

# Prayer?

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

# Elders.



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# Sermon.

**Speaker:** Buster Brown, Senior Pastor

**Today's Message:** The Final State is Worse Than The Beginning

**Today's Text:** Matthew 12:43-45

*"When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, but finds none. Then it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when it comes, it finds the house empty, swept, and put in order. Then it goes and brings with it seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there, and the last state of that person is worse than the first. So also will it be with this evil generation."* Matthew 12:43-45

As Christ conflictual interchange with the Pharisees comes to a close (Matthew 12:1-45), the Lord gives an illustration regarding a house that has been put in order, but is not safe from demonic deception. A Pharisee was a member of the "purity party" in Judaism, that insisted upon obedience to the Mosaic law and the traditions. They were busy COMMENDING THEMSELVES to one another and earning the favor of God.

### MARKS OF A PHARISEE

1. Offended by the gospel of g\_\_\_\_\_ > Earning the approval of God.
2. Outward a\_\_\_\_\_ was vitally important > Commending themselves to one another.
3. Always activated their i\_\_\_\_\_ lawyer; which led to contempt for other people.

*"He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt."* Luke 18:9

*"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and the plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. You blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and the plate, that the outside also may be clean. Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of dead people's bones and all uncleanness. So you also outwardly appear righteous to others, but within you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness."* Matthew 23:25-28

4. Their teaching was man-c\_\_\_\_\_, as they glorified teachings that were not in Scripture.

*"Good works are only such as God hath commanded in His holy Word,(1) and not such as, without the warrant thereof, are devised by men, out of blind zeal, or upon any pretence of good intention. These good works, done in obedience to God's commandments, are the fruits and evidences of a true and lively faith, and by them believers manifest their thankfulness..."* Westminster Confession of Faith, Section 1, Article 1-2a

5. They were zealous, but the f\_\_\_\_\_ was wrong.

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# Sermon.

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*"According to Christian teachers, the essential vice, the utmost evil, is Pride. Unchastity, anger, greed, drunkenness and all that, are mere fleabites in comparison: it was through Pride that the devil became the devil: Pride leads to every other vice: it is the complete anti-God state of mind."* CS Lewis, Mere Christianity, pp. 109, 110

*"The devil laughs. He is perfectly content to see you becoming chaste and brave and self-controlled provided, all the time, he is setting up in you the Dictatorship of Pride --just as he would be quite content to see your chilblains cured if he was allowed, in return, to give you cancer. For Pride is spiritual cancer: it eats up the very possibility of love, or contentment, or even common sense."* CS Lewis, Mere Christianity, p. 112

ANSWER KEY: grace, appearance, inner, centered, foundation

### GENERAL PRINCIPLES FROM THE TEXT

The "house" was not owned by the strong reality of Christ.

*"The absence of Christ will indeed make it night, dark as darkness itself, in the midst of all other glowing consolations."* John Owen, Vol.2, p. 128

*"When a soul prays and meditates, searches the promises in private; when it with earnestness and diligence attend to all ordinances and public (the Lord's Supper and worship), and, all to get one glimpse of the face of Jesus Christ, and this is done in vain, it is a sad condition."* John Owen, Vol.2, p. 130

Self/arrogance had moved into the life of the Pharisees.

The final condition is worse than the first.

Self-made religious observances and extreme discipline, and even bodily mutilation, are ultimately of no value in bringing about the life God desires.

*"(referring to things that all perish as they are used)—according to human precepts and teachings? These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh."* Colossians 2:22-23

Casually Uncaring Perfunctory versus Desperate for the Empowering of Christ

Passionless versus Enthusiastic

Proud versus Broken



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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 Equip•u Classes**  
Sanctuary 9:00a & 10:45a  
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## 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 **August 11 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, **August 17**. 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

JUN 23

Equip•u Classes  
9:00a & 10:45a

MON

JUN 24

Reengage Marriage Program  
6:30-8:30p D-Wing Choir Room

TUE

JUN 25

Women's Summer Bible Study  
9:30a-11:30a Worship Center  
Women's Book Club  
6:30p Host Home

WED

JUN 26

MSM Girl's Summer Bible Study  
1:00-3:00p Various Locations  
MSM Boy's Summer Bible Study  
1:00-3:00p Annex  
College Community Group  
7:00pm Host Home

THU

JUN 27

Young Adults Ultimate Frisbee  
6:30p Belle Hall Fields  
Czech Republic Trip  
June 27 - July 8

**PRAY FOR SOUTHEAST INDONESIA** June 21 - July 2

- Local native Christians to be encouraged by extra support during this time
- The team to impact locals that have never heard about God
- The team leaders to share the gospel clearly with local people

**PRAY FOR CZECH REPUBLIC** June 27 - July 8

- Travel safety, health, and no injuries at camp
- Gospel clarity in relationships and teaching time
- The church in Sumperk, Czech Republic as they follow up with the students and families

**PRAY FOR THAILAND** July 4 - July 14

- God will cause many to register for the English classes
- That they will clearly hear and understand the gospel and many will receive it with joy
- God will open doors for us to share with taxi drivers, shopkeepers, hotel staff and many others we meet



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## NOTICE: Church Conference, July 7

We will be voting on changes to our constitution on July 7. These changes have to do with Elders and their terms of service. Complete details of proposed constitutional changes will be made available online and Q&A sessions available Sunday, June 30.

## Upcoming.

For detailed event information please go online.

**TODAY** We give our regular children's ministry volunteers some time off in the summer to recharge and rest from a great year of teaching our children. Therefore, the children's ministry needs your help with Summer Sundays! **VOLUNTEER TODAY AT A KIOSK**



**MONDAYS** Reengage is a marriage enrichment program. Marriages in any condition can benefit. This program meets every Monday night from 6:30-8:30p. Childcare is provided for infant to 5th grade. **MORE INFO ONLINE**



**TUESDAYS** This study brings you face to face with the promise-keeping God of Joshua and of today. We need to know that our God is with us wherever we go. Tuesdays from 9:30-11:30a in the Worship Center. Cost for book is \$13. **REGISTER NOW**



**WEDNESDAYS** All college students who are in town this summer are invited to the college community group on Wednesdays at 7pm. This group meets downtown. **Please email for more info.** [mckenzie.taylor@campusoutreach.org](mailto:mckenzie.taylor@campusoutreach.org)



**JUN 24-28** Whether you like soccer, science, or anything in between, there is something for everyone at WinShape Camps for Communities! Come be a part of this incredible adventure where we combine sports, recreation, arts, Bible study and worship into one incredible week. **REGISTER ONLINE**



**JUL 2, 9, 16, & 23** Join our July Women's Book Club that will meet at a home on Daniel Island! We will be studying the book "The Walk: Steps for New and Renewed Followers of Jesus" by Stephen Smallman. **REGISTER ONLINE**



**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.

06.23.19

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

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