

## Prayer?

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## Sermon Notes.

**Speaker:** Buster Brown, Senior Pastor

**Message:** Leaders Who Guard the Sacred Deposit of Faith

**Text:** 1 Timothy 3:1, 6-12

*"The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task...  
6He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil.  
7Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.  
8Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. 9They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience.  
10And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. 11Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. 12Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well." 1 Timothy 3:1, 6-12*

*"We want character but without unyielding conviction; we want strong morality, but without the emotional burden of guilt or shame; we want virtue but without particular moral justifications that invariably offend; we want good without having to name evil; we want decency without the moral authority to insist upon it; we want moral community without any limitations to personal freedom. In short, we want what we cannot have on the terms that we want it." Al Mohler, The Conviction to Lead: 25 Principles for Leadership That Matters*

- If our leaders are not passionately driven by right beliefs, we are headed for disaster or listless conformity (to the spirit of the age).
- Our spiritual maturity will never exceed our knowledge of the bible and the ongoing application of Scripture to daily living.

### 1. Humility in leadership is of paramount/ultimate importance.

*"To even get near [humility], even for a moment, is like a drink of cold water to a man in a desert. Do not imagine that if you meet a really humble man he will be what most people call 'humble' nowadays: he will not be a sort of greasy, smarmy person, who is always telling you that, of course, he is nobody. Probably all you will think about him is that he seemed a cheerful, intelligent chap who took a real interest in what you said to him. If you do dislike him it will be because you feel a little envious of anyone who seems to enjoy life so easily. He will not be thinking about humility: he will not be thinking about himself at all." CS Lewis, Mere Christianity, Chapter 8*

### 2. The traits of 1 Timothy 3 are a marked contrast to the attitudes characterizing false teachers. (1 Tim 4:1-5, 6:3-10; 2 Tim 3:1-4; Titus 1:10-16)

### 3. Specific character traits:

- Worthy of respect/serious-minded/character which merits respect/earnestness of purpose/winsome attractiveness.

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## Sermon.

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- Not double-tongued.

*"Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips!" Psalm 141:3*

*"But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your 'yes' be yes and your 'no' be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation." James 5:12*

- Moderation in the area of physical appetites, i.e. wine.
- Not materialistic.
- Holds to the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience. A clear conscience is an inner guide to life which demonstrates obedience to God, as we understand and apply the Scripture.
- If married, a passionate commitment to your spouse.

### QUESTIONS:

1. Why is humility of paramount importance? What marks a humble person?
2. The false teachers were "puffed up with conceit and had an unhealthy craving for controversy" (1 Tim 6:4). Why is that antithetical to leadership which was marked by Jesus' wash basin and towel?
3. What are levels of seriousness? How do we determine what rises to a specific level of seriousness?
4. How do we show moderation in the area of our physical appetites?
5. How do we inflame and build our conscience?
6. How do we show a passionate commitment to our spouse?

*"Whoever despises the word brings destruction on himself, but he who reveres the commandment will be rewarded. The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life, that one may turn away from the snares of death." Proverbs 13:13-14*

*"There is no greater joy than leaving our idols at the cross and walking away freed of those cruel bondages. Expect, welcome, and treasure repentance in yourselves and others. Let Christ break down sloth, lust, pride, coldness, prejudices, despair. He has a great deal of experience cleansing his temples, and you can trust him to overturn in order to fill you with songs of gladness." C. John Miller, The Heart of the Servant Leader, p.63*



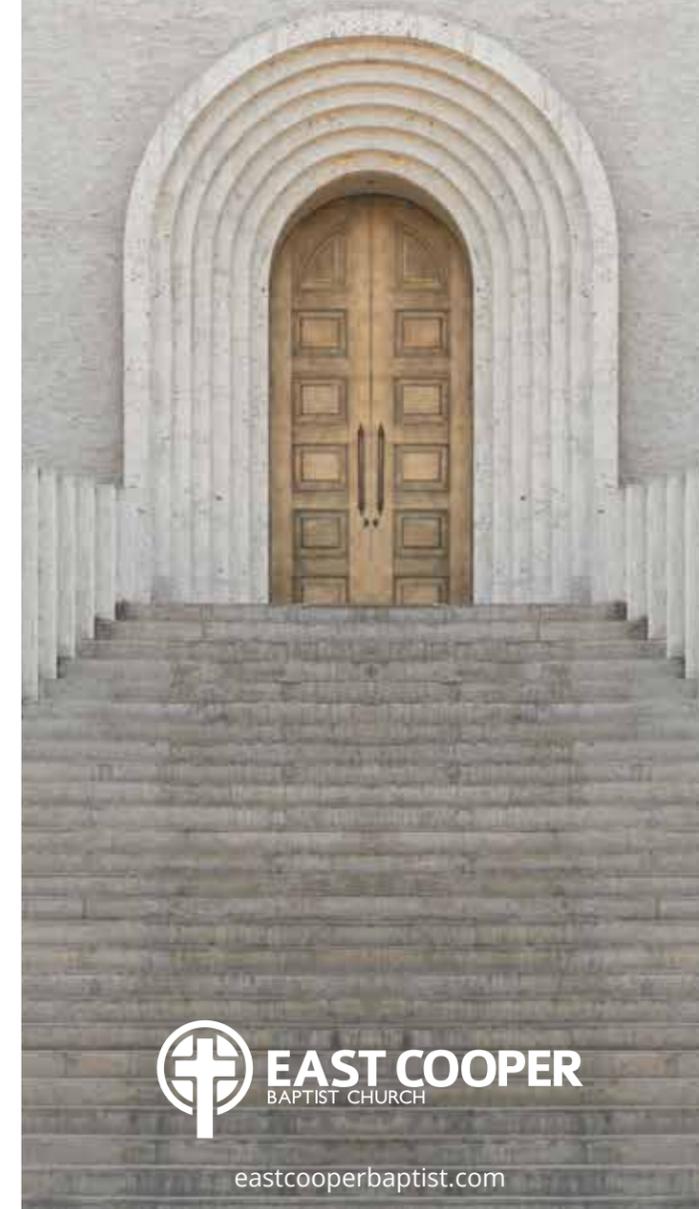
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JULY 17, 2022

# GUARD

## THE SACRED TRUST



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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.

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**Next Week Combined Worship**  
Sanctuary 9:30 & 11:00am  
Overflow available in the Worship Center both hours

## 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.

### Nathan Mansell



#### ELDER ON THE MEN'S TEAM

While on a trip to South Africa in 2007, Nathan understood and truly believed the good news of Jesus that he had been hearing throughout his life. He has attended ECBC since 2007 and has served in the High School Ministry and with the Hot Dog Ministry. In his free time, Nathan enjoys attending sporting events.



## The Institute.

Take A Class Routinely.

**STARTS SEPTEMBER 14**

### - WHAT IS THE INSTITUTE? -

A year-long, intensive discipleship class.

### - WHO IS IT FOR? -

Those who want to immerse themselves in Scripture and theology.

### - WHY JOIN THE INSTITUTE? -

To lay a holistic biblical and theological foundation for your life and equip you for ministry and leadership in the local church.

### - WHAT WILL THE CLASSES LOOK LIKE? -

Weekly classes will be a blend of lectures, small group discussion, and Q&A's.

### - WHEN DOES IT START? -

Wednesday nights, 6:30-8:00pm, starting September 14 in B214.  
Led by Leland Brown and Alan Wilson.

Join Today!

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## Upcoming.

### JULY COMBINED SERVICES

For the month of July we will be having combined services at both hours in alternating venues.

July 24 - Sanctuary  
July 31 - Worship Center

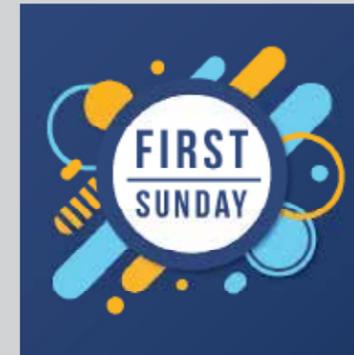
SEE YOU THERE.



### FIRST SUNDAY

Your kid will move to a new classroom starting Sunday, August 7. Classroom Tours will be available July 31 at 12:15pm to help you and your kid prepare.

PLAN TO ATTEND.



### FAMILY SUMMIT

Our 2nd Annual Family Summit will explore what scripture says about building your home, your church, and your life on the foundation of Jesus Christ in the midst of a confused, media-driven culture. August 19 & 20!

REGISTER TODAY.



### SERVE ON THE WELCOME TEAM

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9:30am  11:00am

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