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From the desk of Pastor Savannah Goodman...

Dear Spring Branch Presbyterian,

Happy February! The month of love. In the musical, *Fiddler on the Roof*, there is a tender, surprising song sung by Tevye and Golde, a married couple who have shared twenty-five years of life together. In the song “Do You Love Me?”, Tevye asks Golde a question that seems almost absurd given their long marriage: “Do you love me?” Golde is initially confused. They were matched by a matchmaker. They raised five daughters, survived hardship, and worked side by side. Love, as a feeling, was never part of the original bargain – or so Golde thought.

As the song unfolds, Golde answers with a list of faithful actions: cooking meals, washing clothes, bearing children, standing beside Tevye through sickness and struggle. Finally, she concludes, “After twenty-five years... yes, I suppose I do.” They demonstrate how love can be shown through a long pattern of commitment, sacrifice, and presence.

This insight helps us understand Jesus’ command to love: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” (Matthew 22:37-39). Jesus commands a way of life – a love expressed through faithful obedience and concrete action.

Love, in this biblical sense, is covenantal. To love God is to order our lives around God’s will. To love our neighbor means showing up and bearing one another’s burdens. Love leads to action.

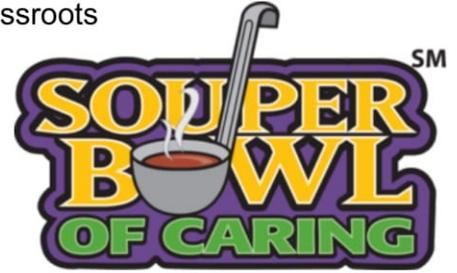
The song “Do You Love Me?” reminds us that real love grows over time through faithful practice. As followers of Jesus, we may not always feel loving. But when we choose to follow Christ through our actions, we discover that love is being formed in us. After years of loving God and our neighbors, we may look back and say, with humble surprise, “After all this time... yes, Lord, you know that I love you.”

Love,
Pastor Savannah



Missions of the Month

The “Mission of the Month” for February is the Souper Bowl of Caring. For over 35 years, the Souper Bowl of Caring has been driving grassroots efforts using the energy of the Big Game to illustrate the collective impact of tackling hunger locally.



Each year, churches, schools, and civic groups around the country join us, and host food and fundraising campaigns that benefit charities in their own neighborhoods.

In 2025 alone, \$20.7 million, and nearly a million pounds of food was collected by thousands of groups around the country. Please help us in supporting this wonderful cause to help those in need. All money and food collected on February 8th will go to tackling hunger through the Fair Haven Food Pantry.

February Mission Updates and Opportunities

Feed My Starving Children – Join us as we support Pines Presbyterian Church in this annual 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 **February 21st** from 9:00am – 11:00am to go over with a group from SBPC. Please reach out to Patti Nanney to sign up with our group. You can also go to www.fmssc.org to register for a time to volunteer on your own at another time that day or on February 20th.



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.

Mission of Yahweh supplies drive – SBPC sponsored 288 reusable fabric bags for use in Mission of Yahweh’s annual Thanksgiving food distribution event.

March 29th Blood Drive – Save-the-date for our next blood drive. In preparation for the March event, it is important to take consistent iron supplements or enjoy a high iron diet. In addition, high water intake and physical activity 24-48 hours before donating, and a hearty breakfast on the day of can boost your success as a donor! We challenge you to be a first-time donor!

CUPS School Supply Drive – We are collecting basic school supplies this month. Please bring new supplies to the collection tub outside of the church office.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE

CHRIST IN ACTION: LOVE WHEN IT'S HARD TO LOVE



FAMILY-FRIENDLY
INTERACTIVE
INTERGENERATIONAL



FEBRUARY 11TH @ 6:30 PM | THE GATHERING PLACE

SPRING BRANCH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1215 CAMPBELL RD | HOUSTON, TX 77055

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Annual Congregational Meeting — Sunday, February 8th



Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held immediately following Worship on Sunday, February 8th.

The purpose of the meeting is to:

- Present the 2026 Budget, as approved by Session.
- Receive a State of the Church from the 5 Ministry Teams.
- Approve the changes to the Terms of Call for Rev. Savannah Goodman and Rev. Mark Plunkett.
- Dissolve the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC).
- Elect the Ruling Elders for the Class of 2029 (Neal Dikeman, Theresa Dunlap, and Donald McDaniel).
- Present the Session approved Academy Board members for the Class of 2029 (Victoria Kissinger and Todd Miller).

Copies of the new Church Pictorial Directory will also be available on February 8th!



SBPC will be participating in the **Annual Souper Bowl of Caring** on **Sunday, February 8th** to help tackle hunger in Houston.

Please remember to bring your canned food items or monetary donation on Sunday, February 8th.





February 5
5pm - Fellowship Hall



Idea Spring Welcomes



**Presbyterian Children's
Homes and ServicesSM**

Social Media and Your Mental Health

Presented by: PCHAS Counselor, Alicia Mirabelli

Topics include: handling how much kids are on the various social medias and apps, how to handle kids getting negative thoughts because of some of these apps.

Thursday, February 19th
5:00 PM
1215 Campbell Road
Refreshments Provided



Please RSVP in the Academy or Church Offices, or scan the QR code.
Childcare will be provided through the SBP Academy.

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

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www.springbranchpres.org/ideaspring



Join us for our Ash Wednesday Services on February 18th!

There are two service opportunities as we begin our Lenten Season together. There will be one brief service for those who are unable to attend in the evening (7:00 AM in the Foyer). We will have Wednesday Night Supper in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 PM, and then our evening Ash Wednesday Service will be at 6:45 PM in the Sanctuary.



Wednesday Night Supper



Taking reservations 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-heidt.com.

We are now accepting credit card payments at Wednesday Night Supper!

Feb. 4 — Chicken Tenders

Jan Fitts

Feb. 11 — Beef & Noodles

Silvia Argyriou

(Dinner Served @ 5:45 PM)



Feb. 18 — Red Beans & Rice

Jan Fitts

Feb. 25 — Go Texan Chili

Kay Craig & Betty Magnuson

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)

Presbyterian Women this Month



PW at a Glance

PW UNWIND will meet on 2/2 at 6:00 p.m. at Katz's Deli.

PW MODERATORS on 2/4 at 9:30 a.m. (Conference Room)

PW BOARD MEETING on 2/4 at 10:15 a.m. (Conference Room)

THE HORIZONS Evening Bible study using **ZOOM** will be on Tuesday, 2/3 at 7:00 p.m.

PW DAY CIRCLE meeting on 2/11 at 9:30 a.m. (Conference Room)

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

Lesson 6 Video: www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/resilience-joy-identity.

ZIP TRIP to the Downtown Tunnels of Houston on 2/18 at 10:00 a.m.

HAPPY HANDS will meet on 2/25 at 9:30 a.m. (Conference Room)

BIBLE STUDY BOOKS for 2025-2026 (*Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ*) are available in the Church Office. The cost is \$14.

Bible Study Using Zoom: February 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

Lesson 6 of *Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ* will be discussed by the group of women using Zoom on Tuesday, February 3rd, 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.



PW UNWIND

The Unwind Group will meet at Katz's Deli for dinner on Monday, February 2nd, at 6:00 PM. If you are interested in joining, please RSVP to Jacquie Ballesteros at 713-305-1114.

We hope to see you there!

PW ZIP Trip

Join the Presbyterian Women of SBPC as we explore the Downtown Tunnels of Houston. A seven-mile tunnel system spanning 95 city blocks of shops, restaurants, art spaces, and history. We will be going on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, leaving the church parking lot at 10:00 AM. For additional information, please contact Marguerite Priest at 281-435-3941 or mepriest@hotmail.com.



Happy Hands will meet on Wednesday, February 25th, at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room. We'll be stuffing, stitching, crocheting, and whatever else your hands want to do for God. We hope to see you there!

Scholarships

SBPC Scholarship applications are now available for interested students! Completed applications are due May 1 for the year applying, and should be submitted 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
2026-2027 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. Reapplication may be made each year beginning January 1.



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

The Mission Team thanks you for your donations during the 4th quarter of 2025!

★ *Thank You!* ★
FOR YOUR DONATION

- ♥ **\$250** donation for the MAM Back to School Drive Voucher Campaign
- ♥ **\$755** donation for the PC(USA) Christmas Joy Special Offering
- ♥ **\$552** donation for the PC(USA) Peace & Global Witness Special Offering
 - a. \$276 was given to the Presbyterian Mission Agency
 - b. \$138 was given to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
 - c. \$138 was given to the Presbytery of New Covenant
- ♥ **\$477** donation to PCHAS from the Christmas PCHAS Ornament Tree



Please join family, friends, and congregation members on Sunday, February 8th, right after our Annual Congregational Meeting, as we celebrate those in our church community born in February. Linger for conversation, fellowship, and light snacks.

The Gathering Place will meet on Monday, February 16th, at 10:00 AM! The theme for this month is *Lunar New Year!* Please see Jacquie Ballesteros or Sarah Dikeman if you are interested in helping out.



**SBPC YOUTH
GROUP**

UPCOMING EVENTS

FOR SPRING

JANUARY 25

BOWLING

2pm @ Lucky
Strike on Bunker
Hill

MARCH TBD

**CHALLENGE
COURSE**

at Texas
Treeventures

FEBRUARY 15

**LUNCH &
CROCHET
WITH
SARAH**

Noon in the Youth
Room

MAY 17

**SWIM
PARTY**

3pm Pool TBD

APRIL 12

**WHERE IN
THE ZOO IS
CARMEN
SANDIEGO?**

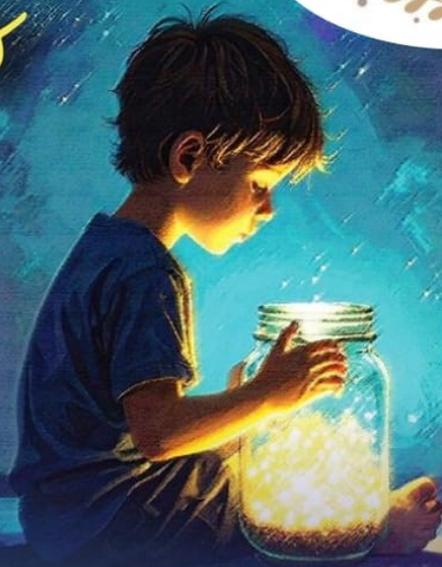
with Lunch after
Church

**For event details,
please check in
with Savannah!**

Hope Outshines Hardship

A luncheon event benefiting the
children and families of PCHAS

Save the Date

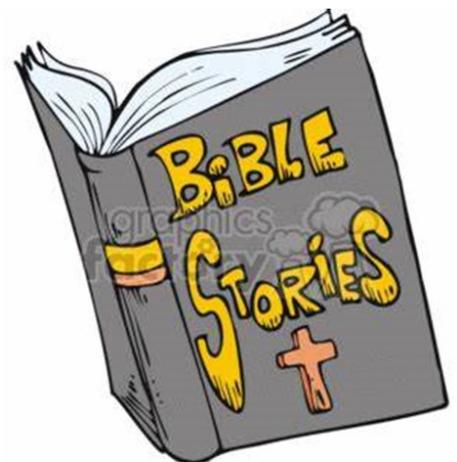


Join us Thursday, April 16, at Lakeside Country Club, 12-1pm

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord! Handbells have made a return! If you are interested in participating, please email musicdirector@springbranchpres.org. The Choir has also resumed meeting and we are looking for some new members to join us! If you are interested in participating, please email musicdirector@springbranchpres.org.



Stories & Songs occurs during Worship, with stories from *Growing in God's Love*, songs, coloring pages, and crafts. Pastor Savannah has chosen the stories to coincide with the Sermons. This program is during the Worship Service for ages 3-6 years old. Children leave the Sanctuary right after Children's Moment and are returned to their parents during the last hymn.



Volunteers are needed weekly to help with this program. Please call Pastor Savannah in the church office.

BEAUTIFY THE CHURCH



Would you like to beautify the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings while honoring a loved one or commemorating a special occasion? The 2026 Flower Sign-Up Calendar is located in the Narthex. If you are currently worshipping from home, but would still like to sponsor flowers for a Worship Service, you may sign up digitally by using this form: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E084CABAC2BA1FA7-60848516-2026>, 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.



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 4 volunteers each month. Please contact Lu Taylor if you are interested in volunteering to deliver meals one month. Or go to this [LINK](#) to sign-up online!

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.



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| Sarah Fake | 2/1 | Jordan Powell | 2/10 |
| Clara Dikeman | 2/2 | Jacob Ruiz | 2/11 |
| James Daley | 2/3 | Merveilles Massamba | 2/13 |
| Silvia Argyriou | 2/4 | Doris Wright | 2/13 |
| Victoria Kissinger | 2/4 | Lynn Dudinsky | 2/15 |
| Cali Alegria | 2/6 | Beth Mizwa | 2/15 |
| Stephen Earnest | 2/7 | Nanci Escobar | 2/18 |
| Loretta Pittman | 2/8 | Kayla Mizwa | 2/18 |
| Logan Balli | 2/9 | Kayla Ballejo | 2/20 |
| Fonda Blair | 2/10 | Richard Machain | 2/20 |
| Daniel Powell | 2/10 | Sophia Saenz | 2/21 |

Happy Anniversary!



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| Don and Barbara Tremble | 2/5 |
| Jennifer Chehade and Hector Tapia | 2/7 |

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| <p>9:15am - Nursery</p> <p>9:30am - Children's SS Class (GP 3)</p> <p>9:30am - Sunday School</p> <p>9:30am - Youth Sunday School (YR)</p> <p>9:45am - Choir Practice</p> <p>10:50am - Worship</p> <p>12:15pm - Handbells (S)</p> <p>12:15pm - VBS Planning Meeting (CR)</p> | <p>10:30am - Staff Meeting (P)</p> <p>5:30pm - Special Olympics:</p> <p>6pm - PW Unwind</p> <p>7pm - Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)</p> | <p>10am - Flexercise (GP)</p> <p>6pm - Basketball (GP)</p> <p>6:15pm - Cub Scouts: Wolf (GP 1 & 2)</p> <p>7pm - CENTI Bible Study & Worship (FH)</p> <p>7pm - Horizon's Bible Study on Zoom</p> | <p>9:30am - PW Moderators (CR)</p> <p>10:15am - PW Board Meeting (CR)</p> <p>3:30pm - WOW (S)</p> <p>6pm - WNS</p> <p>6:30pm - Cub Scouts: Tiger (GP 1 & 2)</p> | <p>10am - Flexercise (GP)</p> <p>1pm - Pastor Mark's Bible Study (Zoom)</p> <p>5pm - Messy Church (FH)</p> <p>6pm - Fairbees (GP)</p>  | <p>7pm - CENTI: Youth Program (YR)</p> | <p>4pm - Academy Parent's Night Out</p> <p>6pm - CENTI Church Service (GP) @</p> |
| <p>Supper Bowl of Caring</p> <p>9:15am - Nursery</p> <p>9:30am - Sunday School</p> <p>9:45am - Choir Practice</p> <p>10:50am - Worship</p> <p>12pm - Annual Congregational Meeting</p> <p>12:15pm - Monthly Birthday Celebration</p> | <p>5:30pm - Academy Board Meeting (CR)</p> <p>5:30pm - Special Olympics:</p> <p>7pm - Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)</p> | <p>10am - Flexercise (GP)</p> <p>6pm - Basketball (GP)</p> <p>6:30pm - Fellowship Meeting (CR)</p> <p>7pm - CENTI Bible Study & Worship (FH)</p> | <p>9:30am - PW Circle (CR)</p> <p>3:30pm - WOW (S)</p> <p>5pm - Girl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3, 4)</p> <p>5:45pm - WNS</p> <p>6:30pm - Contemporary Service (GP)</p>  | <p>10am - Flexercise (GP)</p> <p>1pm - Pastor Mark's Bible Study (Zoom)</p> <p>6pm - Fairbees (GP)</p> | <p>6pm - SBM Arc Meeting (CR)</p> <p>7pm - CENTI: Youth Program (YR)</p> | <p>5:30pm - Girl Scout Valentine Night (FH)</p> <p>6pm - CENTI Church Service (GP) @</p> |
| <p>Scout Sunday</p> <p>Transfiguration of the Lord</p> <p>9:15am - Nursery</p> <p>9:30am - Children's SS Class (GP 3)</p> <p>9:30am - Sunday School</p> <p>9:30am - Youth Sunday School (YR)</p> <p>9:45am - Choir Practice</p> <p>10:50am - Worship</p> <p>12pm - Youth Lunch & Croquet</p> <p>12:15pm - Cong. Care Mtg. (CR)</p> <p>12:15pm - Handbells (S)</p> | <p>10am - The Gathering Place (FH)</p> <p>10:30am - Staff Meeting (P)</p> <p>5:30pm - Special Olympics:</p> <p>7pm - Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)</p> | <p>10am - Flexercise (GP)</p> <p>6pm - Basketball (GP)</p> <p>7pm - Faith Development Meeting (Zoom)</p> | <p>Ash Wednesday</p> <p>7am - Ash Wed. Service (Foyer)</p> <p>9:30am - ZIP Trip: Downtown Tunnels</p> <p>3:30pm - WOW (S)</p> <p>6pm - WNS</p> <p>6:30pm - Cub Scout: Tiger Cub (GP 1 & 2)</p> <p>6:45pm - Ash Wed. Service (S)</p>  | <p>10am - Flexercise (GP)</p> <p>1pm - Pastor Mark's Bible Study (Zoom)</p> <p>5pm - Idea Spring: PCHAS (FH)</p> <p>6pm - Fairbees (GP)</p>  | <p>Feed My Starving Children (Pines Pk)</p> <p>FreshPress Articles DUE</p> <p>8am - Presbyterian Men (CR)</p> | <p>21</p> |
| <p>1st Sunday in Lent</p> <p>9:15am - Nursery</p> <p>9:30am - Sunday School</p> <p>9:45am - Choir Practice</p> <p>10:50am - Worship</p> <p>12:15pm - Handbells (S)</p> <p>2pm - Worship Team Meeting (Zoom)</p> | <p>7pm - Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)</p> | <p>10am - Flexercise (GP)</p> <p>6pm - Basketball (GP)</p> <p>6:15pm - Cub Scouts: Wolf (GP 1 & 2)</p> <p>7pm - Session (CR)</p> | <p>9:30am - Happy Hands (CR)</p> <p>3:30pm - WOW (S)</p> <p>5pm - Girl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3, 4)</p> <p>6pm - WNS</p> | <p>10am - Flexercise (GP)</p> <p>1pm - Pastor Mark's Bible Study (Zoom)</p> <p>6pm - Fairbees (GP)</p> | <p>6pm - SBM Arc Meeting (FH)</p> | <p>11am - Hot Meals</p> |



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*So now faith, hope, and love
abide, these three; but the
greatest of these is love.*

-1 Corinthians 13:13