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Spring Branch Presbyterian Church 1215 Campbell Rd | Houston, TX 77055



Greetings from your Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC),

On June 18 at a Congregational Meeting, the following members of SBPC were elected to the PNC: Neal Dikeman, Stephen Earnest, Jan Fitts, Megan Hogg, and Laurie Mitchell. We would like to thank the congregation for trusting us with the opportunity to find a new pastor for our church. We also want to let you know what we have been doing for the past 6 weeks.

We started with a dinner meeting at Jonathan's the Rub (courtesy of one of the members of the PNC). At this meeting, we organized the committee with a Moderator (Neal Dikeman), Recording Secretary & Presbytery Liaison (Jan Fitts), Session Liaison (Stephen Earnest), Website Set-Up (Megan Hogg), Spreadsheet/Contact Organizer (Laurie Mitchell). We discussed our hopes, dreams, and plans for the future of SBPC. We also discussed best times to meet as a group, with ZOOM a viable possibility. It was decided to submit monthly minutes to Session in order to keep Session informed of the PNC progress/activities.

At the June Session Meeting, Session voted to allow the PNC to seek a Job Search Firm to assist with our search for new Pastoral Leadership for SBPC. The PNC all feel strongly that this will enable us to find a quality candidate in minimum time. Session has also approved an opportunity for people to contribute to a fund to assist in the cost of a Job Search Firm. If you choose to contribute to this fund, please indicate this with your contribution.

After our initial meeting, the PNC met several times in July. The first meetings were to interview three Job Search Firms. One interview was in person, the other two were via ZOOM. We chose the firm of Vanderbloumen Services. We will begin work with them in August. The consultant we are working with is Jay Mitchell. Jay will be on site the first week of August, both at Worship (August 6) and during the week (August 7) to meet staff. Please plan to meet Jay on August 6 during the Sunday School hour and/or the Worship Service.

In addition, the PNC has met to evaluate the Congregational Surveys (distributed in the Spring) and also further refine characteristics we will be looking for in a Pastor for SBPC. During this process, we began to explore the possibility of calling two Co-Pastors – one full time and one part time. We believe calling two Co-Pastors will support a Long-Term Succession and Growth Plan for SBPC. The PNC has completed MDP's (Ministry Discernment Profile – new form to be used in lieu of the MIF) for two Co-Pastors. The following were presented to Session and approved: 1. MDP's for two Co-Pastors, 2. Plan of Search and budget estimates.

Two members of the PNC, who are also members of other committees at SBPC: Jan (Personnel) and Megan (Worship), participated in interviews with prospective Interim Pastors. (Session approved the hiring of an Interim Pastor at the June Session meeting.)

Last, we appreciate your prayers and support as we continue the task of finding new pastoral leadership for our congregation.

In His Name, SBPC Pastor Nominating Committee (Neal Dikeman, Stephen Earnest, Jan Fitts, Megan Hogg & Laurie Mitchell)





The "Mission of the Month" for August is Memorial Assistance Ministries ("MAM"). This mission is dedicated to helping those in the Spring Branch area by providing help all the way from basic needs to employment

services assistance to disaster relief assistance. Their mission is to build stable families, a dynamic workforce, and vibrant communities together.

SBPC has partnered with MAM in a number of mission opportunities over the years, and we are currently supporting the MAM Resale shop by providing recycled plastic bags and newspapers, which they use to wrap merchandise in. We also work with MAM on a regular basis and help our neighbors that need assistance with their rent and electricity bills.

August Mission Updates and Opportunities

MAM Back-to-School Uniform Voucher Drive – SBPC is once again collecting funds throughout the month of August for the Memorial Assistance Ministries (MAM) Back to School Uniform Voucher Drive. MAM coordinates with school guidance counselors and local vendors to provide school uniforms for local needy families. We also welcome online donations, which can be given at this link: https://givebutter.com/mambacktoschool/springbranchpresbyterianchurch1.

Save the date! Movie Night September 8th – We will be hosting our third community movie night in the Gathering Place, and we hope you will invite your neighbors and friends. Stay tuned for more details!

PDA Syria Turkey Earthquake Donation – Spring Branch Presbyterian, during the months of May and June, took a special offering to help the families and communities impacted by the earthquake in Syria and Turkey this past February. We are pleased to share that we collected \$360 to be sent to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to help with the rebuilding efforts. Thank you for your support!



RaiseUp Families – Spring Branch Presbyterian, through your mission benevolence giving, was able to partner with our friends at John Knox Presbyterian to make a donation towards providing three meals to the participants in the RaiseUp Families summer camp program. We are pleased to continue to partner with John Knox Presbyterian throughout the year to help support the children in our neighborhood. Stay tuned for future updates on how we will be helping families in our community in the fall.

2023 Pentecost Offering – Spring Branch participates annually in the PC(USA) Pentecost Offering, which benefits young adults and children and risk. 40% of the offering total is kept by our church to be remitted to an organization of our choice that helps children and young adults. The remaining 60% goes to the Presbyterian Mission Agency to help support ministries like the Young Adult Volunteer Program. We are pleased to report that we collected \$761.20. The recipient for Spring Branch's portion will be the Mo-Ranch Scholarship Camp & Conference Fund.

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.



Donate Today!

MAM

distributes over 5,000 shopping vouchers to local schools for children in need of school clothes!

PARENTS

shop with their kids for new clothing at local retailers using vouchers like gift certificates.

CHILDREN

see their parents as the providers and <u>real</u> superstars!



PROVIDES NEW SCHOOL CLOTHES FOR A LOCAL KID!

mamhouston.org/backtoschool



Upcoming Guest Pastors

Sunday, August 6th — Rev. Callie Candee

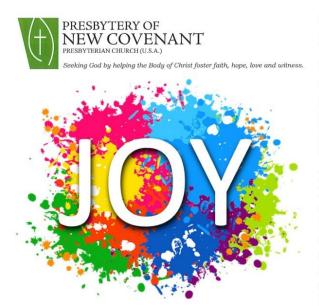
Sunday, August 13th – Rev. Tamika Nelson

Sunday, August 20th – Rev. Gregory Han

Sunday, August 27th – Rev. Wilma Harris



Thanks to those who prepared and led our services in July!
Gabe Perez and the Choir, Elders Jan Fitts, Donald McDaniel, and Megan Hogg. And to our Youth who also participated—Dylan Mancilla, Luke Fuller, and Bryn Fuller. It was truly a blessing to have these individuals step into a different role in order to share God's message with us.



What a **JOY** it was to have the Presbytery July meeting at our church on Saturday, July 15.

What a **JOY** it was to have so many of our church members and staff volunteer to help with setting up the church, food preparation/serving/ cleanup, parking lot and door greeters, registration folks, lunch tickets sales, audio visual, ushering, communion serving, counting offering, helping to inform and direct people to proper places, and cleanup of the facilities.

Let me share a few comments we received from our Presbytery of New Covenant. "The meeting on Saturday went so smoothly due to all of the hard work done in advance by the church staff and volunteers. We couldn't have asked for better partners... It was obvious that everyone had put a lot of thought and preparation to help all of us feel welcome... I heard comments about how nice it was to have a homemade meal rather than a box lunch. The cooks prepared a cool lunch for a hot day, and were gracious when we ran a little long with the meeting."

What a **JOY** it is to be a part of a loving and hospitable church that lives out what Jesus has taught us to do. Thank you.

Donald McDaniel, Patti Nanney, and Miguel Carlin



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

Wednesday Night Supper

August 30th — Hamburgers!

Fall Wednesday Night Suppers will be starting back up on August 30th, at 6:00 PM, in the Fellowship Hall with hamburgers and all of the trimmings.



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

The Academy Open House will begin at 5:00 PM, followed by the supper at 6:00 PM. Come learn more about our primary mission!



We are continuing children's chimes this summer! This is a chance for elementary aged children to get to ring chimes as part of Worship. We will have some exploratory sessions this summer on the second Sunday of every month at 9:30 (August 13th). Starting in September, we will meet the second and fourth Sunday each month during the Sunday School hour (these are the Sundays that do not have children's Sunday School). We are so excited to start up this new adventure! Please contact Megan Hogg (megan1661@yahoo.com) for additional details.

August Birthday Celebration!



Please join family, friends, and congregation members on Sunday, August 6th, right after our 10:50 worship service as we celebrate those in our church community born in August. Linger for conversation, fellowship, and light snacks.



We will also be raffling off fun themed baskets at the Presbyterian Women's Welcoming Luncheon!

Some baskets that have already been donated are an American Girl doll basket that includes HOMEMADE clothes by our own Betty Magnuson, a BBQ theme, Spa theme, and a Kid's Play Camping theme. Get your creative juices flowing and fill a basket! If you have questions or would like to donate a basket, please contact Jennifer Miller at 713-562-5897.



You will also be able to purchase the study guide for this year's study, *Sacred Encounters - The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts*, donate to the PCHAS birthday card fund and the College Connection care packages - so bring your CASH or checkbook! Our very own Jennifer Fuller is going to be our emcee! It's going to be an afternoon of fun!

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 <u>8/7</u> at 6:00 PM at the Olive Garden (9750 Katy Freeway).

There will be a PW WELCOMING LUNCH on 8/13 at 12:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

HAPPY HANDS will meet on <u>8/23</u> at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room. Please RSVP to Kay Craig!

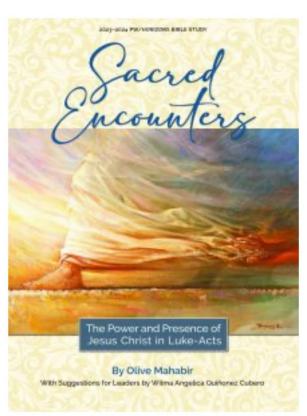
BIBLE STUDY BOOKS for 2023-2024 (*Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts*) are available in the Church Office. The cost is \$10.



The Unwind Group will meet for dinner at the Olive Garden Italian Kitchen (9750 Katy Freeway, 77055), on Monday, August 7th at 6:00 PM. Please RSVP to Jacquie Ballesteros at 713-305-1114 if you plan to join us.

Happy Hands will meet on Wednesday, August 23rd, at 9:30 am in the Conference Room. Join us for stuffing and stitching and great conversation. We hope you can join us!





The 2023-2024 PW/Horizons Bible Study Overview for

Sacred Encounters

The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts
By Olive Mahabir

There will be one in-person overview on

Saturday, August 12, at John Knox Presbyterian Church, 2525 N. Gessner Rd, Houston TX 77080. Registration and refreshments at 9:30am, followed by overview from 10am to 12noon. Register with Debbi Englade at 713-398-2299 (call or text) or email dmenglade@yahoo.com.

If you would rather attend a virtual overview,

there will be an overview via Zoom on **Saturday**, **August 19**, at 10am to 12noon. You may email Patti Nanney at pananney@sbcglobal.net to receive Zoom link via email.

All overviews will be presented by
Patti Nanney, R.E., Spring Branch Presbyterian Church
It will be helpful if you bring
your copy of the Bible study to the overview.

Proposed 2023-2024 ZIP Trips

We will carpool from the church or meet at locations on the date of the event.

September 20, 2023	Tour of Buffalo Bayou Cistern 10 am - \$8 per person	Lunch options: The Aquarium; Treebeards; Stanton City Bites
October 18, 2023	Saint Francis Wolf Sanctuary in Navasota, TX	Phil's Roadhouse and Grill; City Rock Café; Martha's Bloomers
	No ZIPS November or December Happy Thanksgiving & Merry Christmann	as
January 17, 2024	Houston Christian University Museums: Dunham Bible Museum, Museum of Southern History and Museum of American Architecture and Decorative Arts	tba
February 21, 2024	George H. W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum, College Station, TX	Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen, The Feed Barn, or barbeque place
March 20, 2024	Heritage Society Women's History Tour at Sam Houston Park (time to be announced)	To be determined
April 17, 2024	Blue Bell Creamery tour and Rose Emporium	To be determined
May 15, 2024	Evelyn's Park Conservancy, Bellaire, TX	with lunch at Betsy's Café in the Park

Spring Branch Presbyterian once again had the opportunity to send two delegations to Mo-Ranch Youth Conferences during the months of June and July. Piper Dikeman, Jayden Earnest, Owen Mann, and Emma Pace attended the Summit46 Conference, which was a new conference for 4th-6th graders. During Summit46, the tweens participated in worship, mission projects, and small group discussions.

Emma Pace shared that her favorite part of Summit46 was Vespers because she was able to talk with God and have a quiet place to think about the experiences she was able to have at Mo-Ranch. Additionally, Jayden Earnest shared in worship that he enjoyed playing games and doing the mission projects.

We also had Luke and Bryn Fuller attend Jr. High Jubilee, which is the Middle School Conference for 6th-8th graders. During Jr. High Jubilee, Luke and Bryn had the opportunity to build new friendships with the youth group at Northwoods Presbyterian Church. Luke Fuller shared that he learned at Mo that God still loves you even if you make mistakes. Bryn also reminded us of the importance of creating opportunities to be in the present, and not be anxious about the future.

These valuable lessons and experiences that our youth and children had at Mo-Ranch would not have been possible without the support of our SBPC family. We also want to thank the parents of youth and children that helped make these experiences possible this summer.

Additionally, we are very appreciative to Northwoods Presbyterian and First Presbyterian Church, Pearland for their partnership in providing transportation and chaperones this year. We look forward to participating in youth conferences next summer. If you would like to learn more about Mo-Ranch and their year-round programming, we invite you to visit www.moranch.org.









A Thank you letter was sent from Jorida on behalf of the entire congregation to Craig and Heidt for their continued generous gifts to SBPC!

We are extremely grateful to have received their help on so many projects, like paving the driveway, parking lot striping, remodeling the restrooms, and many other monetary donations. They are truly making a difference in the life of SBPC!







August

SPRING BRANCH PRESBYTERIAN ACADEMY

2023

Summer Camp is almost over

The Academy's summer camp is coming to an end - kids are having a super time! While we're sure parents are gearing up for the coming school year.

Preparation for our fall school season is underway. Mark your calander for the Academy's Open House on Wednesday, August 30th at 5pm. Join us for fun fellowship

and yummy dinner afterwards. Hope to see you there. Academy's families eat free!





Waterslide and KONA shaved ice was fun, refreshing and sweet.

Coming soon...

In the Spotlight...







The Academy PreK Stars' graduation ceremony on May 19th was a hit and a "Blast!" The Stars can truly put on a show. The PreK teachers and Office Staff created an amazing production and props.

Hot Meals continue to be delivered to around thirty-two older adults, many of whom don't leave their apartments other than for medical treatment. Volunteer drivers pick up HOT LUNCHES from Pappy's Cafe and deliver to two routes as a mission of the church.

Recently, wonderful greeting cards were handmade by Self Advocates of the Arc of Spring Branch/ Memorial for the recipients and delivered with the hot lunches. Bryan Evenson is a member of this group, and the cards were so appreciated.



We previously have delivered heart pillows made by our Happy Hands, Girl Scout Cookies, small loaves of bread, and Easter and Advent Packets from the church. Each addition brings a smile. While the food additions are appreciated, the personal cards and pillows bring the most smiles and thank-yous.

If you would like to information about being a driver some Saturday, contact me via text, or email to lu@lutaylor.com.



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. Please remember to return the vases! We are charged \$10.00 for any that are not returned. By re-using them, this helps us keep the price lower each week.



The mission of Yahweh



SEPTEMBER 20, 2023 • 6:30 PM RIVER OAKS COUNTRY CLUB

HONORING

Families ON A MISSION

The Johnny Carrabba Family • Donna Vallone

HONORARY CHAIR
Warner Roberts

2023 CO-CHAIRS

Samantha Kennedy • Saula Valente



Would you like to learn more about Cub Scouts and how to join? Our Cub Scout Pack 552 is hosting a recruitment event on Saturday, August 19th, at 10:00 AM at the Bowlero at 925 Bunker Hill Houston TX 77024. We will be gathering for a time of fellowship and fun, and you will have an opportunity to learn about when our pack meets at Spring Branch Presbyterian. The event is free for all current and prospective scouts. Prospective scouts should e-mail Cub Master, Scott Tackett, at pack552houston@gmail.com to RSVP.

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.

CLICK "sign up for our Mailing List."

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SATURDAY OCTOBER 14 | 1-6 PM

Benefitting Mission of Yahweh and the Spring Branch Color Run

BEER | TO-GO DINNER | GAMES

VENDOR BOOTHS WILL BE \$40

COME OUT AND ENJOY SHOPPING, BEER AND WINE, OUTDOOR GAMES,
AND DINNER



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Lee Dillard	8/4	Ali Nix	8/15
Rocco Sabala	8/6	Lane Rouse	8/20
Joseph Kissinger	8/8	Dr. Rebecca Turney	8/20
Cameron Blome	8/9	Jennifer Chehade-Tapia	8/23
Lu Taylor	8/9	Jim Kunkel	8/23
James Humphrey	8/10	Jennifer Fuller	8/27
Betty Magnuson	8/10	Ron Tremble	8/28
Charles Garrett Powell	8/12	Stephen Lezon	8/29
Kim Tangney	8/12	Jack Carr	8/30
Brenda Lanan	8/13	Gary Tanner	8/30
Betty Harris	8/15	Steve Nanney	8/31

Happy Anniversary



Jennifer and Todd Miller	8/3
Mike and Dr. Doris Wright	8/5
Kate and Jeremy Cross	8/14
James and Meredith Qualls	8/15
Dr. Matthew and Sarah Dikeman	8/17
Barbara and Glenn Lanan	8/17
Dr. Rebecca and Dr. Mark Turney	8/21

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12:15pm - Ambassador Group						



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Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 13th Worship Begins at 10:50 AM

"Don't forget to bring your Backpack."

