



*We are a body of believers
located in northern Harris County
called by the Holy Spirit and
transformed by the Gospel to glorify and enjoy God
as we proclaim the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ.*

Sunday, August 7, 2022

Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Stephanie Hicks

PRELUDE

Janice Bradshaw

MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

Tim & Cheri Hoke
African Bible University, Uganda

Pastor Ben

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ben

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Janice Bradshaw

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,
and reflect on 1 Samuel 12:24,*

*“Only fear the LORD
and serve him faithfully with all your heart.
For consider what great things he has done for you.”*

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Ben

Psalm 118:1-4

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

People: **For his steadfast love endures forever!**

Leader: Let Israel say,

People: **“His steadfast love endures forever.”**

Leader: Let the house of Aaron say,

People: **“His steadfast love endures forever.”**

Leader: Let those who fear the LORD say,

All: **“His steadfast love endures forever.”**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

Pastor Ben

✦SONGS OF ADORATION

Congregation

Come, Christians, Join to Sing (Hymn #302, vs. 1 and 3)
(Bateman, Evans; arr. Greer, Lawrence)

The God of Abraham Praise (Hymn #34, vs. 1, 2, and 6)
(Olivers, Lyon; arr. Greer, Rawsthorne, Lawrence)

✦*Please stand if able*

*Worship begins
where spiritual
life begins - with
God's call.
Appropriately,
we respond with
prayers and
songs of
adoration.*

*“Give me
understanding
that I may keep
your law and
observe it with
my whole heart.”
Psalm 119:34*

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

Pastor Ben

Romans 12:2

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Ben

Leader: Almighty God, in love you have called us to be conformed to your character and likeness, that we may discern your will.

People: **Yet our hearts so often reflect worldly priorities, values, and interests.**

Forgive us, Father, for not discerning what is good, and acceptable, and perfect.

Leader: Father, bring to mind where we have conformed to the pattern of this world rather than to that of your holy will. Grant that we would seek your perfect will and hear now our silent prayers of confession...

silent confession of personal sin

Amen.

PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL

Pastor Ben

Romans 6:3-4

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in the newness of life.

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Pastor Ben

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

✦SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Congregation

Before the Throne of God Above

(Bancroft, Cook)

DIACONAL PRAYER

Deacon Jakob Basham

God's law reveals God's righteous requirement. We confess our failure to keep God's law, and joyfully receive the good news of what God has done for us in Christ.

"Let your steadfast love come to me, O LORD, your salvation according to your promise."
Psalm 119:41

We are called to be faithful stewards of God's Word. Therefore, we eagerly and unashamedly read and proclaim the whole counsel of Scripture.

OFFERTORY

Healer
(Bailey)

Emily Wykes

✦ SONG OF PRAISE

The Doxology (Hymn #731)
(Ken, Bourgeois)

Congregation

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

After the blessing on the first Sunday of the month, children remain in the service with their parents.

Pastor Ben

SCRIPTURE TEXT

Revelation 21:1-8

Rev. Tim Hoke

SERMON

The Hope of Heaven

Rev. Hoke

✦ SONG OF PREPARATION

All Creatures of Our God and King (Hymn #115, vs. 1, 2, and 3)
(Assisi, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge* 1623; arr. Rawsthorne)

Congregation

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

the Apostle's Creed

Pastor Ben

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Pastor Ben

ABOUT THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

We welcome to the Lord's Table all who have been baptized, belong to a church which embraces the Gospel, and who look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior. Since Communion is a sacrament of sustaining grace, we request that children not participate until they have professed their faith to the elders of this church or their church of regular worship.

We confess our common faith as an expression of our unity in coming to the Lord's Table.

*As the communion servers pass in front of you, please remember to take **both** of the stacked cups from the tray. Note that the bread is in the bottom cup and is gluten-free. **Grape juice is in the colored cups in the outer ring, wine is in the clear cups in the inner rings.***

from 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper Christ took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

MUSIC OF REFLECTION

Janice Bradshaw

✦SONG OF RESPONSE

Congregation

All Creatures of Our God and King (Hymn #115, vs. 4 and 5)
(Assisi, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge* 1623; arr. Rawsthorne)

*Having received
God's blessing,
we depart
blessing the
name of the
Lord.*

✦BENEDICTION

Pastor Ben

✦SONG OF BLESSING

Gloria Patri (Hymn #735)
(Traditional 2nd century text, Greatorex)

Congregation

POSTLUDE

Stephanie Hicks

DEACONS' FUND OFFERING

Announcements

Monday, August 8	
Tuesday, August 9 CODA Meeting Youth Building	7:30pm
Wednesday, August 10	
Thursday, August 11 Diaconate Meeting Room 130	7:00pm
Friday, August 12	
Saturday, August 13	
Sunday, August 14 Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream	9:30am

Welcome Rev. Tim Hoke and his wife Cheri!

Rev. Hoke and his wife Cheri are long-time friends of SCPC and we are glad they are able to visit us before heading back to Uganda. Our church has supported them for many years in their work with African Bible University. Please welcome Rev. Hoke to our pulpit today!

August Slow Down & Fall Kick-Off

For August only we will not have Sunday School or mid-week activities. Mark your calendar for our Fall Kick-Off on Sunday, September 4th. Children and youth will move to their next Sunday School class the following Sunday.

August Food Drive for Tomball Emergency Assistance Ministries (TEAM)

Contact: Stephen Kovach,
stephen@springcypresschurch.com

The TEAM Food Pantry receives food from the Houston Food Bank (at a discounted rate), but due to shortages and high demand TEAM is low on canned items and drinks. YOU can help TEAM provide food a balanced diet to those in need in our area! Please bring donations of any of the items listed below to the Narthex by August 28.

- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruit
- Juice boxes or bottles

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

Session - Pray for our Session as seek the Lord's direction and will for our church, and wisdom as they shepherd our covenant community.

Pray for Our Congregation

Jakob Basham & family - peace and comfort following the death of his grandmother.

Anthony Gatlin & family - peace and comfort following the death of Anthony's father.

Brenda Ricks - wisdom for medical team as she assess her heart issues.

Ongoing health concerns: René & Clairice Chapelle, Carl & Rose Gregory, Rick & Jeanne Maddy,

Katie Medeiros, Mark Morrow, Jim Spiritosanto.

Pray for Our Military and First Responders

Peter Achterkirch, Army, Washington

Christian Cory, Army, New York

Chris Dietz, Navy Reserves, Texas

Joshua Duncan, Army, Georgia

Shawn Maya, Spring Fire Department

Jessy Wykes, Army, Europe

Pray for Our College Students

Charlotte Achterkirch, Samford University

Zach Allan, Tarleton State University

Rebekah Duncan, Montana State University

Austin Gatlin, Louisiana State University

Justin Gatlin, Louisiana State University

Jenna Haaland, Samford University

Rebekah Kooiman, Abilene Christian University

Ayden Steagall, Lone Star College

AJ Tousha, Lone Star College

Izzy Tousha, Lone Star College

Pray for Our Expectant Mother

Theresa Adams is due in February.

Pray for Our Family & Friends

Ruth Stacy's friend *Jane* - peace, comfort, and strength following the loss of her husband John "Chris" to cancer last week.

Pastor Ben's brother *Steve* - proper management of stage 5 kidney disease.

Brenda Ricks' brother *Ken* - healing from stroke. Pray also for Ken's family, Karolanne and Scott.

Jolene Wykes' brother *Kevin* - quick and complete recovery following a heart attack and from emergency heart (stent) surgery.

Pray for Our Missionary of the Month

Tim & Cheri Hoke, African Bible University, Kampala, Uganda

- God's guidance in replacing Paul Chinchon, the President of African Bible Colleges, due to his recent death.
- For a large freshman class in August.
- For additional faculty to continue to grow the curriculum.
- For safe travels for Tim and Cheri back to Uganda.
- For Tim and Cheri's health as they continue to teach full academic loads and minister to the young men that will eventually lead their own congregations in Uganda and neighboring countries.

Email prayer requests to robin@springcypresschurch.com.



MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH August 2022

TIM & CHERI HOKE African Bible University Kampala, Uganda



Tim and Cheri recently returned from teaching at African Bible College in Uganda, where they have taught numerous in-person courses since January 2022. Tim taught Systematic Theology 2, Biblical Ethics, Biblical Geography, Daniel and Revelation, and Preaching Christ from the Old Testament. Cheri taught World Literature and Creative Writing. They spent the summer based in San Antonio, visiting a number of supporting churches, and now are returning to Uganda for the fall semester.

Due to covid, ABU has been going through a challenging time with respect to student enrollment, and although full tuition is only \$2000/year (including room and board), it's difficult for many students to afford. To that end, SCPC is supporting two students this year with 50% scholarships so that they may preach the Gospel following their graduation.

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General Information

To our visitors:

Welcome, we're so glad you're here today!

- Stop by the Visitor's Center in the Narthex for a free gift!
- Please complete a connect/prayer card if you want us to be in touch, and so we know how we can pray for you.
- If you do not have a Bible of your own, please take one of the pew Bibles home with you today.

To learn more about us and our ministries, visit our website, springcypresschurch.com

To see how our church participates in the global cause for Christ, check out the touch-screen monitor in the Narthex

Like and follow us on Facebook:

Spring Cypress Church

Restrooms are located in the Narthex.

Parents of Young Children:

- Nursery is available in the Children's Wing for children 4 years and younger.
- A cry room, located on the piano side of the sanctuary, is available for parents with young children.
- Children ages 4-8 are welcome to go to Children's Worship prior to the sermon, and they are returned to the Sanctuary near the end of the service. On Communion Sundays (first of each month), children will remain with their families so that they regularly participate in corporate worship with our entire church family!

Giving at SCPC:

We present our offerings as an act of worship, expressing our thankfulness for God's provision, our trust for God to meet all our needs, and our desire to be used of God for the furtherance of His kingdom on earth.

You may place your gift in the offering plate, mail a check to the church office, or give online at springcypresschurch.com/give.

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