

## Prayer?

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

## Year-End Giving.

To be sure you receive contribution credit for 2024, please have your giving to the church by the following times:

**Offering:** Dropped in the giving boxes on or before Sunday, December 29, 2024.

**Postal Mail:** Postmarked by USPS by December 31, 2024 (any mail postmarked in 2025 must be credited to 2025)

**Online:** By 11:59pm on December 31, 2024.

**Hand-delivered:** By Friday, December 20 at noon.

\*The church offices will be closed from December 23 to January 1 so please make prior arrangements for your year-end giving. If you have any questions or special considerations, please email the Finance Team at [finance@eastcooperbaptist.com](mailto:finance@eastcooperbaptist.com)

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## Sermon Notes.

**Speaker:** Buster Brown, Senior Pastor

**Message:** Tune My Heart to Sing Thy Praise

**Text:** Psalm 103:1-5

*"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! <sup>2</sup>Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, <sup>3</sup>who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, <sup>4</sup>who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, <sup>5</sup>who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's."*  
Psalm 103:1-5

Thanksgiving is the intentional mental commitment to graciously remember the benefits that have been abundantly bestowed upon us by the living Father.

The key to thanksgiving is:

*"Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me, I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see."* John Newton

In Psalm 103, the psalmist rejoices in numerous benefits that the Lord has poured into his life:

1. Forgives all your sins.

*"So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'" Luke 17:10*

*"For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling; I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living." Psalm 116:8-9*

*"A child of God always keeps two books by him, one in which to write his sins so that he may be humbled; another in which to write his mercies so he may be thankful."*  
Thomas Watson, *The Godly Man's Picture*, p. 132

2. Heals all your diseases.

3. Redeems your life from the pit while crowning you with steadfast love and tender mercies.

The remembering of the abundant mercies of the Lord *"primes the pump"* of the Christian life and produces much fruit.

4. Satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagles.

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## Sermon Notes.

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*"The church, when it's not seduced by consumerist spirituality, is in the business of cultivating ordinary Christians, people who are united to Christ by faith and are in it for the long haul, like people in a good marriage. It transforms people, not by giving them (only) life-changing experiences but by repetition, continually telling the story of Christ so that people may hear and take hold of him by faith. For we do not just receive Christ by faith once at the beginning of our Christian lives and then go on to do the real work of transformation through our good works. We keep needing Christ the way hungry people need bread, and we keep receiving him whenever we hear the gospel preached and believe it. So what transforms us over the long haul is not one or two great life-changing sermons (although these can be helpful from time to time) but the repeated teaching and preaching of Christ, Sunday after Sunday, so that we never cease receiving him into our hearts."*  
Phillip Cary, *Good News for Anxious Christians*, p.133

### APPLICATION:

1. Labor to know the depth of God's love and the depth of your need by consistently and prayerfully reading the Scripture.
2. Understand that thanksgiving "primes the pump" of godliness and produces the fruits of righteousness.
3. Understand that ingratitude is a monstrous evil.
4. Keep a periodic record of the blessings of God from day to day.
5. Exercise the grace of thanking people around you with a word that sustains and nourishes.

*"The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught."* Isaiah 50:4

*"The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life, but the mouth of the wicked conceals violence."* Proverbs 10:11

6. Understand that praise and thanksgiving are usually intermingled. Praise is rejoicing in who the Lord is and thanksgiving is rejoicing in what the Lord has done.

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DECEMBER 1, 2024



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CHURCH GOAL: \$650,000

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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 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 and Classes**  
Sanctuary 9:30am & 11:00am  
**Contemporary Worship and Classes**  
Worship Center 9:30am & 11:00am

## 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](http://eastcooperbaptist.com/give).



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

## Get to Know.

**Frank Avinger**



### ELDER ON THE NEXT GEN TEAM

Although Frank heard the gospel at an early age, he truly understood his brokenness and need for a Savior at the age of 31. He has attended East Cooper since 2010. Frank currently serves on the Welcome Team, as a Man2Man leader, and in the Middle School Ministry and previously served as a deacon. He enjoys spending time with family and fly fishing.

2025

# REFRESH

PURSUIING UNITY

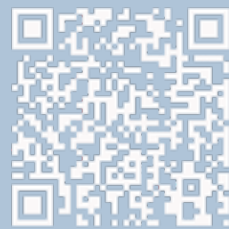
## 4 WEEK SERIES BEGINNING IN JANUARY

Refresh is a yearly class for all East Cooper Baptist members that includes new content each year. This year, we will be talking about Pursuing Unity. This class will also contain an update to our vision goals and reminders about our vision language. We look forward to growing with you there!

Refresh classes will be on Sunday mornings during both the 9:30 and 11:00am worship hours. It will also be offered at 6:30pm on Wednesdays.

The dates for the classes are January 5, 12, 19, and 26 in the East Cooper Gym.

For more information and to register, go to [eastcooperbaptist.com/refresh](http://eastcooperbaptist.com/refresh) or scan the QR code



## Upcoming.

### LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

100% of your gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering support International Mission Board (IMB) missionaries.

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CHURCH GOAL: \$650,000

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### CHRISTMAS CONCERT

You are invited to our 2024 Christmas concert, "King of Love," featuring the East Cooper Baptist Choir, Orchestra, and Worship Band.

December 13 at 7:00pm & December 14 at 4:00pm.

**GET TICKETS ONLINE.**



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### ANGEL TREES

Angel Trees are set up around the church. Pick up a tag TODAY to give a gift to a child of incarcerated parents, in foster care, or in a refugee family. Gifts are due back by December 8.

**PICK UP A TAG TODAY.**

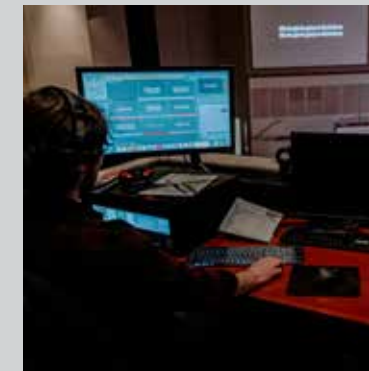


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### SERVE ON THE PRODUCTION TEAM

Do you have interest in helping with audio or visual needs on a Sunday morning? We'd love for you to serve with us! Training is provided.

**SIGN UP TODAY.**



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12.1.24

## Hello.

Please complete the perforated section and take to the Welcome Desk or place in any giving box located around the church.

I/We attended worship at:

9:30am  11:00am

I am a first time guest

Name

Spouse

Birthdate

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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
- Meet with a Pastor
- Subscribe to newsletter
- Other