

# Prayer?

Please list your prayer requests and/or names with detailed info of people in need. Thank you!

Name

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# Sermon.

**Speaker:** Buster Brown

**Today's Message:** Substance vs. Shadow; Joy vs. Bondage

**Today's Text:** Colossians 1:17-2:4

*"To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me. For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments."* **Colossians 1:27-2:4**

*"See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority."* **Colossians 2:8-10**

*"Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ."* **Colossians 2:16-17**

*"Unless I am convinced by the testimony of the Holy Scriptures or by evident reason — for I can believe neither pope nor councils alone, as it is clear that they have erred repeatedly and contradicted themselves — I consider myself convicted by the testimony of Holy Scripture, which is my basis; my conscience is captive to the Word of God. Thus I cannot and will not recant, because acting against one's conscience is neither safe nor sound. God help me. Amen."* **Martin Luther, Diet of Worms**

*"We reaffirm the inerrant Scripture to be the sole source of written divine revelation, which alone can bind the conscience. The Bible alone teaches all that is necessary for our salvation from sin and is the standard by which all Christian behavior must be measured. We deny that any creed, council or individual may bind a Christian's conscience, that the Holy Spirit speaks independently of or contrary to what is set forth in the Bible, or that personal spiritual experience can ever be a vehicle of revelation."* **Cambridge Declaration**

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# Sermon.

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*"The whole counsel of God, concerning all things necessary for his own glory, man's salvation, faith, and life, is either expressly set down in scripture, or by good and necessary consequence may be deduced from scripture: unto which nothing at any time is to be added, whether by new revelations of the Spirit, or traditions of men."*

**Westminster Confession of Faith**

**Warning:** We live in a world of spiritual conflict which involves well-crafted arguments by the adversary (Col. 2:4)

**Apostolic Response:** Toil, struggling with enormous energy for the well being of the church

**Plan of Action:** Glory in Christ "in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (Col. 2:3)

**Warning:** Some advocate a belief system of "high sounding nonsense" and "magic incantations"

**Apostolic Response:** See to it that no one takes you captive (Col. 2:8)

**Plan of Action:** Glory in Christ "in whom the fullness of the deity dwells bodily" (Col. 2:9)

**Warning:** There are those who base right standing with God on rule keeping or mystical experiences with angels

**Apostolic Response:** Do not let people pass judgment on your diet regulations and special days or let them rob you of the joy of the Cross

**Plan of Action:** Glory in Christ by holding fast to him (Col. 2:19)

*"Paul strongly forbade the Colossian Christians to come under these regulations. Such things may appear spiritual, but spiritual life is a matter of relationship with Christ and the heart's commitment to him. To consider these matters as necessary to the Christian life would undermine the work of Jesus. If human effort is effective, the work of God is unnecessary."* **The New American Commentary**

**Questions for Discussion:**

1. What are some examples of "embracing shadows" versus rejoicing in the reality of Christ?
2. Why should you consider naming your new labrador retriever "Alone"?
3. What happened to the joy of the church in Galatians 4:15?
4. How do we toil and struggle with the energy of Christ? (Colossians 1:28-29)
5. Why is a rule-based faith incredibly self-defeating?



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

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**Traditional Worship / Sunday Bible Classes**  
Sanctuary 9:00a & 10:45a

**Contemporary Worship / Sunday Bible Classes**  
Worship Center 9:00a & 10:45a

## Next Steps.

### 1. Attend a Next Steps Luncheon

Come explore the journey God has for you here at our Next Steps Luncheon. This is a time to learn more about the church, the benefits of being part of a Community Group, Sunday Morning Bible Classes, and becoming an active member. Join our pastors, their wives, and our staff for a free lunch **July 16, 2017**, at 12:30p in the Gym and see what God has in store for you.

### 2. Find a Sunday Morning Bible Class

Our Sunday Morning Bible Classes are groups that meet before or after the worship services to study and discuss the Bible in depth. Visit the Welcome Center or go online to choose from a variety of classes.

### 3. 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 60 groups from students to adults. Please go online today to locate a group for you.

### 4. Become a Member

Sign up online for our upcoming New Members Class on **August 11 & 12, 2017**. This class is a basic introduction to our church family. We designed this class to clearly explain what we at East Cooper Baptist Church believe.

### 5. Serve in a Ministry

Explore all the ministry opportunities within the church and in our local community by going online at [eastcooperbaptist.com/serve](http://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

MAY 21

Sunday Morning Bible Classes  
9:00a & 10:45a  
Czech Republic Team Meeting  
12:30p B214  
HSM Mission Trip Meeting  
12:30p Annex  
Ocean Baptism  
4:00p IOP County Park  
College Community Group  
6:00p Van's Home

MON

MAY 22

Reengage Marriage Program  
6:30-8:30p Choir Room D-wing

TUE

MAY 23

Worship Band Rehearsal  
6:30p Worship Center

WED

MAY 24

Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal  
6:30-8:00p Choir Room

FRI

MAY 26

PCA Graduation  
6:00p Worship Center

## THIS MONTH: FOSTER AND ADOPTION

FEATURED MINISTRIES

Throughout the month of May, we are featuring all of our local ministries in the area of foster and adoption. This includes ministries helping with prevention, intervention, and restoration. In the Welcome Center, you can find information on ministries we partner with like:



Our Foster and Adoption Ministry can provide you with information about how you can come alongside families who are fostering or who have adopted.

**YOUR COFFEE DONATIONS HELP TO SUPPORT THIS MINISTRY.**



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## Upcoming Events.

For detailed event information please go online.

**TODAY** Make plans to come out to the Isle of Palms County Park at 4p to support those who are taking their next step in believers baptism. Mention you are with East Cooper Baptist Church to pay \$7 to park. **SEE YOU THERE**



**TODAY** Registration is **NOW OPEN** for VBS! Choose from two weeks: June 12-16 or June 19-23. VBS starts on Monday with Family Night at 6:30p, then continues Tuesday-Friday from 9:00a-12:15p. **REGISTER TODAY**



**TODAY** All college students in town for the summer are invited to attend the College Community Group meeting at Van's house at 6:00p. This will be a great time to meet other college students and be a part of a community group this summer. **PLAN TO ATTEND**



**JOIN ANY MONDAY** Reengage is a marriage enrichment program. Marriages in any condition can benefit—whether you are struggling to get along, your marriage is broken, or you simply want to grow closer together as a couple. **REGISTER TODAY**



**JUN 3** All Young Adults are invited to a night of dinner, games, and fellowship. This is a great way to get to know others in our Young Adult Ministry. Email [carolw@eastcooperbaptist.com](mailto:carolw@eastcooperbaptist.com) if you have questions. Annex, 6:30p.



**JUN 4** We give our regular children's ministry volunteers some time off in the summer to recharge and rest from a great year of teaching our children. Therefore, the children's ministry needs your help with Summer Sundays! **REGISTER TODAY**



**JUN 7** MSM Girl's Beach Bible Study begins. Come out to the IOP Beach House every Wednesday this summer from 12:30-3:00p for a time of fellowship and studying God's word.



**JUN 13** All high school students are invited to bring their Bibles and money for breakfast as we enjoy a time of fellowship, Bible study, and discussion together. We will meet every Tuesday at the Chick-fil-A near the bridge (1024 Johnnie Dodds Blvd, Mt. Pleasant) from 9:30-11:00a.



# 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.

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## Hello.

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:

9:00am  10:45am

I am a first time guest

Name

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Birthdate

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Mobile

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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