

Prayer?

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

Name

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Sermon.

Speaker: Buster Brown

Today's Message: Hold Fast to Christ

Today's Text: Colossians 2:16-19

"Therefore let no one PASS JUDGEMENT 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. Let no one DISQUALIFY YOU, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God." Colossians 2:16-19



*"Therefore," verse 16, in light of your union with Christ and the glorious reality of what he has done for you on the cross...

*Let no one pass judgment on you... "these are a shadow of the things to come but the substance belongs to Christ." For these rules are only shadows of the reality yet to come. And Christ himself is the reality, verse 17.

"Besides this law, commonly called moral, God was pleased to give to the people of Israel, as a church under age, ceremonial laws, containing several typical ordinances, partly of worship, prefiguring Christ, His graces, actions, sufferings, and benefits; and partly, holding forth divers instructions of moral duties. All which ceremonial laws are now abrogated, under the New Testament."
Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 19, Article 3

"For since the law is but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near." Hebrews 10:1

*Let no one disqualify you (sideline, take away your joy and usefulness).

1. Asceticism or supra-biblical rules regarding self-denial.
2. The worship of angels (as intermediaries between a fallen creation and the undefinable but pure Eternal Being).
3. Visions (not anchored in Christ or the apostolic revelation).
4. Arrogance regarding your special standing.

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Sermon.

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"We must not think Pride is something God forbids because He is offended at it, or that Humility is something He demands as due to His own dignity-as if God Himself was proud. He is not in the least worried about His dignity. The point is, He wants you to know Him: wants to give you Himself. And He and you are two things of such a kind that if you really get into any kind of touch with Him you will, in fact, be humble-delightedly humble, feeling the infinite relief of having for once got rid of all the silly nonsense about your own dignity which has made you restless and unhappy all your life. He is trying to make you humble in order to make this moment possible: trying to take off a lot of silly, ugly, fancy-dress in which we have all got ourselves up and are strutting about like the little idiots we are. I wish I had got a bit further with humility myself: if I had, I could probably tell you more about the relief, the comfort, of taking the fancy-dress off-getting rid of the false self, with all its "Look at me" and "Aren't I a good boy?" and all its posing and posturing. To get even near it, even for a moment, is like a drink of cold water to a man in a desert." C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

1-4 = "not holding fast to the Head."

*The promise: Christ nourishes and knits together the whole body of Christ with a supernatural Spirit empowered growth that comes from God.

Questions for Discussion:

1. What does the "therefore" of verse 16 refer to?
2. How is the Old Testament sacrificial system a shadow of the ultimate reality of Christ?
3. How can we be disqualified or sidelined or joyless or lose our usefulness?
4. What is the end result of tenaciously holding fast to the reality of Christ?

Biblical verses to meditate on and memorize for the month of October:

"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast." Ephesians 2:8-9

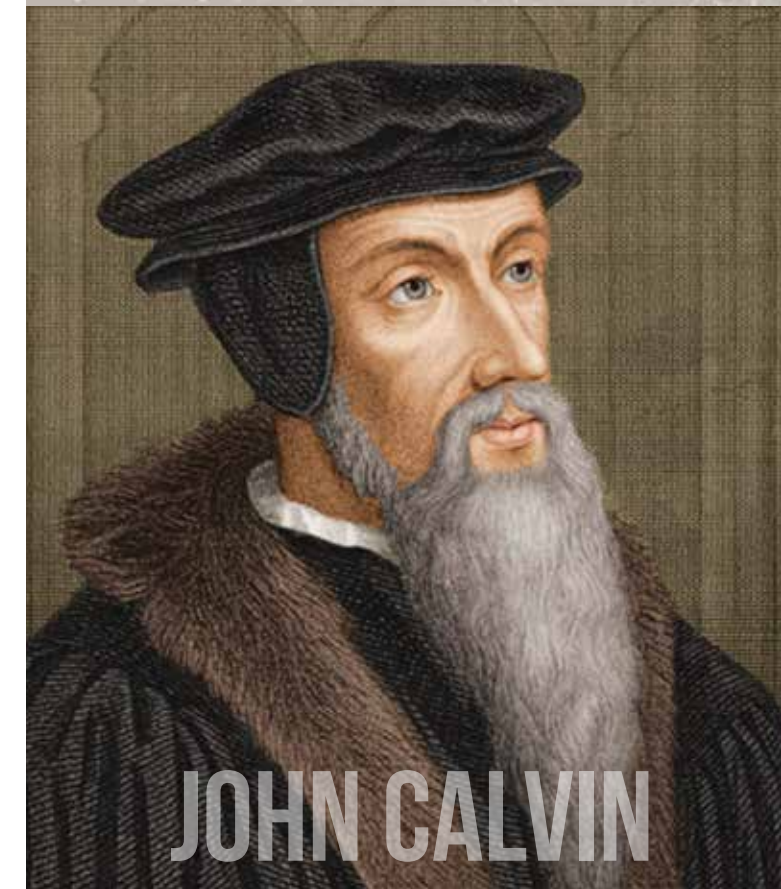
"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." Romans 12:2



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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 / Equip•U Classes
Sanctuary 9:00a & 10:45a

Contemporary Worship / Equip•U 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** in the Gym. Join us! Contact Carol at carolw@eastcooperbaptist.com for information on our next one.

2. Find an equip•u Class

Our equip•u classes are groups that meet at 9:00am or 10:45am to study the Bible in depth. Visit the Welcome Center to pickup an equip•u guide or go online to choose from a variety of classes. Register for track classes at eastcooperbaptist.com/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 30 open groups from students to adults. Please go online today to locate a group near you.

4. Become a Member

Sign up online for our upcoming New Members Class on **October 21, 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 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. Visit eastcooperbaptist.com/serve for opportunities.

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

OCT 8

Equip•u Classes
9:00a & 10:45a
Guest Luncheon
12:30p Gym
High School D-Groups
5:00-7:00p Off Campus

MON

OCT 9

Reengage Marriage Program
6:30-8:30p Choir Room D-Wing
Families Count Class
6:00-9:00p Annex

TUE

OCT 10

Womens Bible Study
9:30-11:30a Worship Center
Worship Band Rehearsal
6:30p Worship Center

WED

OCT 11

Primetime Adults Lunch & Learn
12:00p Multipurpose Room
WAM
5:30-6:30p A-Wing Classrooms
Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal
6:30-8:00p Choir Room
MSM T4:12
6:30-8:00p Gym
Womens Bible Study
6:30-8:00p B218/219

THU

OCT 12

Womens Bible Study
9:00-11:30a Choir Room D-Wing
Men's Hike
Oct 12-15, NC Mountains
Young Adults Connect
7:00p Annex

FRI

OCT 13

Man2Man
6:20a Gym

THIS MONTH: COMMUNITY OUTREACH

FEATURED MINISTRIES

Throughout the month of October we are featuring all of our local ministries in the area of helping those in need in our community. This includes ministries helping with the homeless and people or families in crisis situations. Stop by the kiosk in the Welcome Center to find information on ministries like:



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Upcoming Events.

For detailed event information please go online.

TODAY If you're new and visiting us today we want to invite you to a Guest Luncheon. At this lunch you'll meet some of our pastors, staff, and other church members! It's a great place to get to know other people at East Cooper or ask any questions. **JOIN US**



TODAY In an effort to assist in relief, we have two ways you can help hurricane victims: **GIVE:** \$25 gift cards. **VOLUNTEER:** We are building a team. For detailed info, go online at: eastcooperbaptist.com/relief.



TODAY Our Foster & Adoption Ministry is in need of volunteers to help care for children during our FAM & Friends Fun Nights and with our Families Count classes. If interested in serving or have questions please contact Michelle at micheller@eastcooperbaptist.com.



OCT 21 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**



OCT 27 At this community outreach you'll find trunk or treating, music, age/grade costume contests, animal balloons, inflatables, and great concessions. If you are planning to participate in the Trunk or Treating, please go online to register your car.



OCT 29 The Reformation 500 Worship service is a celebration of the Gospel! Please join our choir, orchestra, and worship band for a combined service of worship celebrating the SOLAS of the reformation in the Sanctuary at 6:00p.



NOV 3-5 All 9th-12th grade students are invited to join us for a Fall Retreat! We will be going to Crowders Ridge Camp in Gastonia, NC and spending free time at Carowinds! The cost for the weekend is \$200 until October 15 and then increases to \$220 after that. **REGISTER TODAY**



NOV 4 SAVE THE DATE We invite everyone to this church-wide day of service where we will be loving on our community in the name of Jesus. We will work on projects like construction, craft making, painting, and yard work. **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.

Hello. 10.08.17

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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Preferred method of contact:

Call Text Email

Interested in the following:

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