

Prayer?

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



Rose Anderson
Women



Van Barnhill
Men & Local Impact



Danny Beech
Equipping



Leland Brown
Community & Young Adults



Dave Bruner
Global Impact



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Orchestra



Craig Harris
Executive



Dean Henderson
Worship



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Middle School



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Worship



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Campus



Carl Schooling
Pastoral Care



Steve Tuck
Children & Family



JD Zubia
PCA Headmaster

Staff.

Sermon.

Speaker: Buster Brown, Senior Pastor

Message: Called To Endure Suffering

Text: 1 Peter 2:21-25

"For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls." 1 Peter 2:21-25

In 1 Peter, we are told the believer is **called** out of darkness into his wonderful light (by the grace of God) (1 Peter 2:9), **called** to obtain a blessing (1 Peter 3:9), and **called** to eternal glory (1 Peter 5:10). In this section, we are told we are **called** to endure suffering.

How Firm A Foundation

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

Dross=Waste that forms on molten metal.

Why do I have strength in the journey in the midst of suffering?

1. Christ is our m_____ and forerunner.

"Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered." Hebrews 5:8

2. Suffering is i_____ in a less than perfect/fallen world.

Christians in the 1st Century were distinctive because:

- No gladiatorial games.
- No proclamation that Caesar was the ultimate lord or swearing allegiance to him.
- No abortion/infanticide.
- Women were protected and empowered.
- The good gift of sex was seen as that which was exercised only in marriage between a man and a woman.
- Sexual activity outside of marriage was condemned.
- The poor were befriended and cared for.
- All races and classes were mixed together in common worship.
- Christ was proclaimed as the only way to salvation, as opposed to the multiple gods of polytheism.

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3. Abba Father uses suffering to s_____, b_____, and get our attention.

"Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness." James 1:2-3

"Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him." James 1:12

"We can ignore even pleasure. But pain insists upon being attended to. God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains: it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world....No doubt pain as God's megaphone is a terrible instrument; it may lead to final and unrepented rebellion. But it gives the only opportunity the bad man can have for amendment; it removes the veil; it plants the flag of truth within the fortress of the rebel soul." CS Lewis, The Problem of Pain

"In the intoxication of youthful successes I felt myself to be infallible, and I was therefore cruel. In the surfeit of power I was a murderer and an oppressor...it was only when I lay there on rotting prison straw that I sensed within myself the first stirrings of good...that is why I turn back to the years of my imprisonment and say, sometimes to the astonishment of those about me: 'Bless you, Prison!' I nourished my soul there, and I say without hesitation, 'Bless you, Prison, for having been in my life!'" Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, The Gulag Archipelago 1918-1956

4. We walk through difficulties and sufferings as we c_____ e_____ ourselves to the goodness of the Father.
5. We entrust the One who j_____ justly.
6. In our sufferings and hardships, the power of the shepherding Christ and his work upon the cross must always be c_____ in our thinking and living. v. 24-25

ANSWER KEY:

model, inevitable, shape, build, continually, entrust, judges, central

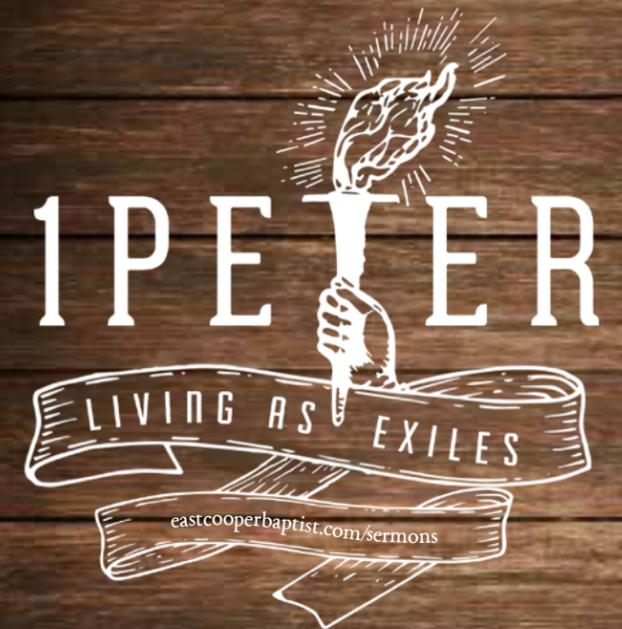
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS CAN BE FOUND ONLINE.



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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 by the Welcome Center following the worship services to say hello and let us answer any questions you may have. Thanks for being our guest.

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Traditional Worship / Sunday equip•u Classes
Sanctuary 9:00a & 10:45a
Contemporary Worship / Sunday equip•u Classes
Worship Center 9:00a & 10:45a



Next Steps.

Attend a Guest Luncheon

Get to know us better at our next Guest Luncheon and see what God has in store for you. You'll meet our pastor and some of our staff and enjoy fellowship with a great meal. Our next free luncheon is **January 12 at 12:15p** in the gym. For more information, please contact Carol at carolw@eastcooperbaptist.com.

Find an equip•u Class

Our equip•u classes are groups that meet before or after the worship services to study the Bible in depth. Visit the Welcome Center to pick up an equip•u guide, or go online to choose from a variety of classes. Register for track classes at eastcooperbaptist.com/classes.

Join a Community Group

An authentic biblical community provides a place where we can grow, learn, and serve as we seek to know Jesus. We have a variety of over 30 open groups from students to adults. Please go online today to locate a group near you. eastcooperbaptist.com/groups

Become a Member

Register online for our upcoming New Members Class on Saturday, **January 25**. This class is a basic introduction to our church family and is a requirement for joining the church. We designed this class to clearly explain what we believe at East Cooper Baptist.

Serve in equip•them

Equip•them is the serving arm for Sunday morning ministries. We have nearly 600 opportunities to serve. Some needs require 15 minutes before the service; others may require the whole equipping hour. eastcooperbaptist.com/serve

Childcare.



We have a safe and loving environment for your children where they can learn about God. Please take advantage of our nursery for children up to age three during the worship services. Our ushers are ready to assist you.



This Week.

For detailed information, please go online.

SUN

NOV 3

equip•u Classes
9:00a & 10:45a
Baptism
During 9:00a & 10:45a services
GriefShare
10:45a-12:15p B227

TUE

NOV 5

Women's Bible Study
9:30-11:30a Worship Center
Worship Band Rehearsal
6:30-8:30p Worship Center
Prayer & Fasting
6:30-7:00p Welcome Center

WED

NOV 6

Children's Choir (WAM)
6:30-8:00p A-Wing Classrooms
Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal
6:30-8:00p D203 Choir Room
MSM T4:12
6:00-8:00p Gym
Women's Bible Study
6:30-8:00p B217/218/219
DivorceCare
6:30-8:00p B221

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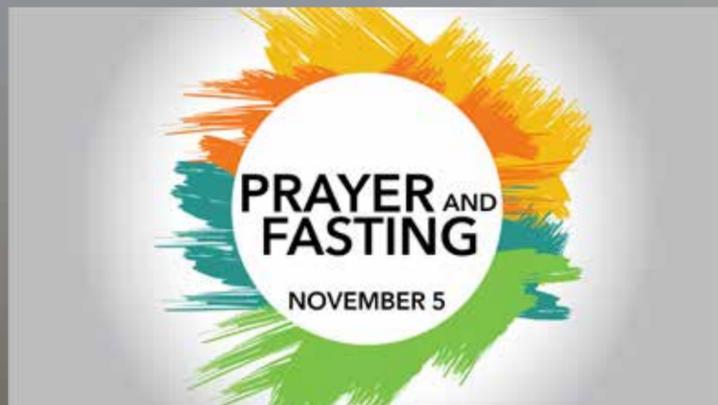
NOV 7

Women's Morning Devotional
6:30-7:30a Welcome Center
Women's Bible Study
9:30-11:30a D-Wing Choir Room
Re|engage
6:30-8:30p D-Wing Choir Room

FRI

NOV 8

Man2Man
6:20-7:30a Gym
AWARE Conference
6:00-8:00p Worship Center



Buster is calling the church to a day of prayer and fasting from dinner on Monday night to dinner on Tuesday night. We will conclude this time by praying together at 6:30p in the Welcome Center. See you there!



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Upcoming.

For detailed event information, please go online.

NOV 7 Re|engage is a marriage enrichment program. Marriages in any condition can benefit. This program will be moving from Monday nights to Thursday nights beginning Thursday, Nov 7 from 6:30-8:30p. No meeting Monday, Nov 4. **MORE INFO ONLINE.**



NOV 8 Join us from 6:00-8:00p as we host several healthcare professionals from our church who are able to provide great counsel and direction to anybody with an aging parent. **REGISTER ONLINE.**



NOV 12 All women are invited to this encouraging event to grow closer to the Lord and get to know each other better. We will have dessert, coffee/tea, and time for connecting with each other. Childcare is available by registration only. **REGISTER ONLINE.**



NOV 17-24 Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes and the good news of God's love. Bring your filled shoe boxes to the Welcome Center Nov 17-24.



JAN 10-12 Join us for this year's Women's Retreat. Speaker Mary Willson (along with Kelsie Ellison) will be teaching us about how our God is faithful to provide all that we need. **REGISTER ONLINE.**



MAR 13-22 Volunteers will teach conversational English and the Christian worldview to small groups. No prior teaching experience needed. Deadline to apply is Jan 1. **APPLY ONLINE.**



APR 2-10 Our pastoral staff will provide preaching and teaching to the adults. Volunteers will minister to the children of our global partners by teaching Bible stories, singing, and hanging out with the team. Deadline is Jan 8. **APPLY ONLINE.**



Financial Update.

Giving Year-to-date \$ 1,416,947
Ministry Expenses \$ 1,326,783
(fiscal year August 1, 2019-July 31, 2020)

NEW TO ECBC?
After the service, stop by the Welcome Center.

Please complete the perforated section and place in the offering plate or bring by the Welcome Center.

Hello.

11.3.19

If you're here for the first time, please come by our Welcome Center and say hello. We'd love to answer any questions and say thanks for being our special guest today.

I/We attended worship at:

9:00a 10:45a

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

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- Become a Christian
- Join the Church
- Request a personal visit
- Subscribe to newsletter
- Join a Community Group
- Other