

# Prayer?

Please list your prayer requests with detailed information of people in need. Thank you!

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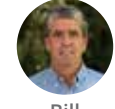
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# Sermon.

**Speaker:** Pastor Buster Brown

**Message:** Invigorating Living

**Scripture:** Ecclesiastes 12:9-14

*9 Besides being wise, the Preacher also taught the people knowledge, weighing and studying and arranging many proverbs with great care. 10 The Preacher sought to find words of delight, and uprightly he wrote words of truth. 11 The words of the wise are like goads, and like nails firmly fixed are the collected sayings; they are given by one Shepherd. 12 My son, beware of anything beyond these. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh. 13 The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. 14 For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil. Solomon is "coming home" from a prolonged season of abandoning the one, true God (Jeremiah 2:13) and embracing an "Under the Sun (only)" lifestyle. Ecclesiastes 12:9-14*

## Under the Sun (only)

### Epicureanism:

The pursuit of pleasure and avoidance of pain in a socially acceptable fashion.

### "god" is undefinable...

The ultimate reality of God is undefinable (because of multiple 'gods'); therefore His presence is not joyfully binding..

Under the Sun (only) living does not embrace ultimate truth and therefore provides no foundation for sustainable in the long run.

- Observant living (Ecclesiastes 12:9-10)
- The joy of having the Good Shepherd (Ecclesiastes 12:11)
  - "goads" The joy/wonder of the goad or staff is a result of the one who wields it.
  - "nails firmly fixed"
- The pursuit of true wisdom (wisdom vs. knowledge)

*"(Scripture) reveals the principles by which God judges us, and therefore is, and will remain, to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and religious opinions should be tried. All scripture is a testimony to Christ who is Himself the focus of Divine revelation."*

**Baptist Faith and Message, Article 1**

*"For we should so reason that the splendor of the divine countenance...is for us like an inextricable labyrinth unless*

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*we are conducted into it by the thread of the Word; so that it is better to limp along this path than to dash with all speed outside of it."*

**John Calvin, Institutes of Christian Religion 1.6.3**

HOW MUCH MORE insistent would Solomon have been if he had seen Messiah with true clarity, and had received the apostolic writings?

*"The queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here."* **Matthew 12:42**

*"But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. 17 For truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it."*

**Matthew 13:16-17**

- Fear God and do what he commands (Ecclesiastes 12:13). [Show your heartfelt worship and adoration by living in glad obedience.]

## HOW TO WALK IN BIBLICAL WISDOM

1. Humbly receive the Scripture. (Hebrews 4:12-13)
2. Go to bed in time to get up and wait upon the Lord/ seek His face.
3. Have a plan of joyful attack regarding the intake of the Shepherd's voice in order to fight the good fight of faith. (1 Timothy 6:11-12) (Isaiah 50:4)
4. Read the same 1 to 3 chapters daily for 3-4 weeks. Underline key words. Meditate (slowly digest and ponder) 3 to 4 verses in the passage.
5. Communicate your plan to a member of your community team.
6. Make weekly application. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

## CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE

1. Participate in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.
2. Intentionally reach out to an unchurched friend or neighbor by inviting them to a Christmas event or hospitality.
3. Live in known repentance before Christ Who is the Light of the World.
4. Strategize with your Community Group and Family to 'get out of your comfort zone' and honor Christ this Christmas.



Your mobile devices are welcome! After the service we encourage you to share pieces of the sermon or worship on social media that you think others will find encouraging. **Tag ECBC using #ecbcharleston.**

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DECEMBER 16, 2018



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# Welcome.

We're glad you are here to worship with us. If you are new to East Cooper Baptist, we would love to meet you. Please stop by the Welcome Center following the worship services to say hello and let us answer any questions you may have. Thanks for being our guest.

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**Traditional Worship / Sunday Bible Classes**  
Sanctuary 9:00a & 10:45a  
**Contemporary Worship / Sunday Bible Classes**  
Worship Center 9:00a & 10:45a



## Next Steps.

### 1. Attend a Guest Luncheon

Get to know us better at our next Guest Luncheon and see what God has in store for you. You'll meet our pastor and some of our staff and enjoy fellowship with a great meal. Our next free luncheon is **January 6, 2019 at 12:15p** in the Gym. For more information, please contact Carol at [carolw@eastcooperbaptist.com](mailto:carolw@eastcooperbaptist.com).

### 2. Find an equip•u Class

Our equip•u classes are groups that meet before or after the worship services to study the Bible in depth. Visit the Welcome Center to pick up an equip•u guide or go online to choose from a variety of classes. Register for track classes at [eastcooperbaptist.com/classes](http://eastcooperbaptist.com/classes).

### 3. Join a Community Group

An authentic biblical community provides a place where we can grow, learn, and serve as we seek to know Jesus. We have a variety of over 30 open groups from students to adults. Please go online today to locate a group near you. [eastcooperbaptist.com/groups](http://eastcooperbaptist.com/groups)

### 4. Become a Member

Register online for our upcoming New Members Class on Saturday, **January 12th**. This class is a basic introduction to our church family and is a requirement for joining the church. We designed this class to clearly explain what we believe at East Cooper Baptist.

### 5. Serve in equip•them

Equip•them is the serving arm for Sunday morning ministries. We have nearly 600 opportunities to serve. Some needs require 15 minutes before the service, others may require the whole equipping hour. [eastcooperbaptist.com/serve](http://eastcooperbaptist.com/serve)

## Childcare.



We have a safe and loving environment for your children where they can learn about God. Please take advantage of our nursery for children up to age three during the worship services. Our ushers are ready to assist you.



## This Week.

For detailed information please go online.

SUN	DEC 16	Equip•u Classes 9:00a & 10:45a Christmas Dinner & Caroling 5:30p Gym
MON	DEC 17	Reengage Marriage Program 6:30-8:30p Choir Room D-Wing
THU	DEC 20	Young Adults Connect 7:00-9:00p Annex

**LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING\*** 5.85% OF PEOPLE GAVE \$40,466.00

25% 50% 75% 100% CHURCH GOAL: 100% PARTICIPATION

The International Mission Board uses 100% of the gifts given to Lottie Moon to send missionaries all over the world. Our church goal is **100% participation** toward \$450,000. You may give:

- **ONLINE** at [eastcooperbaptist.com](http://eastcooperbaptist.com)
- **BY OFFERING PLATE**
- **TEXT 843-202-4848: GIVE #lottiemoon 50 (to give \$50.00)**

## Year-End Giving.

Thank you so much for your consistent financial support throughout the year! To be sure you receive contribution credit for 2018, please have your giving in by the following times:

**Offering:** Dropped in the offering plate on Sunday, December 30

**Hand-delivered:** To the ECBC office by 12:00 noon on Monday, December 31. Contributions that are hand-delivered after 12:00p on December 31 will be credited to 2019.

**Mail:** Post-marked by USPS by December 31, 2018. Any mail postmarked in 2019 will be credited to 2019.

**Online:** By 11:59p on December 31, 2018.

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## Upcoming.

For detailed event information please go online.

**TONIGHT** Join us for a festive holiday evening with Christmas Dinner and Caroling. This is a churchwide event, so everyone is invited. Dinner is FREE, however, donations are encouraged. Dinner will be served at 5:30p in the gym.



**DEC 24** You, your family, and friends are invited to one of our Christmas Eve Services in the Sanctuary. Service times are at 4:00p (with childcare) and 5:30p. Please join us for this special worship service that celebrates the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.



**JAN 6** Come get to know us better at our Guest Luncheon. Meet a few of our pastors and church members while enjoying a great meal. The lunch is free and held in the gym after the second service. **SEE YOU THERE**



**JAN 6** This mini-course will help you take fear, anxiety, and worry captive to persuasive thoughts of God's consistent power, love and wisdom at work on your behalf. January 6, 13, and 20 at 9:00a & 10:45a in B214 **REGISTER ONLINE**



**JAN 6** Learn how to bring Gospel conversation into the things you're already doing in your everyday life! Taught by Craig Harris at 9:00a and by Dave Bruner at 10:45a in B222. **REGISTER ONLINE**



**JAN 11** Join us as we discuss the new digital age and the importance of rightly placed affections. Parenting is a high and holy calling and God has given this generation a sufficient portion of grace to navigate and parent through this unprecedented digital age. **REGISTER ONLINE**



**JAN 12** In this class you will learn more about what we believe as a church, ways that you can be more involved, and how you can become a member. This is a great way to get to know other people at ECBC. Childcare is available. **REGISTER TODAY**



**FEB 13** All men are invited to our Wild Game Banquet where there will be prizes, bluegrass, and lots of barbecue. This year's speaker is Scott Linebrink, former major league baseball pitcher. Tickets go on sale January 2. **SEE YOU THERE**



**NEW TO ECBC?** After the service, stop by the Welcome Center.

Please complete the perforated section and place in the offering plate or bring by the Welcome Center.

## Hello.

If you're here for the first time, please come by our Welcome Center and say hello. We'd love to answer any questions and say thanks for being our special guest today.

I/We attended worship at:

9:00a  10:45a

I am a first time guest

Name

Spouse

Birthdate    Spouse Birthdate

Address

City

State  Zip

Mobile

Spouse Mobile

Email

Spouse Email

Preferred method of contact:

Call  Text  Email

Interested in the following:

- Become a Christian
- Join the Church
- Request a personal visit
- Subscribe to newsletter
- Join a Community Group
- Other