17