

Prayer?

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

Year-End Giving.

Thank you so much for your generosity and faithfulness to East Cooper Baptist Church and its ministries! To be sure you receive contribution credit for 2021, please have your giving in by the following times:

Offering: Dropped in the giving box on Sunday, December 26th.

Hand-delivered: To the ECBC office by 12:00 noon on **Thursday, December 30th**. The church offices will be closed on Friday, December 31st. Contributions that are hand-delivered after 12:00pm on the 30th will be credited to 2022.

Mail: Post-marked by USPS by December 31, 2021. Any mail postmarked in 2022 will be credited to 2022.

Online: By 11:59 pm on December 31st, 2021.

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Sermon.

Speaker: Buster Brown, Senior Pastor

Message: We Are Always Of Good Courage

Text: 2 Corinthians 5:1-5

"For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ²For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, ³if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. ⁴For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee." 2 Corinthians 5:1-5

"It is easy to get lost in this passage in Paul's shifting metaphors that describe death and resurrection: tearing down a tent, a house not made with hands, taking off and putting on clothing, nakedness, and being away from home and being at home. But he is basically rehearsing a doctrine he has already taught them regarding the hope of eternity and the impermanence of life in this world." David E. Garland, The New American Commentary, 2 Corinthians, p. 248

The process of being people of good courage/confident hope:

1. We know that when the tent that is our earthly home is taken down, we will exchange it for a house in Heaven made by God. We will exchange the temporary for the eternal. We will exchange that which is inevitably decaying, for that which is glorious.

"It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power." 1 Corinthians 15:43

"...who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself." Philippians 3:21

"The bodies of the unjust shall, by the power of Christ, be raised to dishonour; the bodies of the just, by his Spirit, unto honour, and be made conformable to his own glorious body." Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 32, Section 3

2. We experience (in the present reality) groaning/longing/yearning/desire, and being burdened as we anticipate the eternal.
3. There are two types of longing/groaning:

- Dissatisfaction overlaid with despair

"Do not go gentle into that good night...Rage, rage against the dying of the light." Dylan Thomas, Do Not Go Gentle Into That Good Night

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- Dissatisfaction overlaid with hope

"The settled happiness and security which we all desire, God withholds from us by the very nature of the world: but joy, pleasure, and merriment, He has scattered broadcast. We are never safe, but we have plenty of fun, and some ecstasy. It is not hard to see why. The security we crave would teach us to rest our hearts in this world and oppose an obstacle to our return to God: a few moments of happy love, a landscape, a symphony, a merry meeting with our friends, a bath or a football match, have no such tendency. Our Father refreshes us on the journey with some pleasant inns, but will not encourage us to mistake them for home." CS Lewis, The Problem of Pain

4. The reality of this process is taught to us by the Holy Spirit. (v.5) Therefore we are all of good courage/live confidently/are bold.

"So we can confidently say, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?'" Hebrews 13:6

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DECEMBER 5, 2021



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I/We attended worship at:

9:30a 11:00a

I am a first time guest

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State Zip

Mobile

Spouse Mobile

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Upcoming.

For detailed event information, please go online. eastcooperbaptist.com/events

PRAYER MEETING

We would love to have you join us on the first Tuesday evening of each month for a time of prayer in our Sanctuary from 6:00-6:30pm. Our next one is on **December 7.**

PLAN TO ATTEND.



CHRISTMAS EVE

We invite you to take time this Christmas Eve to come delight in the joy, peace, hope, and love of Jesus! Our Christmas Eve services will be held in the Sanctuary at 4:00 & 5:30pm. Kids of all ages attend services with parents!

PLAN TO ATTEND.



RENEW

We are asking everybody in the East Cooper family to join us for a 4-part class on Sunday mornings starting **January 9th** called Renew. Visit eastcooperbaptist.com/renew to register.

REGISTER TODAY.



PRISONER & TRANSITION

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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 anyone with a blue name-tag and let us answer any questions you may have. Thanks for being our guest.

Buster Brown, Senior Pastor
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Traditional Worship / Sunday Classes
Sanctuary 9:30a & 11:00a
Contemporary Worship / Sunday Classes
Worship Center 9:30a & 11:00a

Ways to Give.

Giving is part of our worship to God. Through your faithful giving, God continues to change lives here in our area and around the world.



Give in-person by dropping your gift in any giving box located throughout the church.

Give online by visiting our website at: eastcooperbaptist.com/give.



Give via text by texting the word "GIVE" to 843-202-4848.

COVID-19 Update.



The Delta Variant has declined in our area, therefore, the leadership voted recently to move to mask optional effective November 1. We appreciate your kindness and consideration as we navigate this season.

We encourage you to be praying for the medical staff in our community as they navigate this season's challenges due to COVID-19.