



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

Sunday, February 2, 2020

## Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRELUDE *Janice Bradshaw*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *Pastor Ben*

MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH *John Wiltbank* *Emily Toothman*  
*African Bible University*

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP *Janice Bradshaw*

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

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*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,  
and reflect on 2 Timothy 3:14-15,*

*"But as for you, continue in what you have learned  
and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it  
and how from childhood you have been acquainted  
with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation  
through faith in Christ Jesus.*

✦CALL TO WORSHIP *Pastor Ben*

*Psalm 134:1-3*

Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD,  
who stand by night in the house of the LORD!

Lift up your hands to the holy place  
and bless the LORD!

May the LORD bless you from Zion,  
he who made heaven and earth!

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION *Pastor Ben*

✦SONGS OF ADORATION *Congregation*

*Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim* (Hymn #165, verses 1, 3, and 4)  
(Wesley, Haydn)

*We Come, O Christ, to You* (Hymn #181, verses 1-4)  
(Clarkson, Darwall)

**DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW**  
*Leviticus 18:4-5*

*Ruling Elder Chuck Dorau*

You shall follow my rules and keep my statutes and walk in them. I am the LORD your God. You shall therefore keep my statutes and my rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am the LORD.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Chuck Dorau*

Leader: Almighty God, your rules and statutes are good,  
and life to those who keep them.

People: **Yet we have feet that are quick to depart from your way,  
and hands that are eager to work our own will.  
Forgive us, we pray.**

Leader: Father, bring to mind where we have not followed your rules,  
nor kept your statutes, nor walked in your ways,  
and hear our silent prayers of personal confession...

*silent confession of personal sin*

Amen.

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*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.*

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**PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL**  
*Ephesians 1:3-4*

*Chuck Dorau*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

**PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD**  
*concluding with the Lord's Prayer*

*Chuck Dorau*

**✦SONG OF THANKSGIVING**

*Beneath the Cross*  
(Getty)

*Congregation*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

*Deacon Brett Kerr*

**OFFERTORY**

*Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow*  
(text by William J. Sparrow-Simpson, 1887; arr. Courtney)

*Sanctuary Choir*

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

Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow, Where the blood of Christ was shed,  
Perfect Man on thee did suffer, Perfect God on thee has bled!

Here the King of all the ages, Throned in light ere worlds could be,  
Robed in mortal flesh is dying, Crucified by sin for me.

O mysterious condescending! O abandonment sublime!  
Very God Himself is bearing All the sufferings of time!

✦ **SONG OF PRAISE** *The Doxology* (Hymn #731) *Congregation*  
(Ken, Bourgeois)

**BLESSING THE CHILDREN** *Pastor Ben*  
*After the blessing you are welcome to send your children, ages 4-8 to Children's Worship in B123,  
or they may remain with you. Children will return to the main service after the sermon.*

**SCRIPTURE READING** Acts 17:1-10 *Pastor Ben*  
*found on page 926 in the pew bible*

**SERMON** *Introducing 1 Thessalonians* *Pastor Ben*

✦ **SONG OF REFLECTION** *Congregation*  
*Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone),* verses 1 and 2)  
(Newton, Gigli, Tomlin)

**SERVICE OF COMMUNION**

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

✦ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Pastor Ben*  
*the Apostle's Creed, (can be found on page 845 of the hymnal)*

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. As the communion trays are passed, please note that we provide **gluten-free bread in the center cup and grape juice in the colored cups in the outer ring**, wine in the clear cups in the inner rings.*

*from 1 Corinthians 11:23-24*

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."

**MUSIC OF MEDITATION**

*Saule Garcia*

*from 1 Corinthians 11:25-26*

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."

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

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**MUSIC OF REFLECTION**

*Saule Garcia*

**✦ SONG OF RESPONSE**

*Congregation*

*Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone),* verses 3 and 4)  
(Newton, Gigli, Tomlin)

**✦ BENEDICTION**

*Pastor Ben*

**✦ SONG OF BLESSING**

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

*Congregation*

**POSTLUDE**

*Saule Garcia*

**DEACONS' FUND OFFERING**

*Please join us in The Gallery for light refreshments following the service.*

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| <b>Monday, February 3</b>  |         |
| SAA Meeting (Youth Building)   | 7:30pm  |
| <b>Tuesday, February 4</b>   |         |
| Women in the Word (B119-121)<br>(childcare available by reservation) | 9:30am  |
| CODA Meeting (Youth Building)  | 7:30pm  |
| <b>Wednesday, February 5</b>   |         |
| Youth Group (Youth Building)   | 6:30pm  |
| Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  | 6:30pm  |
| Praise Team Rehearsal  | 8:00pm  |
| <b>Thursday, February 6</b>  |         |
| Women in the Word (B115)   | 7:00pm  |
| <b>Friday, February 7</b>  |         |
| <b>Saturday, February 8</b>  |         |
| Ladies' BUNCO Night (The Forum)                                      | 7:00 pm |
| <b>Sunday, February 9</b>  |         |
| Praise Team Rehearsal  | 8:30am  |
| Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  | 8:45am  |
| Pray with the Elders (Pastor's Office)                               | 9:00am  |
| Sunday School for All Ages   | 9:30am  |
| Worship  | 10:30am |
| Children's Worship Buffet Lunch                                      | 12:00pm |
| Praise & Worship (The Gallery)                                       | 6:00pm  |

### Discovering Spring Cypress Presbyterian Church

#### *Our Culture, Confession, and Calling*

Wednesday evenings, 7-8 pm, B119-121  
5 weeks (February 26-March 25)

Learn what kind of church we are trying to be, our beliefs, ministry, and mission. Open to all - the curious and those desiring to join SCPC. Sign up in the Narthex or on our website, [springcypresschurch.com](http://springcypresschurch.com). **Register no later than February 16th.**

We are pleased to announce that **Elisa Haaland**, has accepted the position of **Multidisciplinary Ministry Coordinator!** She will begin working full-time in the office on February 3rd. Elisa is excited to use her many skills, talents, and gifts to minister to our church body. Please welcome her as she begins this new role.

### Women's Ministry - BUNCO

Saturday, February 8, 7:00 pm, The Forum

Ladies, wear your Valentine's colors and join us for an evening of BUNCO! Bring a friend and a snack to share.

### Children's Worship Buffet Lunch

Sunday, February 9, after worship, Fellowship Hall

Contact: Pam Dorau, [pamdorau@att.net](mailto:pamdorau@att.net)

Calling all children ages 4 through 8 and their families! Please come even if your child doesn't attend Children's Worship. Enjoy a child friendly buffet lunch, games, prizes, and information about Children's Worship; all food will be provided. **RSVP in the Narthex or email Pam.**

### Praise & Worship

Sunday, February 9, 6:00 pm, The Gallery

Mark your calendar and join us for an evening of singing, prayer, and worship!

### Spring Women's Conference

*Flourish: Age with Grace in an Anti-aging Culture*

Friday-Saturday, April 3 & 4, 2020, New Braunfels

Contact: [women@springcypresschurch.com](mailto:women@springcypresschurch.com)

Don't miss a wonderful weekend of learning, fun, and sweet fellowship. The cost for registration, lodging, and food is \$82-\$119 (partial scholarships are available). For more information and to register go to [springcypresschurch.com/women](http://springcypresschurch.com/women) (scroll to the bottom), click Register Now. **Register and pay by February 16th.**

### Monthly Fellowship Meal

Sunday, February 16, after worship, Fellowship Hall

**Watch for an email this week** to sign up to bring a side dish or dessert to help make our meal complete.

### Created for a Purpose 2020 - Save the Date!

Monday-Friday, July 20-24, 9 am-1:30 pm

Contact: Amy Haaland, [ahaaland@pcsclassical.org](mailto:ahaaland@pcsclassical.org)

Watch for more information coming soon.

### 2019 Contribution Statements

2019 Contribution Statement are available in the Narthex.

### Former Hymnals

Our former hymnals are available for a suggested donation of \$5. You can pick up a copy in the Narthex and leave your donation in the basket.



## Prayer

### Pray for Our Church

#### *Missions Team*

Pray for our missions team as they keep in contact with the missionaries we currently support and look for more opportunities to partner with others proclaiming the Gospel in our community, country, and world.

### Pray for Our Congregation

Eldon Faries - complete healing and strength

Kovach family - repairs to home because of water damage be completed in a timely manner

Jeanne Maddy - complete healing from fractured knee

Rick Maddy - continued success in walking in his stubbies (practice prosthetics)

Katie Medeiros - resolution of kidney issues

David Weyler - recovery from fall out of a tree

### Pray for Our Military and First Responders

Christian Cory, *Army, New York*

Chris Dietz, *Navy Reserves, Kingsville, Texas*

Daniel Duncan, *Navy, Illinois*

Shawn Maya, *Spring Fire Department*

### Pray for Our College Students

Charlotte Achterkirch, *Samford University*

Peter Achterkirch, *The Citadel*

Ian Allan, *Calvin University*

Zach Allan, *Tarleton State University*

Austin Gatlin, *Louisiana State University*

Justin Gatlin, *Louisiana State University*

Hannah Haaland, *Belhaven University*

Jacob Kerr, *Texas A&M University*

Matthew Kooiman, *Olivet Nazarene University*

Aaron Lewis, *Texas Tech University*

Lauren Steagall, *University of Houston*

AJ Tousha, *Lone Star College*

Naomi Tousha, *University of Houston*

### Pray for Families and Friends

Kristen Chandler's nephew Ethan - Pray for restoration of hearing in his right ear, wisdom regarding the possibility of a cochlear implant, comfort and peace for Ethan and his family.

Shelley Steagall's parents, Charles and Laura Parker - Pray for healing (Charles-pancreatitis and Laura-shingles) and for wisdom for their medical teams.

Jess McGlothlin's mother, Karen - Pray that Karen's platelet count will be high enough to continue the remaining chemo treatments.

Beverly Crowder's mother and father, Carolyn and Tom - Pray for healing, strength, and peace for Carolyn as well as patience and longsuffering for Tom's caretakers. (SCPC supports the Crowder's work in Africa.)

### Pray for our Missionary of the Month

*John Wiltbank, African Bible University, Uganda*

See insert for a description of his ministry and prayer requests.

## 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 located in the pew in front of you.

If you do not have a Bible of your own, please take one of the pew Bibles home with you today.

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

A large print bulletin is available in the Narthex. Restrooms are located in the narthex.

To learn more about us and our ministries, visit our website, [springcypresschurch.com](http://springcypresschurch.com)

Like and follow us on Facebook: *Spring Cypress Church*

### **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 mothers with infants.
- Children ages 4-8 are welcome to go to Children's Worship prior to the sermon. They return to the Sanctuary near the end of the service.

### **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.

If you would like to give via check, please make your check payable to SCPC. Online giving is available at [easytithes.com/scpc](http://easytithes.com/scpc).

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## Our Church Leadership & Staff

### **Elders**

Ian Achterkirch  
Chuck Dorau  
Erik Haaland  
Tim Kooiman

The elders may be reached at [session@springcypresschurch.com](mailto:session@springcypresschurch.com).

### **Deacons**

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*Office hours: Monday-Thursday, 9am-3pm*

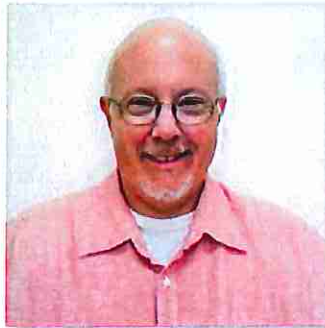
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## MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

### JOHN WILTBANK African Bible University



John retired several years ago from the mission field in Africa where he taught English for 8 years at the African Bible University (ABU). He came out of retirement this semester to substitute teach Literature and Creative Writing classes so that Cheri Hoke can continue caring for her very ill brother in Lubbock, Texas. John also preaches in chapel, disciples students, develops curriculum, and continues to strengthen relationships in the community. He began teaching classes on Tuesday, January 28, and will continue through June.

#### Prayer Points:

- John's wife Alison remains in Ocala, FL, because of health concerns. Please pray that friends and family take good care of her while John is away. Pray that the Lord protects and deepens their relationship even across the distance.
- ABU is in transition following the retirement of their Principle, Dr. O. Palmer Robertson and the recent acquisition of the Ugandan Charter last May. Please pray for the new leadership at ABU as they guide the institution through continued development of the curriculum and facilities.
- East Africa is currently experiencing a plague of locusts, causing loss of income and food insecurity, and it may be heading towards Uganda. Please pray for divine protection from economic hardship for those at the African Bible University and surrounding communities, for the glory of the Lord.