



*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 28, 2021

## Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

*Janice Bradshaw*

PRELUDE

*Saule Garcia*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Pastor Ben*

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

*Saule Garcia*

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,  
and reflect on 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18,*

*“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing,  
give thanks in all circumstances;  
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”*

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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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✦CALL TO WORSHIP

*Pastor Ben*

*Psalm 89:5-7*

Leader: Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,  
your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!

People: **For who in the skies can be compared to the LORD?  
Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD,**

Leader: A God greatly to be feared in the council of the holy ones,

All: **And awesome above all who are around him?**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

*Pastor Ben*

✦SONGS OF ADORATION

*Congregation*

*May the Peoples Praise You*  
(Getty, Getty, Townend, Cash, Zimmer)

*At the Cross (Love Ran Red)*  
(Tomlin, Redman)

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

*Ruling Elder Chuck Dorau*

*Philippians 4:4-5*

Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand.

✦Please stand if able

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Chuck Dorau*

Leader: O Sovereign Lord, your Word consistently calls us to rejoice in every circumstance as an expression of our deep contentment and trust in you.

People: **Regardless, we humbly confess that we are too often more willing to complain and grumble than we are to rejoice. You call us to a joyful consideration of others as an expression of our trust in you, and yet in this we often fall short.**

Leader: Father, we know that our Lord Jesus is at hand. By the Holy Spirit grant that we would live in light of the blessed hope of your Son's return. Father, we come to you now in silent personal confession for the many ways in which we sin against you. Please hear us and forgive our transgressions for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ..

*silent confession of personal sin*

Amen.

**PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL**

*Chuck Dorau*

*Numbers 14:19-20*

Please pardon the iniquity of this people, according to the greatness of your steadfast love, just as you have forgiven this people, from Egypt until now. Then the LORD said, "I have pardoned, according to your word."

**PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD**

*Chuck Dorau*

*concluding with the Lord's Prayer*

**✦SONG OF THANKSGIVING**

*Congregation*

*Jesus, Lover of My Soul* (Hymn #508, vs. 1, 2, and 4)  
(Wesley, Parry)

**DIACONAL PRAYER**

*Deacon Stephen Kovach*

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Children of the Heavenly Father*  
(arr. Dan Forrest)

*Ensemble*

(text by Sandell-Berg can be found on page #131 in the hymnal)

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

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<b>✦ SONG OF PRAISE</b>	<i>The Doxology</i> (Hymn #731) (Ken, Bourgeois)	<i>Congregation</i>
<b>BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN</b>		<i>Pastor Ben</i>
	<i>After the blessing you are welcome to send your children ages 4-8 to Children's Worship or they may remain with you. Children will be returned to the Sanctuary after the sermon.</i>	
<b>SCRIPTURE READING</b>	2 Thessalonians 1:3-4	<i>Pastor Ben</i>
<b>SERMON</b>	<i>A Growing Faith?</i>	<i>Pastor Ben</i>
<b>✦ SONG OF RESPONSE</b>		<i>Congregation</i>
	<i>Blessed Assurance</i> (Hymn #693) (Crosby, Knapp)	
<b>✦ BENEDICTION</b>		<i>Pastor Ben</i>
<b>✦ SONG OF BLESSING</b>	<i>Gloria Patri</i> (Hymn #735) (Traditional 2nd century text, Greatorex)	<i>Congregation</i>
<b>POSTLUDE</b>		<i>Janice Bradshaw</i>

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

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## **Sermon Notes**

February 28, 2021

## **A Growing Faith?**

2 Thessalonians 1:3-4

# Announcements

<b>Monday, March 1</b>	
SAA Meeting Youth Building	7:30pm
<b>Tuesday, March 2</b>	
Women in the Word The Gallery	9:30am
CODA Meeting Youth Building	7:30pm
<b>Wednesday, March 3</b>	
Youth Group Youth Building	6:30pm
New Member Class B119-121	7:00pm
<b>Thursday, March 4</b>	
Women in the Word The Gallery	7:00pm
Men's Bible Study Zoom	7:00pm
MOPS Fellowship Hall	7:15pm
<b>Friday, March 5</b>	
<b>Saturday, March 6</b>	
<b>Sunday, March 7</b>	
Worship & Communion Sanctuary & LS*	9:00am
Adult Sunday School Sanctuary	10:30am
Senior High Sunday School B215-217	10:30am
Junior High Sunday School Youth Bldg	10:30am
Children's Sunday School Children's Wing	10:30am
*Live Stream	

## Child Protection Policy Orientation

**TODAY at 11:30 am**

**Fellowship Hall**

**Contact: Elisa, [elisa@springcypresschurch.com](mailto:elisa@springcypresschurch.com)**

This short training session is about our policies and practices. **It is required for all staff and volunteers in the children's and youth ministries who have not participated in in-person training.**

## Officer Nomination Announcement

The selection of men to serve in the office of Deacon is the duty and privilege of the members of the congregation of Spring Cypress Presbyterian Church. Deacon Nomination forms are available in the Narthex and contain more information about the process and qualifications. All nominations must be received by March 28, 2021.

## SAVE THE DATE

### Vacation Bible School 2021 - June 21-25 mornings

**Contact: Elisa, [elisa@springcypresschurch.com](mailto:elisa@springcypresschurch.com)**

We are excited to be offering Vacation Bible School for children PreK-3rd grade June 21-25! More information coming soon.

### Created for a Purpose 2021 - July 12-16

**Contact: Amy**

Created for a Purpose is a creative arts camp for girls who are entering 4th-9th grade in the fall and is designed to teach that they are created by God in his image, for a purpose. This year's camp will be July 12-16 from 9:00am-1:30pm. **Registration will begin March 1st on the church website!** There is special pricing for SCPC members....be on the look out for an email this afternoon or reach out to Elisa for the SCPC members-only registration link.

### Built for a Purpose 2021 - July 13-17 evenings

**Contact: Erik, [erik@springcypresschurch.com](mailto:erik@springcypresschurch.com)**

This summer we are launching Built for a Purpose! This camp is for boys entering 4th-9th grade in the fall and will teach them that they are built by God in his image, for a purpose! The camp will run evenings beginning July 13 and end with an overnight campout on the 16th. More information and registration will be coming soon!

# Prayer

## **Pray for Our Church**

*Children* - Pray that as we partner with the parents of our children, that the children grow in their love for Jesus. Pray for our parents, Nursery workers, Sunday School teachers, and Children's Worship leaders.

## **Pray for Our Congregation**

*Danny McDaniel and family* - peace and comfort following the death of his mother, Joyce.

*Nicholas Ritchie and family* - peace and comfort following the death of his father, Wayne.

*Tony Tousha* - employment.

Ongoing health concerns: *Eldon & Virginia Faries, Carl & Rose Gregory, Rick & Jeanne Maddy, Katie Medeiros*

## **Pray for Our Military and First Responders**

*Peter Achterkirch*, Army, Washington

*Christian Cory*, Army, New York

*Chris Dietz*, Navy, Texas

*Shawn Maya*, Spring Fire Department

*Jessy Wykes*, Army, Georgia

## **Pray for Our College Students**

*Charlotte Achterkirch*, Samford University

*Ian Allan*, Calvin University

*Zach Allan*, Tarleton State University

*Austin Gatlin*, Louisiana State University

*Justin Gatlin*, Louisiana State University

*Jacob Kerr*, Texas A&M University

*Rebekah Kooiman*, Abilene Christian University

*Lauren Steagall*, University of Houston

*AJ Tousha*, Lone Star College

## **Pray for Our Families and Friends**

*Beverly Crowder* and family (SCPC missionary) - peace and comfort following the death of her mother.

Glenn Ayles' father, *Rodney* - peace and comfort while experiencing failing health.

*Gina Rieger* (SCPC-supported missionary) - comfort and encouragement during her ongoing cancer treatments.

## **Pray for Our Expectant Mothers**

*Kathryn Ritchie* is due in March.

*Carrington Jones* is due in July.

## **Pray for Our Missionary of the Month**

*Gospel Lakes Ranch*

- Pray that the 37 children involved with the Mailbox Club will continue to participate and that they and their families will become firmly established in a local church.
- Pray that our church as well as other churches supporting Gospel Lakes Ranch will be able to establish Christian contacts in nearby low-income housing that will be able to provide links to children who we might get involved with Gospel Lakes Ranch.

*Email prayer requests to [robin@springcypresschurch.com](mailto:robin@springcypresschurch.com).*

## 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](http://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 mothers with infants.
- Children ages 4-8 are welcome to go to Children's Worship prior to the sermon. They are returned 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.

You may place your gift in the offering baskets at the back of the Sanctuary, mail a check to the church office, or give online at [springcypresschurch.com/give](http://springcypresschurch.com/give)

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## Our Church Leadership & Staff

### Elders

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*If you've lost or misplaced an item, please check with the office.*

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

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Created for a Purpose is a week-long creative arts program that teaches girls entering 4th-9th grade in the fall that they are unique masterpieces created by God. Each day is packed with hands-on activities and Biblical teaching emphasizing that God has made everyone with different talents and skills to be used for His glory and His purposes. Cooking, painting, sewing, and sculpture are just a few of the creative arts that the girls are exposed to throughout the week. They walk away with tangible reminders of the God who has made them, loves them, has saved them, and desires a relationship with them!

**Who:** Girls entering 4th-9th grade in the fall

**When:** July 12-16, 9:00am-1:30pm

**Where:** Spring Cypress Presbyterian Church

**Cost:** \$185 per camper (\$15 late fee after April 1st if spots are still available)

Registration begins March 1st and can be found on the church website!



## Deacon Nomination Form March 2021

The selection of men to serve in the office of Deacon is the duty and privilege of the members of the congregation of Spring Cypress Presbyterian Church (SCPC). Please keep the following considerations in mind:

1. **Only** *communing members* of SCPC are *eligible to submit* nominations.
2. **Only** *men who are communing members* of SCPC are *eligible to be nominated*.
3. **Only** *signed nominations received on this form* will be considered valid.
4. Please submit your nomination form by placing it in the Nomination basket in the Narthex.
5. Nomination does not guarantee election as a Deacon! After the nomination period closes, the Session will thoroughly vet nominees. Only those nominees who successfully complete this rigorous process, and are approved by the Session, will appear on the ballot for the January 2022 congregational meeting.
6. The man or men you nominate for the office of Deacon must meet the qualifications expressed in **1 Timothy 3:1-13** (with the exception of the requirement of being able to teach) and **Titus 1:5-16** (*see the back of this form*).
7. **All nominations must be received by March 28, 2021.**

### Nominee(s) for the office of Deacon

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*o I have prayerfully considered my nomination(s) and have contacted the nominee(s) to determine his willingness to serve.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## Qualifications of Church Officers

1. **Overarching Qualification: He must be “above reproach” or “blameless.” (1 Tim 3:2, Titus 1:6)**
  - Does not mean sinless or flawless.
  - Does mean he is characterized by a spiritually mature and morally upright character resulting in a godly lifestyle.
2. **Family Qualifications (Family and Home)**
  - The husband of one wife: faithful and devoted to his wife, a “one-woman” man. (1 Tim 3:2, Titus 1:6)
  - Rule or manages his household well. (1 Tim 3:4)
  - Children are obedient and show proper respect. (1 Tim 3:4, Titus 1:6)
  - Spiritual leader in his own home. (1 Tim 3:5)
3. **Stewardship Qualifications (Finances)**
  - Free from the love of money (1 Tim 3:3), Not greedy for gain (Titus 1:7)
  - Manages his money well as a steward (Titus 1:7)
4. **Social Qualifications (Relationships with others)**
  - Respectable (1 Tim 3:2), Hospitable (1 Tim 3:2, Titus 1:8)
  - Not quarrelsome (1 Tim 3:3, Titus 1:7)
  - Good reputation outside the church (1 Tim 3:7)
  - Not a gossip (1 Tim 3:11)
5. **Self-Control Qualifications**
  - Sober-minded (1 Tim 3:2, 11)
  - Not a drunkard (1 Tim 3:3, Titus 1:7)
  - Self-controlled (Titus 1:8)
  - Not quick-tempered (Titus 1:7), Not arrogant (Titus 1:7)
6. **Reflection of Inner-Character Qualifications**
  - Prudent (1 Tim 3:2), Sensible (Titus 1:7)
  - Gentle (1 Tim 3:3), Dignified (1 Tim 3:8, 11), Not double-tongued (1 Tim 3:8)
  - Lover of good, upright, disciplined (Titus 1:8)
  - Holy (Titus 1:8)
7. **Maturity/Experience Qualifications**
  - Not a recent convert (1 Tim 3:6)
  - Tested and proven in service (1 Tim 3:10), Faithful in all his duties (1 Tim 3:11)
  - A good example to all (1 Tim 4:12)
8. **Doctrinal Qualifications**
  - Deacon
  - Holds the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience (1 Tim 3:9)
  - See also BCO Chapter 9