

Pray.

Please keep the following men and their families in prayer as they prepare to begin new terms on August 1:

NEW ELDERS

Doug Musgrave
Jonathan Jellema
Bill Watson, Jr.

NEW DEACONS

Bobby Bender
J.R. Caldwell
Rick Clanton*
Josh Clements
Tom Edewaard
Dale Good
Andrew Jones
Justin Kaldenbach
Bryan Kizer
Brian McElreath
Ted Melchers IV
Tony Poston
Mark Renau
Todd Rushing
Tim Squire
Lincoln Weathersby*
*previously ordained deacon

NOTE: ECBC MEMBERS please approve of this list or let us know if you have any questions or concerns over any of these men on today's tear-off.

ELDER & DEACON APPROVAL:
Please sign name below:

____ I approve the slate of men listed to serve a new term beginning August 1.

____ I have a concern over one (or more) of the men listed—please contact me.

Signature

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Elders.



John Graham
Elder Chairman



Jeff Armfield
Eddie Bostic
Scott Broome



Buster Brown
Kenny Caldwell
Taso Chakeris



Clint Cole
Joe Diamond
Mike Dorrity



Troy Draughn
Daniel Dukes
Mark Fitts



Rick Gwinn
David Kornegay
Burke Lee



Josh Malone
Nathan Mansell
Robert McCants IV



Ted Melchers
Bob Nagy
Mark Nelson



Frank Pettersen
Ned Rupp
Derek Walden



Bobby Weaver
Mike Weeks
Bill Wilson

Sermon.

Speaker: Buster Brown
Today's Message: Disarmed, Shamed, and Mortally Wounded
Today's Text: Colossians 2:13-15

"And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him."
Colossians 2:13-15

Spiritual warfare is the daily battle against a mortally wounded enemy who tirelessly works to destroy believers.

"We have been forewarned that an enemy relentlessly threatens us, an enemy who is the very embodiment of rash boldness, of military prowess, of crafty wiles, of untiring zeal and haste, of every conceivable weapon and of skill in the science of warfare. We must, then, bend our every effort to this goal: that we should not let ourselves be overwhelmed by carelessness or faintheartedness, but on the contrary, with courage rekindled, stand our ground in combat. Since this military service ends only at death, let us urge ourselves to perseverance. Indeed, conscious of our weakness and ignorance, let us especially call upon God's help, relying upon him alone in whatever we attempt, since it is he alone who can supply us with counsel and strength, courage and armor."
John Calvin, *Institutes of Christian Religion*, I-14-13

1. We operate from a position of authority and strength because of the obedience and atonement of Jesus Christ

"Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world." 1 John 4:4

"Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out." John 12:31

"He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." Colossians 1:13-14

"Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery." Hebrews 2:14-15

"Or how can someone enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? Then indeed he may plunder his house." Matthew 12:29

"And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, we will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us; The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him; His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure, one little word shall fell him."
A *Mighty Fortress is Our God*, Martin Luther

2. A (true/regenerate) Christian cannot be possessed by a demon, but can be severely oppressed by demonic activity

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Sermon.

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"For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?" Romans 7:22-24

3. Repentance restores and authenticates my faith

"They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us." 1 John 2:19

"No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God." 1 John 3:9



"Are your strength and courage so small? Don't be afraid of the lions since they are in fact chained; they are there for the purpose of testing your faith at this point in your journey, as well as the discovery of those who have no faith."

John Bunyan, *Pilgrims Promise*, Watchful to Pilgrim as he approached Palace Beautiful

Questions for discussion:

1. How can we be in error by: a) understating the supernatural or b) overstating the supernatural?
2. Why does a lack of understanding of the authority and conquering power of the Lord potentially lead to dualism?
3. How is the devil "mortally wounded"? (note the death of the python snake in Indonesia)
4. Read Matthew 12:29, how has the strong man (i.e. Satan) been bound?
5. What is the "one little word that will fell" Satan from Luther's hymn "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"?
6. What could lead a Christian to be severely oppressed by demonic activity?
7. How does repentance authenticate the truth of our standing in Christ?



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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 Bible Classes
Sanctuary 9:00a & 10:45a

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

Next Steps.

1. 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 **TODAY** at 12:30p in the Gym. If you cannot attend but would like more information, please contact carolw@eastcooperbaptist.com.

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 from our summer offerings.

4. Become a Member

Sign up online for our upcoming New Members Class on **August 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.

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

JUL 16

Sunday Morning Bible Classes
9:00a & 10:45a
Guest Luncheon
12:30p Gym
Crosswalk Hangtime
12:15p Gym
HSM Movie Night
5:30p Annex
College Community Group
6:00-8:00p

MON

JUL 17

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

TUE

JUL 18

HSM Bible Study
9:30-11:00a Chick-Fil-A Johnnie Dodds
Women's Summer Bible Study
9:30-11:30a Worship Center
Worship Band Rehearsal
6:30p Worship Center

WED

JUL 19

MSM Girls' Bible Study
12:30-3:00p IOP Beach House
MSM Boys' Bible Study
1:00-3:00p Annex
Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal
6:30-8:00p Choir Room

PRISON & TRANSITION

FEATURED MINISTRY FOR JULY

Throughout the month of July, we are featuring all of our local ministries that help with prison & transition. For example, the High Touch Ministry focuses on enrolling state correctional and county detention center inmates in a fifteen-month, seven-series correspondence Bible study.

Stop by the kiosk in the Welcome Center for more information.



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Upcoming Events.

For detailed event information please go online.

TODAY Get to know us better at our Guest Luncheon and see what God has in store for you. You'll meet our senior pastor and some of our staff, and enjoy fellowship with a great meal. Our next free luncheon is **TODAY** at 12:30p in the Gym.



TODAY Are you thinking of leading a Community Group? Fall CG meetings resume Sept 17th and CG leader training will be held in August. To apply and attend a training session, go online and complete the leader form or for more information contact Carol at carolw@eastcooperbaptist.com.



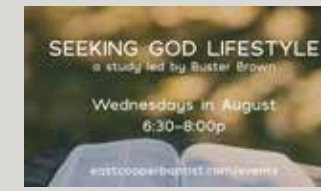
JUL 18 All women are invited to the summer study of *Finding I Am: How Jesus Fully Satisfies the Cry of Your Heart* by Lysa TerKeurst. Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30a, until August 8. Limited childcare is available. **REGISTER TODAY**



JUL 30 All young adults are invited to Sunday lunch after church at Danny and Lauren Beech's! This will be a great time to meet other young adults. For more information contact Carol at carolw@eastcooperbaptist.com.



AUG 2 Join Buster as he leads the study, "Seeking God Lifestyle" every Wednesday from Aug 2-Aug 30 from 6:30-8:00p. Cost is \$20 and childcare is provided with your registration. Study is open to first 40 registrants. **REGISTER ONLINE**



AUG 4-6 All rising 9th grade students are invited to Operation Freshman! This is a retreat led by the rising 12th grade students that is specifically designed to help students transition into high school and into the High School Ministry of ECBC. For more info please contact larkinj@eastcooperbaptist.com.



AUG 12 In this class, you will learn more about what we believe as a church, ways that you can be more involved, and how you can become a member. This is a great way to get to know other people at ECBC. Childcare is available. **REGISTER TODAY**



AUG 19 The 6th Annual R(un) for One 5K and 1 mile Fun R(un) is an event for the whole family! There will be great food, music, and activities. The proceeds will go to benefit Lifeline Children's Services (un)adopted Ministry. **REGISTER ONLINE**



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

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