Prayer?

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



Staff.

Sermon.

 Speaker: Buster Brown, Senior Pastor
Message: Placing Yourself in the Path of Blessings/ Happiness (?)
Text: Psalm 51:12, Psalm 40:1-5

"¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit." **Psalm 51:12**

"¹I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry. ²He drew me up from the pit of destruction,out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. ³He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord. ⁴Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust,who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie! ⁵You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you. I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told." **Psalm 40:1-5**

Waiting patiently for the Lord: The Psalmist cries out, *"Create in me a clean heart, O God."* Psalm 51:10a and sustain (to gather, to be supported by leaning upon) with a willing, ready to respond spirit (Psalm 51:12b).

And, waiting patiently we look to the strength and empowerment of the triune God. In Psalm 40, the writer waits patiently upon the Lord and places himself in the path of blessing.

PLACING SELF IN THE PATH OF BLESSING/HAPPINESS

- I. Remember and rejoice
- 1. He inclined to me and heard my cry (He graciously stooped down and listened).
- 2. He drew me out of the pit of despair and destruction.
- 3. He set my feet upon a rock AND made my steps secure.
- 4. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to the Lord.
- Note the link between a thankful heart and infectious enthusiasm. (v.3b and Psalm 51:13)
- II. Stop and ponder life choices in light of the goodness of the Lord (vv. 4-5)

We constantly stand at a crossroads. "Thus says the Lord: 'Stand by the roads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls."" Jeremiah 6:16



"A cow cannot be very good or very bad; a dog can be both better and worse; a child, better and worse still; a person, still more so; a person of genius, still more so; a superhuman spirit best -or worst- of all." CS Lewis, Mere Christianity

"Each new generation; and each new person, reaps what others have sown and then sews what others will reap. This is true not only of goodness, but also of evil, which each generation not only receives, but also ratifies by its own sin... The glory of God's good creation has not been obliterated by the tragedy of fall into sin, but it has been deeply shadowed by it. The history of our race is, in large part, the interplay of this light and shadow." **Cornealius Plantinga, Jr.**, Engaging God's World, p.53

WE WAIT PATIENTLY: Create in me a clean heart, O God. (Psalm 51:10a)...Sustain (to gather, support by leaning upon) me with a willing, ready to respond spirit. (Psalm 51:12b)

QUESTIONS:

- 1. What does it mean to place yourself in the path of blessing, and to wait patiently for the mercy of the Lord?
- 2. How has the Lord saved you from the pit of destruction (places we have been or could have gone)?
- 3. Do you agree that the devil has a hatred of Christhonoring music? Why?
- 4. In Psalm 40:1-3a, how is the individual a walking communique regarding the mercy of Christ as observed by the watching world? (Matthew 5:16)
- 5. What are some of the lies that the proud (those who dismiss God or rage against him) believe?
- 6. How has the Father performed many wonders for you? (v.5a)

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Are you interested in helping out in Children's Ministry? If so, we would love to help you use your gifts to serve the church. Email Crystal at crystalc@eastcooperbaptist.com to sign up.





Sunday Morning equip•u Classes

1. Revelation explores the final book of the New Testament. This class is taught by Ray Nash and meets in B214 at 9:30a.

- **2. Philosophy & Worldview** shows us how Christian's view and understand life's "big questions." Taught by Scott Gardner and meets in B221 at 11:00a.
- 3. Our **Membership Class** will help you learn what it means to become a member of ECBC. Taught by Leland Brown and meets in B214 at 11:00a.

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Over the summer, from June 6 - July 25, classes for birth-K5 will be offered at the 11:00a service hour only. We encourage children to worship with their parents at 9:30a and then age specific classes will be held at 11:00a.

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Middle school students meet in B217, 218, & 219 at 11:00a. High school students meet in the Annex at 11:00a.

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VBS FAMILY NIGHT

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SEE YOU THERE.

FRIENDS MINISTRY VBS

A special Treasured VBS, on location at ECBC for our Friends Ministry from June 21-25. Register by June 16th to be a part of this wonderful week of fellowship and fun.



REGISTER ONLINE.

LIFELINE FOSTER CARE INFO MEETING

During this info meeting, you'll hear directly from members of the Lifeline staff about the heart of Lifeline's ministry, along with a general overview of our programs and the adoption process. June 30 at 12:00pm. REGISTER ONLINE.



FIRST THURSDAY

On the first Thursday of every month, our Young Adult group meets in the Annex for a time of community with each other and teaching from Leland. Our next one is on July 1, 6:30-8:00pm.



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