



*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, June 4, 2023

Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Janice Bradshaw

PRELUDE

Brooke Lewis

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ben

MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

Pastor Ben

Tim & Cheri Hoke
African Bible University, Kampala, Uganda

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Brooke Lewis

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,
and reflect on Hebrews 12:28-29,*

*“Let us offer to God acceptable worship,
with reverence and awe,
for our God is a consuming fire.”*

✦CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF ADORATION

Pastor Ben

from Psalm 113:1-4

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that his name is exalted.

People: **Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.**

Leader: Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,

All: **For great in our midst is the Holy One of Israel!**

✦SONGS OF ADORATION

Congregation

***O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing** (Hymn #164, vs. 1-4, and 6)
(Wesley, Gläser)*

***Like a River Glorious** (Hymn #699)
(Havergal, Mountain)*

*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*

✦Please stand if able

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

Ruling Elder Justin Chandler

1 Peter 2:1-2

So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Justin Chandler

Leader: Almighty God, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, and deeper than all of our sin.

People: Please forgive us for our frivolous attitude toward life, our callousness toward others, our envy of those who have more than we have, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, and our neglect of your wise and gracious Law.

Leader: Father, transform us by your grace so that we might desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command.

Hear now our silent prayers of personal confession...

silent confession of personal sin

...amen.

PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL

Justin Chandler

Psalms 103:2-4

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Justin Chandler

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

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."
Psalms 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.

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

✦ SONG OF THANKSGIVING *Congregation*

Jesus I Am Resting Resting
(Pigott, Hampton)

DIACONAL PRAYER *Deacon Stephen Kovach*

OFFERTORY *I Lay It All Down* *Rick Toothman*
(Nik Gee)

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

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN *Pastor Ben*
After the blessing on the first Sunday of the month, children remain in the service with their parents.

SCRIPTURE TEXT Matthew 11:20-30 *Pastor Ben*

SERMON *Pastor Ben*
Come to Me: Our Summer 2023 Azimuth Check

✦ SONG OF PREPARATION *Congregation*
The Old Rugged Cross (vs. 1 & 2)
(Bennard)

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Pastor Ben*
the Apostle's Creed

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 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

The Old Rugged Cross (vs. 3 & 4)
(Bennard)

Congregation

✦ BENEDICTION

Pastor Ben

✦ SONG OF BLESSING

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

Congregation

POSTLUDE

Janice Bradshaw

DEACONS' FUND OFFERING

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

Announcements

Monday, June 5	
Tuesday, June 6	
Women in the Word Room 119	9:30am
Men's Bible Study Room 118	7:00pm
Wednesday, June 7	
Youth Group Fellowship Hall/Youth Building	6:15pm
Thursday, June 8	
Women in the Word Room 119	7:00pm
Friday, June 9	
Saturday, June 10	
Church Work Day	8:00am
Youth Group Six Flags Hurricane Harbor	12:00pm
Sunday, June 11	
Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream	9:30am
Sunday School for all ages	11:00am
Bridal Shower for Rebekah Kooiman Fellowship Hall Annex	12:00pm

Bibles for Babies - *Stephen Robert Ritchie*

TODAY IS THE LAST SUNDAY to stop by the table in the Narthex and add your name by your favorite Bible verse or write a word of blessing or encouragement in the Bible for Stephen Robert Ritchie!

Built for a Purpose Volunteer Training

TODAY at 12pm, Room 118

Contact: Erik, erik@springcypresschurch.com

If you have or would like to volunteer for Built for a Purpose, please attend training after Sunday School **TODAY**.

Child Protection Policy Training

NEXT SUNDAY at 11:45am, Room 118

All Nursery, VBS, CFAP, and BFAP volunteers who have not already attended training should make plans to attend this 15-minute session. Ladies, you'll be dismissed in time to attend the Bridal Shower for Rebekah Kooiman!

Church Work Day

Saturday, June 10, 8am-noon

Contact: Bob Pickard, bob@springcypresschurch.com

The deacons invite **adults and youth** to join them in many projects around campus including masonry repair, beautification, storage, yard work, etc. Breakfast and supplies will be provided. **Sign up in the Narthex so we know how many people to expect!**

Youth Group Event: Six Flags Hurricane Harbor Splashtown

Saturday, June 10, noon-5pm

Contact: Felix

Cost: \$35/person (includes entry and food)

Youth, participate in the Church Work Day (beginning at 9am) to receive free admission to this event! If you have any questions contact Felix.

Bridal Shower honoring Rebekah Kooiman

NEXT SUNDAY, June 11, 12:00pm

Contact: Susy,

Ladies, please join us for a bridal shower honoring Rebekah Kooiman. Bring a salad to share for a potluck luncheon. If you wish to bring a gift Rebekah is registered on Amazon. Gift cards are welcome!

Please pray for our upcoming **Vacation Bible School, June 19-23!** Pray for the almost 60 children who will be on our campus from both inside and outside our church. Pray that the children will have hearts open to the gospel and that their faith and knowledge would grow during the week. Pray for our many volunteers, that they would be encouraged and refreshed by their work and that God would be glorified

Church Email Newsletters

Make sure you're getting the latest news and information! Pastor Ben periodically emails an *ePistle* and *Church News* is emailed every Friday. If you are not already receiving these emails and would like to contact Robin, robin@springcypresschurch.com.

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

Our Staff - Pray that our staff will stay healthy and be encouraged as they take care of the administrative and ministry tasks of our church.

Pray for Our Congregation

Kyle Benedict - for deep spiritual growth and safety as he serves at a Christian camp through June 10.

Virginia Faries - healing following surgery to remove her gall bladder.

Jeanne Maddy - healing of infection in the wound of her leg and recovery from surgery.

John Morrison - PRAISE - John is now cancer free! Pray for increased strength.

Ongoing health concerns: *René & Clairice Chapelle, Jeff Kuhn, Rick & Jeanne Maddy, Katie Medeiros, John Morrison, Mark Morrow, Mary 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, North Carolina

Shawn Maya, Spring Fire Department

Jessy Wykes, Army, Kentucky

Pray for Our College Students

Claire Achterkirch, Samford University

Rebekah Duncan, Montana State University

Austin Gatlin, Louisiana State University

Jenna Haaland, Samford University

Rebekah Kooiman, Abilene Christian University

Aiden Steagall, Lone Star College

Izzy Tousha, Lone Star College

Pray for Our Expectant Mothers

Laurie Byerly is due in June.

Pray for Our Friends & Family

Friend of Ayles' family *Jimmy Brennan* - for restored health.

Kevin Bailey - for strengthening of his faith and perseverance as he begins Bible college.

Christine Achterkirch's father *Stephen Ummel* - PRAISE - surgery to remove part of his pancreas went well; pray for complete healing.

Pray for Tim & Cheri Hoke, *African Bible University*

- A large incoming Freshman class (and tuition support, as many students can't afford the full \$2,000/year).
- Additional faculty to continue to grow the curriculum.
- Safe travel back to Uganda.
- Health and strength as Tim and Cheri continue to carry full academic loads.
- Biblical training of men who will lead their own congregations in Uganda and neighboring East African countries.
- Biblical training of other students who serve Christ in the fields of Christian Education, Communication, and Business.

Email prayer requests to robin@springcypresschurch.com.

Sermon Notes **Come to Me: Our Summer 2023 Azimuth Check**

June 4, 2023

Matthew 11:20-30



MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH June 2023

TIM & CHERI HOKE African Bible University Kampala, Uganda



Tim and Cheri have been teaching at African Bible University (ABU) in Uganda since 2008. They are returning to ABU in early August where they will teach during the fall semester. Tim will teach *Systematic Theology*, *Synoptic Gospels*, and *Daniel & Revelation*. He is also excited to teach Introduction to the Bible for the first time! Cheri will teach *Instructing Children*, *Biblical Womanhood*, and *Advanced Reading & Study Skills*.

Although Tim and Cheri are now septuagenarians, they have no desire to retire before they expire! However, they are now shifting to only the fall semester in Uganda in order to spend more time with their family in the US. They will still be available for online teaching in the spring semester if needed.

Pray for

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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.

Our Church Leadership & Staff

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