

Prayer?

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

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Sermon Notes.

Speaker: Buster Brown, Senior Pastor
Message: Enlightened
Text: Ephesians 1:15-20

"¹⁵For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places..." Ephesians 1:15-20

In this prayer, Paul is praying that the believers in Ephesus would gaze upon the glory of Jesus, and as they ponder the blessings found in him, they would:
→ realize the depth of the hope that is ours
→ rejoice in the glorious inheritance in Christ
→ requisition the immeasurable greatness that is ours in Christ

The Problem of Business and Distraction

"...the social media ecosystem is designed to generate constant, instantaneous responses to the provocation of the now." Alan Jacobs, The Guardian

"We must have some room to breathe. We need freedom to think and permission to heal. Our relationships are being starved to death by velocity. No one has the time to listen, let alone love. Our children lay wounded on the ground, run over by our high-speed good intentions. Is God now pro-exhaustion? Doesn't He lead people beside the still waters anymore? Who plundered those wide-open spaces of the past, and how can we get them back? There are no fallow lands for our emotions to lie down and rest in."

Richard A. Swenson, Margin: Restoring Emotional, Physical, Financial, and Time Reserves to Overloaded Lives

"Margin is the space between our load and our limits."
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Steps to living with a spirit of wisdom with hearts enlightened:

1. Understand the brevity of life.

"The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away." Psalm 90:10

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2. Christians who embrace stewardship understand investing in eternity.

"If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next... It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this. Aim at Heaven and you will get earth 'thrown in'; aim at earth and you will get neither." C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity, p. 134

3. We continuously ask: what am I "called to do and be" as a good steward of the manifold grace of God (1 Peter 4:10-11).
4. How do we practically seek first the kingdom of God (Matthew 6:33) and set our hearts and minds on things that are above (Colossians 3:1-2)?

"But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." Matthew 6:33

"If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth." Colossians 3:1-2

APPLICATION:

1. Engage in a Worship Service, Weekly
2. Connect in a Group, Consistently
3. Serve on a Team, Monthly
4. Take a Class, Routinely

RESOURCES:

Crazy Busy: A (Mercifully) Short Book about a (Really) Big Problem by Kevin DeYoung

Margin: Restoring Emotional, Physical, Financial, and Time Reserves to Overloaded Lives by Richard A. Swenson

The Overload Syndrome: Learning to Live Within Your Limits by Richard A. Swenson

Contentment: The Secret to a Lasting Calm by Richard A. Swenson

Digital Minimalism: Choosing a Focused Life in a Noisy World by Cal Newport

How to Think: A Survival Guide for a World at Odds by Alan Jacobs

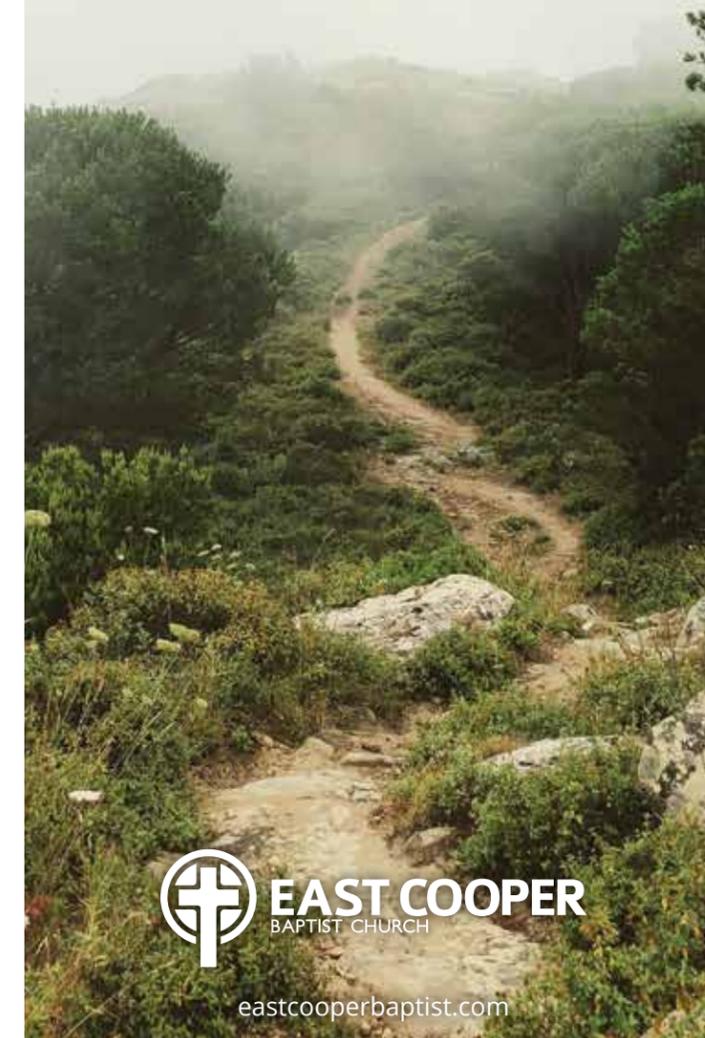


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STRENGTH FOR THE JOURNEY



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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.

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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.



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

Get to Know.

Abby Earle



ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT ON STAFF

Abby is from Johns Island, SC. Growing up in a Christian home, she heard the gospel at a young age and trusted in Jesus as her Lord and Savior. Abby joined the ECBC staff in 2022. She is married to David and they have two children, Isaac and Evangeline. A few of her favorite things are her family, vegetable gardening, and sushi.

REFRESH

2024

LIVING GENEROUSLY
4 week series beginning in January

Refresh is a class that takes place every January! Each year this class will contain an update to our vision goals, reminders about our vision language, and some specific teaching geared towards this season of our church family's life. Refresh 2024 will be about Living Generously. We're asking all of our church members to commit to attending this four-week class.

Classes start January 7 in the East Cooper Gym and will be offered at both 9:30am and 11:00am on Sundays, and at 6:30pm on Wednesday evenings. We look forward to growing with you there!

To register, go to eastcooperbaptist.com/refresh or scan the QR code



Upcoming.

COMBINED SERVICES IN THE SANCTUARY

Join us for combined services on **November 26** at 9:30 or 11:00am in our Sanctuary. The Nursery hallway will be open. All other ages worship with parents. No classes.

SEE YOU THERE.



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CHRISTMAS CONCERT

You are invited to our 2023 Christmas concert, "The Arrival" featuring the East Cooper Baptist Choir, Orchestra, and Worship Band. **December 8** at 7:00pm & **December 9** at 4:00 & 7:00pm.

REGISTER ONLINE.



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MOROCCO MISSION TRIP

A dental team will be traveling to Morocco for 8 days in March to serve people who rarely, if ever, get dental care. Dentists and volunteers who can help serve the people are needed.

APPLY ONLINE.



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SERVE THE POOR & DESTITUTE

There are people in our community in need of our help, both through serving them & sharing the gospel! Serve with Families Count and Hope to Home Furnishing Ministry as we reach our community.

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11.12.23

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

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