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Sermon Notes.

Speaker: Buster Brown, Senior Pastor
Message: The Shield of Faith and a Place to Stand (with Joy and Resolve)
Text: Ephesians 6:16

"In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one..."
Ephesians 6:16

"³For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. ⁴For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. ⁵We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ..." 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

"¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."
Romans 12:1-2

A WORLDVIEW is a framework from which we view reality and make sense of life and the world.

1. Truth? (historical or personal preference)

"The symbol is very simple: it is the belief that there is nothing finer, profounder, more attractive, more reasonable, more courageous and more perfect than Christ.. I tell myself with jealous love that there cannot be. Even if someone were to prove to me that the truth lay outside Christ, I should prefer to remain with Christ than with the truth."
Doris Dostoyevsky, 1821-1881

"¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied."
The Apostle Paul, 1 Corinthians 15:17-19

2. Creation? (design or cacophony-chaotic mixture)

Design:
"¹Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord! ²Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart..." Psalm 119:1-2
"Sam (Samwise Gamgee) saw a white star twinkle for a while. The beauty of it smote his heart, as he looked up out of the forsaken land, and hope returned to him. For like a shaft, clear and cold, the thought pierced him that in the end the Shadow was only a small and passing thing: there was light and high beauty for ever beyond its reach. ... Now, for a moment, his own fate, and even his master's (Frodo Baggins), ceased to trouble him. He crawled back into the brambles and laid himself by Frodo's side, and putting away all fear he cast himself into a deep untroubled sleep."
J.R.R. Tolkien, *The Return of the King*, pg.901

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Cacophony:

"I have said that in one respect my mind has changed during the last twenty or thirty years. Up to the age of thirty, or beyond it, poetry of many kinds... gave me great pleasure... I have also said that formerly pictures gave me considerable, and music very great delight. But now for many years I cannot endure to read a line of poetry... Music generally sets me thinking too energetically on what I have been at work on, instead of giving me pleasure. I retain some taste for fine scenery, but it does not cause me the exquisite delight which it formerly did." Charles Darwin

3. Mankind (image bearers or the impersonal)

"Man is the special creation of God, made in His own image. He created them male and female as the crowning work of His creation... The sacredness of human personality is evident in that God created man in His own image, and in that Christ died for man; therefore, every person of every race possesses full dignity and is worthy of respect and Christian love."
The Baptist Faith and Message 2000, Article 3

Westminster Larger Catechism, Question 143

Q: Which is the ninth commandment?

A: The ninth commandment is, Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

Westminster Larger Catechism, Question 144

Q: What are the duties required in the ninth commandment?

A: The duties required in the ninth commandment are, the preserving and promoting of truth between man and man, and the good name of our neighbor, as well as our own; appearing and standing for the truth; and from the heart, sincerely, freely, clearly, and fully, speaking the truth, and only the truth, in matters of judgment and justice, and in all other things whatsoever; a charitable esteem of our neighbors; loving, desiring, and rejoicing in their good name; sorrowing for and covering of their infirmities; freely acknowledging of their gifts and graces, defending their innocence; a ready receiving of a good report, and unwillingness to admit of an evil report, concerning them; discouraging talebearers, flatterers, and slanderers; love and care of our own good name, and defending it when need requireth; keeping of lawful promises; studying and practicing of whatsoever things are true, honest, lovely, and of good report.

Resources:

<https://albertmohler.com/the-briefing>

<https://wng.org/podcasts/the-world-and-everything-in-it>

The Rise and Triumph of the Modern Self
by Carl Trueman

Strange New World by Carl Trueman

Truth Rising, 2025

<https://dailydeclaration.org.au/2023/11/28/what-makes-amas-worse-than-the-nazis/>

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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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Next Week: Combined Services
Sanctuary 9:30am & 11:00am
Overflow available in the Worship Center
All classes will continue as normal.

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.



Aslyn Pifer

MIDDLE SCHOOL ASSOCIATE ON STAFF

Aslyn is from Graniteville, SC. At a youth camp with her church, the Lord began to teach Aslyn what it meant to be in relationship with Him. She fully surrendered her life to Jesus at the age of 13. Aslyn joined the ECBC staff in 2024. She is married to Ethan and enjoys cooking and being outside in nature.



Groups.

Connect In a Group Consistently.

Getting connected into a group provides a place to grow in your relationship with Jesus and be encouraged to pursue Him. At East Cooper, we recognize that God created us to be in community with fellow believers and to be a family in our homes and across the generations within our church. We offer many different groups, from age and stage to groups that help you through some of life's most challenging experiences.

COMMUNITY GROUPS - If you are interested in learning more about our Community Groups and how to get connected, please email Sean Alford: seana@eastcooperbaptist.com

GRIEFSHARE - Sundays at 11:00am

GRANDMOTHERS IN PRAYER - Tuesdays at 8:00am

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays at 9:30am

Wednesdays at 6:30pm

Thursdays at 6:30am

DIVORCECARE - Wednesdays at 6:30pm

MAN2MAN - Fridays at 6:20am

RE I ENGAGE - New group starts this August 12
Registration is Now Open

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Upcoming.

COMBINED SERVICES IN THE SANCTUARY

We will have combined services at 9:30 and 11:00am in the Sanctuary on **February 22**. All classes will continue as normal.

SEE YOU THERE.



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CHURCHWIDE FELLOWSHIP

On **February 22**, we will gather for a time of Churchwide Fellowship from 5:00-7:00pm in the Welcome Center. Pizza and chicken will be provided. Register by February 17 to sign up to bring a side or dessert!

REGISTER TODAY.



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CONNECT CAMPS

Connect Camps is a one-week, day camp filled with non-stop fun, engaging activities, daily faith-based lessons, and the chance to make lasting friendships. Runs from **June 8-12**.

REGISTRATION OPENS TODAY.



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ITALY MISSION TRIP

From **June 17-28**, this team will be working with our Italian partners to host a VBS for children in the community. This trip is open to families.

APPLY BY MARCH 1.



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9:30am 11:00am

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