

## 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:** The Glorious Rule of the Shepherding Messiah

**Text:** Micah 3:11-4:5, Micah 5:2-5a

The Situation in Jerusalem was bleak in 700 B.C. The northern kingdom fell in 722 and now Micah brings a message that judgment will fall upon the southern kingdom (Jerusalem). But the prophets' eagle eye of faith saw beyond the destruction of the holy city to the phoenix-like resurrection of the kingdom of God in the coming Messianic Age.

*"11Its HEADS give judgment for a bribe; its PRIESTS teach for a price; its PROPHETS practice divination for money; yet they lean on the Lord and say, 'Is not the Lord in the midst of us? No disaster shall come upon us.' 12Therefore because of you Zion shall be plowed as a field; Jerusalem shall become a heap of ruins, and the mountain of the house a wooded height.*

*1It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and it shall be lifted up above the hills; and peoples shall flow to it, 2and many nations shall come, and say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. 3He shall judge between many peoples, and shall decide disputes for strong nations far away; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore; 4but they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree, and no one shall make them afraid, for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken. 5For all the peoples walk each in the name of its god, but we will walk in the name of the Lord our God forever and ever." Micah 3:11-4:5*

- 1. The glorious promise regarding the kingdom** (Micah 4:1-2)
- 2. The results that come from the rule of Messiah King**
  - The kingdom of God is established as supreme. (vs 1b-2)
  - The nations will be wonderfully taught. (vs 1b-2)
  - God's people will be taught and will walk in His paths. (Psalm 25:10, 65:11; Proverbs 3:17)
  - The Messiah King shall judge between many people. (Hebrews 4:12)
  - The personal enjoyment of peace with national ramifications (vs 3b-4) **(This flourishing involves a sense of peace and contentment)**
- 3. How will this empowering and future glory be accomplished?** (Micah 5:2-5a)

*"But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall*

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*give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall STAND and SHEPHERD his flock in the STRENGTH of the Lord, in the MAJESTY of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall DWELL SECURE, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. And he shall be their peace." Micah 5:2-5a*

The greatest need in the church today is for the people of God to be awakened to the majesty, power, and glory that is found in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Q 55: How does Christ intercede?

A: Christ intercedes by continually appearing in our human nature before the Father in heaven. There he makes his will clear that his own merit of obedience and sacrifice on earth be applied to all believers; he answers all the accusations against believers and makes sure they have peace of conscience, in spite of their daily failing; and he welcomes them without hesitation to the throne of grace and accepts who they are and what they do for him. **Larger Catechism**

Q 46: What do you confess when you say, He ascended into heaven?

A: That Christ, before the eyes of His disciples, was taken up from the earth into heaven, and that He is there for our benefit until He comes again to judge the living and the dead. **Heidelberg Catechism**

*"And what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might and he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places," Ephesians 1:19-20*

### QUESTIONS:

1. What does the following concept mean, "because of the work of the resurrection and ascension of Jesus we live in the already...but not yet"?
2. What is the difference between real, and substantial change (which is ongoing by the power of the Holy Spirit) and the concept of utopian perfectionism (that can only be found in Heaven)?
3. Why is the wall display outside of the United Nations regarding Isaiah 2:4 an example of taking scripture out of context? How will that promise from the book of Isaiah be accomplished?
4. What does this prayer mean? "Abba Father, by your grace and power, bring more and more of your kingly rule into my life. May the 'already nature of your kingdom' be more and more pronounced by the power of your Holy Spirit."



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DECEMBER 11, 2022



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CHURCH GOAL: \$600,000



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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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**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](http://eastcooperbaptist.com/give).



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

## Get to Know.

**Nick DeGroot**



### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT ON STAFF

Nick is from Orange City, Iowa. After hearing the gospel from his mom when he was nine, Nick understood his need for Jesus and accepted Christ as his Savior. He joined the ECBC staff in 2014. Nick is married to Jen and they have a son, Jackson. Nick has been a Nebraska football fan since he was ten years old.

# refresh

SPENDING YOUR LIFE WELL  
4 week series beginning in January

Refresh is a new yearly class launching in 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 2023 will be about Spending Your Life Well, and will focus on Scripture's counter intuitive vision for the good life and apply this vision in practical ways. We're asking all of our church members to commit to attending this class.

Classes start January 8 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  
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## Upcoming.

### LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

100% of your gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering support International Mission Board (IMB) missionaries. Please pray about giving this holiday season.



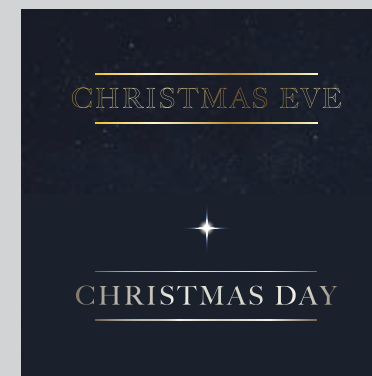
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### CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY

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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### MISSION TRIPS INFO MEETING

Are you interested in going on a short term trip this year? Come join us as we share about what trip opportunities are available and how you can participate! Meets Sunday, January 15 at 12:15pm in room B214 & 215.



SEE YOU THERE.

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### CENTRAL ASIA MISSION TRIP

Join a team traveling to Central Asia for 10 days. This team will be visiting one of our global partners, helping teach medical classes, and evangelizing to the local people.



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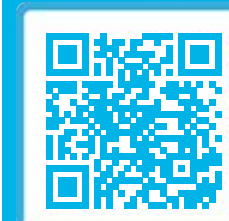
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12.11.22

## 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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Spouse

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Spouse Birthdate

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