

## 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 2022, please have your giving to the Finance Office by the following times:

**Offering:** Dropped in the giving boxes on or before Sunday, December 25.

**Mail:** Post-marked by USPS by December 31, 2022 (any mail postmarked in 2023 will be credited to 2023).

**Online:** By 11:59 pm on December 31, 2022.

**Hand-delivered:** By 1:00 pm, Thursday, December 22, 2022\*

\*The church offices will be closed between December 23rd and January 2nd 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:** A Staggering (Beginning) and Ending

**Text:** Matthew 6:9-13

*"9Pray then like this: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. 10Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. 11Give us this day our daily bread, 12and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 13And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.'" Matthew 6:9-13*

This is a staggering/astounding statement because the Lord's prayer teaches us that God is supreme and He alone is to be worshiped.

### 1. Kingdom

Q 102: What do we pray for in the second petition?

A: In the second petition (which is, Thy kingdom come) we pray, That Satan's kingdom may be destroyed; and that the kingdom of grace may be advanced, ourselves and others brought into it, and kept in it; and that the kingdom of glory may be hastened.  
**Westminster Shorter Catechism**

### 2. Power

Q 127: What is the sixth petition?

A: And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. That is: In ourselves we are so weak that we cannot stand even for a moment. Moreover, our sworn enemies - the devil, the world, and our own flesh - do not cease to attack us. Wilt Thou, therefore, uphold and strengthen us by the power of Thy Holy Spirit, so that in this spiritual war we may not go down to defeat, but always firmly resist our enemies, until we finally obtain the complete victory.  
**Heidelberg Catechism**

*"The seers shall be disgraced, and the diviners put to shame; they shall all cover their lips, for there is no answer from God." Micah 3:7*

*"For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control." 2 Timothy 1:7*

### 3. Glory

Q 1: What is the chief and highest end of man?

A: Man's chief and highest end is to glorify God, and fully to enjoy him forever. **Heidelberg Catechism**

*"The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work."*

**2 Corinthians 9:6-8**

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## Sermon.

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*"For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account."*

**Hebrews 4:12-13**

*"If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me. If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night,' even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you." Psalm 139:9-12*

*"One resident of Vanity Fair mockingly said to Christian and Faithful, 'what will you buy?' But they, looking gravely upon him, said 'we buy the truth.'" John Bunyan, Pilgrim's Progress*

### 4. Amen

**Amen = "so shall it be!"**

*"In an age of superstition and superficiality, the Lord's Prayer is a beacon of true biblical piety and theologically informed worship. As Christians await the arrival of God's kingdom in its fullness, let us continually return to these words, asking with humble hearts, 'Lord teach us to pray.'" Albert Mohler, The Prayer that Turns the World Upside Down*

*"Therefore David blessed the Lord in the presence of all the assembly. And David said: 'Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all.'" 1 Chronicles 29:10-11*

**Where the Lord is worshiped and honored, there is human flourishing.**

*"Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him! Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack!" Psalm 34:8-9*

### QUESTIONS:

1. What is significant about the fact that the Lord's Prayer is bookended by a desire for the glory/exaltation of God?
2. Why is it important to keep in our understanding that the honoring and glorification of God leads to human flourishing? (How can we rejoice in Jesus being the "door for the sheep" - John 10)
3. Where then is the power to live the Christ-centered life?
4. Why is it important to close this prayer with a firm and heartfelt "Amen!"?

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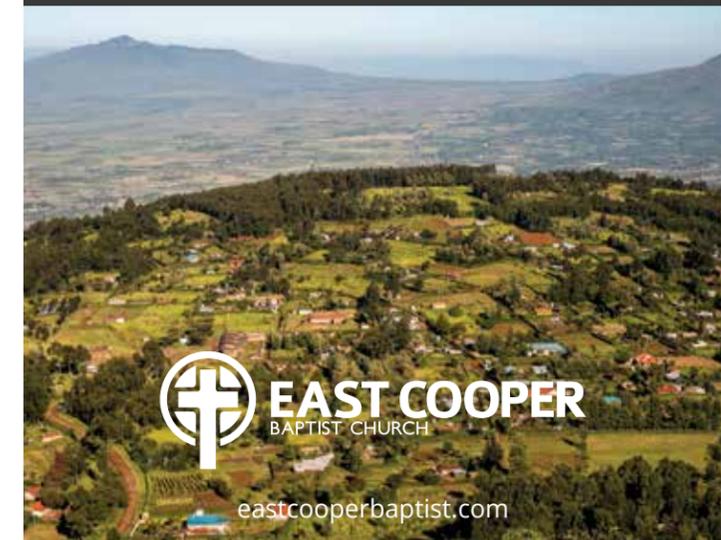
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# Welcome.

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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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.

**Walt Lancaster**



### ELDER ON THE SHEPHERDING TEAM

Walt understood what it meant to truly follow Jesus when he and his wife were invited to a neighbor's Bible study. It was then that he surrendered his life to Christ. Walt has attended ECBC for over 30 years and currently serves at the Welcome Desk on Sunday mornings. He enjoys spending time with his kids and grandkids.

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## Upcoming.

### CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY

Our Christmas Eve services will be held in the Sanctuary at 4:00 & 5:30pm. Our Christmas Day service will be at 11:00am only. Kids of all ages attend services with parents for both days.

**PLAN TO ATTEND.**



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### REFRESH 2023 CLASS

Every January we will be offering Refresh. You will have the opportunity to hear an update on our vision and goals and specific teaching on Spending Your Life Well. This class will be offered at both hours on Sundays and on Wednesday evenings.

**REGISTER ONLINE**



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### WOMEN'S RETREAT

Join us on February 3-5 at Ridgecrest Conference Center near Asheville, NC for a weekend of fellowship, fun, and teaching from our speaker, Courtney Doctor! Registration ends January 3.

**REGISTER TODAY.**



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### JORDAN MISSION TRIP

Join members of the ECBC family as we assist our Christian partners in extending Biblical mercy and Good News to Syrian refugee children and their families. *There will be an info meeting TODAY at 12:15pm in room B224.*

**APPLY ONLINE.**



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## Financial Update.

Giving Year-to-date \$ 1,795,073 (fiscal year:  
Budget Required \$ 1,834,420 August 1, 2022-July 31, 2023)

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