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From the desk of Pastor Mark...

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

I have been blessed to be raised in a family that told vivid stories about the past. I have always enjoyed hearing stories about my parents' and my grandparents' childhoods. They are filled with multiple events that shaped the history of my family – and often the history our country too. They described Halley's Comet when it came in 1910, or what it was like to guard Japanese Emperor Hirohito's palace after WWII, or what the Great Depression was like when it came to jobs and homes. These and a thousand other stories are burned into my memory and enable me to share them with my own children and grandchildren.

However, I have also noticed that many people live ***too much*** in the past. They relive past glories, hold onto past insults, remember past injuries, and share these events at the drop of a hat (and they usually drop it!). They seem almost incapable of looking toward the future because the past occupies too much of their thoughts. This is a shame - but more than a shame – it also goes completely against what the Bible tells us.

In Genesis 19:26, we are told the story of the destruction of the wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. As Abraham and his brother, Lot, were desperately leading their families away from the area, the angel of the Lord told them NOT to look back. Lot's wife either forgot or ignored the warning, looked back, and was turned into a pillar of salt.

In Luke 17:32, Jesus bluntly told his Apostles to remember Lot's wife and NOT to look back at the early parts of their lives. In saying this, Jesus added to the whole idea that we are forgiven for our earlier sins, we are now born again, AND we are called into a better life of faith in Christ.

When we look back at our old lives, we turn away from that call. We forget about Lot's wife!

One of my favorite aunts used to tell stories about her childhood growing up in Texas in the early 1900's. But she got even more excited and animated when she would describe what new things were happening in her life, in her extended family, in her church, or in the retirement home in which she lived. I used to marvel at her sense of living in the present, especially since she had lived such a rich, exciting life, filled with such interesting anecdotes. She seemed to embody the phrase, "Remember Lot's wife."

Look forward, Christians. Live for today and perhaps even for tomorrow.
But never forget about Lot's wife. Amen!

Missions of the Month

The "Mission for the Month" in May is Mo-Ranch. Presbyterian Mo-Ranch Assembly is a conference and retreat center related by covenant to the Synod of the Sun of the Presbyterian Church (USA).



Since 1949, Mo-Ranch has served as a sacred and transformative place for those who retreat to the Hill Country for worship, fellowship, relaxation, and renewal. Their mission is to foster growth in God through Jesus Christ by sharing its unique living, learning, Christian Environment.



Over the years, we have sent numerous groups of youth to their summer conferences, as well as held adult retreats at their facilities so that we may experience this glorious retreat to find spiritual growth below the stars. Our Pentecost offering on Sunday, May 19th will be going to this devoted mission.

May Mission Updates and Opportunities

PCHAS Luncheon – PCHAS hosted their annual fundraising luncheon on April 18th, and it was another successful luncheon. Great job PW for coordinating this event!



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.

Miracles of Mission Luncheon – The Mission of Yahweh is holding a fundraising luncheon at the Junior League on Wednesday, May 22nd. Anyone is welcome to attend, but we need to know in advance for them to prepare. Please RSVP to Miguel by Monday, May 13th.

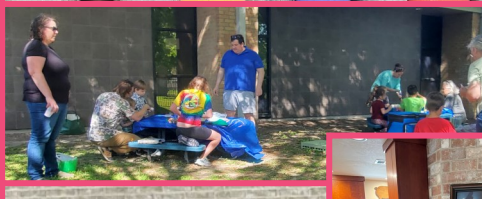
The Miracles of The Mission Luncheon is an annual fundraiser for The Mission of Yahweh. It is called "Miracles of The Mission" because every year our theme is to give God the praise for His miracles and His blessings. We rely on the support of individuals, businesses, foundations, and churches to continue this work.



Guest Speaker Alan Graham will be presenting this year. Alan is the CEO, and Founder of Mobile Loaves and Fishes, and a Published Author. He has years of working with the homeless in Austin and following God's lead to serve those who need it most.



CarePartners Appreciation Luncheon, April 30th





Idea Spring Welcomes



HOUSTON HUMANE SOCIETY

WILDLIFE

CENTER



Thursday, May 16th

5:00 PM

1215 Campbell Road

(Dinner at 6:00 PM)

Reptile Roundup!

The program introduces audiences to the amazing lives of Texas Reptiles. Discover reptile adaptations and life cycles and how they play a key part in Houston's urban system!

Questions? Contact Ethan Mitchell at
ideaspring@springbranchpres.org.

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www.springbranchpres.org/ideaspring



Save-the-Date for Vacation Bible School!

June 11-14, 2024

9:00 AM-11:30 AM

A time of music, worship, crafts, recreation, and fellowship is being planned. We welcome any individuals that would like to participate or volunteer to please let Miguel know in the church office.

[VBS Registration Form 2024](#)

[VBS Youth Volunteer Registration Form 2024](#)

[VBS Adult Volunteer Registration Form 2024](#)



**Spring Branch Presbyterian Church, 1215 Campbell Rd.
Vacation Bible School: Tuesday-Friday, June 11th-14th, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.**

Child's Name: _____

Age Information (for children who are entering Pre-K through just finished 5th grade):

Date of birth _____ Age on June 11 _____

Last school grade completed (2023-2024) _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Phone Numbers: Cell _____ Home _____

Work _____

Home Church (if not SBPC): _____

Allergies/Medical Information/Other: _____

Emergency Contact(s):

Name _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Dismissal Information:

Name(s) of person(s) other than parents who may pick up this child from VBS:

Forms should be returned to the church office or emailed to miguel@springbranchpres.org.

Celebrate May Birthdays!

Join friends and congregation members in the breezeway on Sunday, May 12th, as we celebrate folks born during the month of May. Fellowship and light refreshments will be available immediately following worship.



The Choir is looking for some new members to join us! If you are interested in participating, please email musicdirector@springbranchpres.org.

Join us on Sunday, June 2nd, for the Ordination and Installation of the Ruling Elders for the Class of 2027 (Joel Alegria, Beth Mizwa, and Nina Rach).



Sunday, May 19th

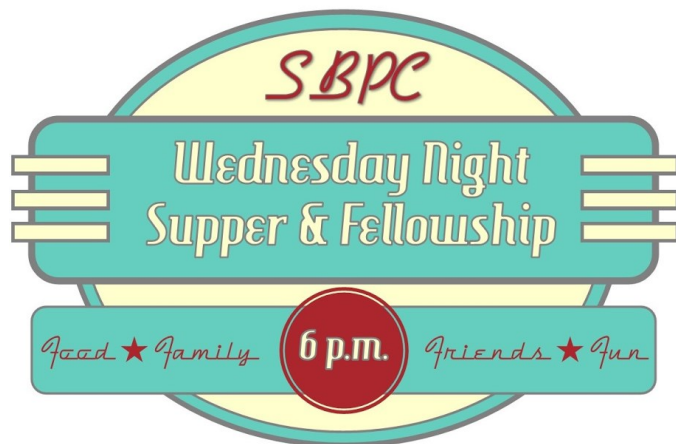
The Pentecost Offering helps our youth begin life with a strong start—a solid foundation of faith formed in the years from childhood through adulthood. Our congregation is joining the whole church in building for our future, in building individual lives of faith.

Ways to Give:

- Through your congregation
- Donate by credit card online at pcusa.org/donatepentecost
- Text PENTECOST to 91999 to give

A Foundation of Faith established during childhood through young adulthood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. When you give to the Pentecost Offering, you are helping to provide opportunities for young people to grow and share in their faith in Christ.

Wednesday Night Supper



May 1 — Quesadillas

Kay Craig & Betty Magnuson

May 8 — King Ranch Casserole

Jan Fitts

May 15 — Hamburgers

Laurie Mitchell & Kate Cross

May 22 — Menu TBD

Last WNS of the School Year!

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. If you'd like

to attend, please email Kay at kay@craig-heidt.com.

We are accepting credit card payments at Wednesday Night Supper!

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)

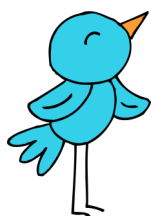
To go plates \$5.00



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 MODERATORS on 5/1 at 9:30 a.m. (Conference Room)

PW BOARD MEETING on 5/1 at 10:15 a.m. (Conference Room)

PW UNWIND will meet on 5/6 at 6:00 p.m. at Longhorn Steakhouse (9401 Katy Frwy)

PW DAY CIRCLE meeting on 5/8 at 9:30 a.m. (Conference Room). A Salad Luncheon will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a salad to share.

THE HORIZONS Evening Bible study using **ZOOM** will be on Tuesday, 5/14 at 7:00 p.m.
Lesson 9 Video: www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/sacred-encounters.

ZIP TRIP to Evelyn's Park Conservancy on 5/15 at 9:30 a.m.

HAPPY HANDS will meet on 5/22 at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room.

Bible Study Using Zoom: May 14th at 7:00 p.m.



Lesson 9 of *Sacred Encounters* will be discussed by the group of women using Zoom on Tuesday, May 14th, 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.

May Unwind — Longhorn Steakhouse!



Please join us for dinner on Monday, May 6th, at 6:00 PM at Longhorn Steakhouse. The restaurant is located at 9401 Katy Freeway, 77024. Please come for a good meal and great fellowship! Please let me know via email or phone/text only if you plan to join (jballesteros1103@gmail.com or 713-305-1114).

Please let me know of others you would like me to invite.
We don't want anyone to be left out of the fun!



Happy Hands will meet on Wednesday, May 22nd, at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room. Join us in making the heart shaped pillows that are given to area hospitals to give patients a feeling of comfort and love. The pillows are both psychologically and physically helpful for healing. Join us! No experience necessary!

Save-the-Date for the PW Welcoming Luncheon
on Sunday, August 11th, from
1:00-3:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.



It's not too early to start thinking about what "theme" of basket you might want to put together for our raffle!

Here are some ideas – Spa, Wine, BBQ, Movie Night, High Tea, Tailgate... The ideas are endless! Do one yourself, or get together with a friend. We already have a Halloween and a Gardening theme on the books. Remember, all funds raised go to the PW scholarship fund.

MAM
RESALE STORE
& Boutique

QUARTERLY HALF OFF SALE

FRIDAY MAY 17TH &

SATURDAY MAY 18TH

ALMOST EVERYTHING 50%
OFF AT BLALOCK LOCATION

EXCLUDING BOUTIQUE & NEW JEWELRY



Is coming back in the fall...
Sign up for updates!



Doodle Bot Pop-Up
Thursday, May 9
4 pm - 6 pm
by Front Office

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.

sign up for our
Mailing List

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.*

Easter Egg Hunt



The Academy kids enjoyed a Hoppy and Egg-cellent day at our fun! annual Easter Egg Hunt. What a blessed Day!




In the Spotlight...



The Fun Bus on Wheels is always a favorite for all the children. They would choose to play inside the bus all day if we allowed them to.



The Crayola Imagine Art Academy educates, provides, and guides the kids with take home creative art and crafts. The kids truly focus and enjoy this special time.

Are you a leader?

Join PYCC!

Meet other Presbyterian youth!

Plan and lead fun events!

Celebrate the Glory of God!



Deadline: July 1st, 2024

**Incoming High Schoolers and Adult Leaders are
invited to APPLY NOW!**

**Contact Rosy Murphy for details:
rmurphy@pbyofnewcovenant.org**



Children's Chime Choir: The Chime Choir meets in the Sanctuary at 9:30 AM on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. This is a chance for elementary aged children to get to ring chimes as part of Worship. We are excited to continue this new adventure! Please contact Megan Hogg (megan1661@yahoo.com) for additional details.

Did you know that you can help the church by doing your grocery shopping at

Randalls? By giving our Good Neighbor Number (1140) at the checkout line when you shop with your Remarkable Card, a portion of the proceeds will be contributed to the church.



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. Thank you!

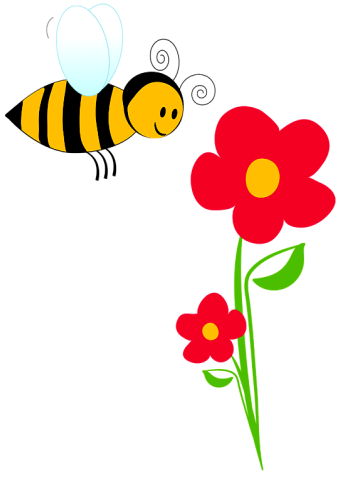
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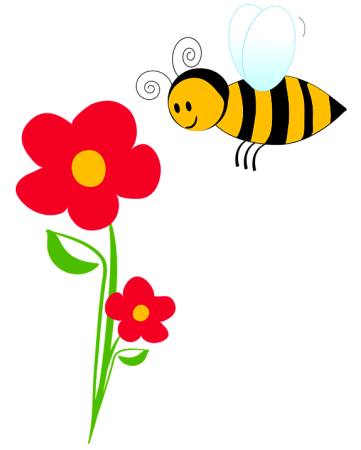
Would you like to beautify the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings while honoring a loved one or commemorating a special occasion? The 2024 Flower Sign-Up Calendar is located in the Narthex. If you are currently worshiping from home, but would still like to sponsor flowers for a Worship Service, you may signup digitally by using this form: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E084CABAC2BA1FA7-46865119-2024>, or email 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.



Happy Birthday



Nick Goodrich III	5/2	Anthony Tapia	5/14
Bryn Fuller	5/4	Rebeca Alegria	5/15
Claire Tessier	5/8	Curtis Stockton	5/15
Evan Powell	5/9	Emmett Laverty	5/20
Ken Crawford	5/10	Madelynn Turney	5/21
Caroline Bik	5/11	Jeanne Plunkett	5/22
Dr. Matt Dikeman	5/11	Kay Kay Haulcy	5/23
John Lazo	5/12	Nikki Childs	5/26
Web Trevathan	5/13	Thomas Daley	5/29
Ellie Cross	5/14	Angelina Rojas	5/30



Happy Anniversary!



Robert and Sonya Bear

5/31

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
			9:30am - PW Moderator (CR) 10:15am - PW Board Meeting (CR) 3:30pm - WOW (S) 6pm - WNS 6:45pm - Property Meeting (CR)	10am - Flexercise (GP) 5pm - Special Olympics: Bocce 6pm - Fairbees (GP)	7pm - CENTI: Youth Program (YR) 6pm - CENTI Church Service (GP)	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:15am - Nursery 9:30am - Children's SS Class (GP) 9:30am - Sunday School 9:45am - Choir Practice 10:50am - Worship 3pm - BSA Committee Meeting 4pm - Cub Scouts Pack 552	7am - Coffee with the Pastor 6pm - PW Unwind 7pm - Boy Scouts (Scout Hut) 7pm - CENTI Bible Study &	9:30am - PW Circle 3:30pm - WOW (S) 5pm - Girl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3) 6pm - WNS	Ascension of the Lord 10am - Flexercise (GP) 4pm - Pop-Up Messy Church 5pm - Special Olympics: Bocce 6pm - Fairbees (GP)	6pm - SBM Arc: Movie/Dance 7pm - CENTI: Youth Program (YR)	6pm - CENTI Church Service (GP)	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Mother's Day 9:15am - Nursery 9:30am - Chime Choir 9:30am - Sunday School 9:45am - Choir Practice 10:50am - Worship 12pm - Monthly Birthday	10am - Staff Meeting (P) 5:30pm - Academy Board Meeting 7pm - Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)	9:30am - ZIP Trip 3:30pm - WOW (S) 6pm - WNS	10am - Flexercise (GP) 5pm - Idea Spring (FH) 5pm - Special Olympics: Bocce 6pm - Fairbees (GP)	11:30am - Pre-K Graduation 7pm - CENTI: Youth Program (YR)	8am - Presbyterian Men (CR) 6pm - CENTI Church Service (GP)	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Pentecost Sunday 9:15am - Nursery 9:30am - Children's SS Class (GP) 9:30am - Sunday School 9:45am - Choir Practice 10:50am - Worship 12:15pm - Mission Team Meeting 6pm - BSA Court of Honor (FH)	PresPress Articles DUE 10am - The Gathering Place (FH) 7pm - Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)	9:30am - Happy Hands (CR) 3:30pm - WOW (S) 5pm - Girl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3) 6pm - WNS	10am - Flexercise (GP) 5pm - Special Olympics: Bocce 6pm - Fairbees (GP)	6:30pm - SBM Arc: Craft Night 7pm - CENTI: Youth Program (YR)	11am - Hot Meals 6pm - CENTI Church Service (GP)	
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
Trinity Sunday 9:15am - Nursery 9:30am - Chime Choir 9:30am - Sunday School 9:45am - Choir Practice 10:50am - Worship	Church & Academy Closed Memorial Day	10am - Flexercise (GP) 10am - Staff Meeting (P) 5pm - Special Olympics: Bocce 6pm - Basketball (GP) 7pm - CENTI Bible Study & 7pm - Session (CR)	3:30pm - WOW (S)	10am - Flexercise (GP) 5pm - Special Olympics: Bocce 6pm - Fairbees (GP)	Academy Closed 7pm - CENTI: Youth Program (YR)	No School Teacher Workday



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