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Sermon.

Speaker: Buster Brown

Today's Message: Fruit Bearing and Stewardship

Today's Text: Mark 11:12-21

"On the following day, when they came from Bethany, he was hungry. And seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to see if he could find anything on it. When he came to it, he found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. And he said to it, 'May no one ever eat fruit from you again.' And his disciples heard it. And they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold and those who bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. And he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple. And he was teaching them and saying to them, 'Is it not written, My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations? But you have made it a den of robbers.' And the chief priests and the scribes heard it and were seeking a way to destroy him, for they feared him, because all the crowd was astonished at his teaching. And when evening came they went out of the city. As they passed by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered away to its roots. And Peter remembered and said to him, 'Rabbi, look! The fig tree that you cursed has withered.'" Mark 11:12-21

A steward is one who manages the resources of another for a specific period.

"Therefore it is impossible that this holy faith can be unfruitful in man: for we do not speak of a vain faith, but of such a faith, which is called in Scripture, a faith that worketh by love, which excites man to the practice of those works, which God has commanded in his Word. Which works, as they proceed from the good root of faith, are good and acceptable in the sight of God, forasmuch as they are all sanctified by his grace: howbeit they are of no account towards our justification." Belgic Confession (1561), Man's Sanctification & Good Works, Article 24

"These good works, done in obedience to God's commandments, are the fruits and evidences of a true and lively faith: and by them believers manifest their thankfulness, strengthen their assurance, edify their brethren, adorn the profession of the Gospel, stop the mouths of the adversaries, and glorify God, whose workmanship they are, created in Christ Jesus thereunto, that, having their fruit unto holiness, they may have the end, eternal life." Westminster Confession of Faith (1647), XVI. Of Good Works

Fruit bearing: not optional (1 Corinthians 6:19-20, Romans 6:20-23, Hebrews 6:7-8, John 15:16)

Fruit bearing: linked to joy awakening worship.

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Sermon.

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The disciple of Christ and fruit bearing:

1. **The power of our union with Christ:**

"I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5

"Now the Lord[a] is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord,[b] are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. [c] For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit."

2 Corinthians 3:17-18

2. **The result of our union with Christ:**

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." Ephesians 2:10

"For land that has drunk the rain that often falls on it, and produces a crop useful to those for whose sake it is cultivated, receives a blessing from God. But if it bears thorns and thistles, it is worthless and near to being cursed, and its end is to be burned." Hebrews 6:7-8

"By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples." John 15:8

3. **Good works/ fruit bearing and assurance (and joy) of salvation**

4. **Good works and gospel communication**

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:16

"So that in everything they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior." Titus 2:10b

"Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation." 1 Peter 2:12

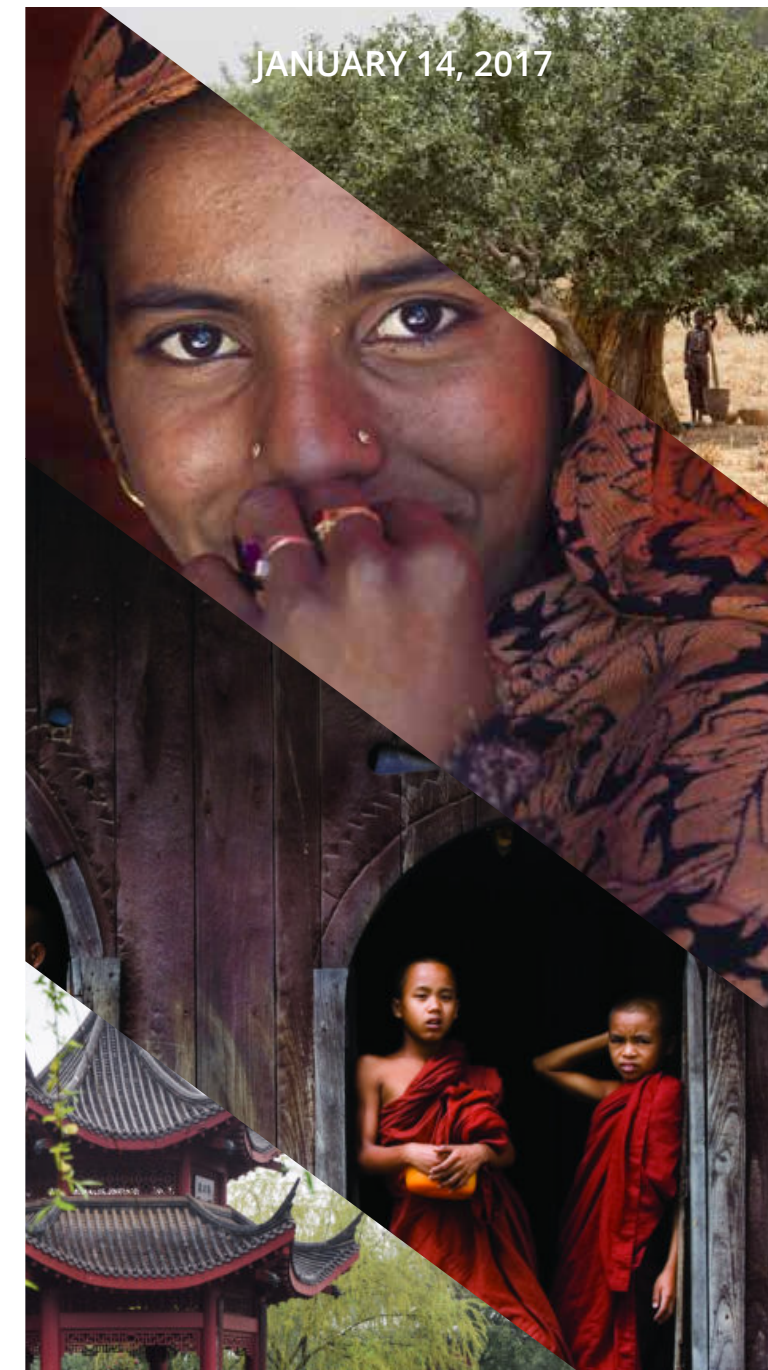
5. **Fruit bearing / productive living and thankfulness**

"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." 1 Peter 2:9

Questions for discussion:

1. Why is knowledge of self/ family history/ culture important in growth in Christ (fruit bearing)?
2. What is progressive sanctification? (2 Peter 3:18, 1 Thessalonians 5:23, 2 Corinthians 3:18)
3. What is the "Abraham challenge?"
"And God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'" Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed and said to himself, "Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old?" Genesis 17:15-17a

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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 12:15p** in the Gym. For more information, please contact Carol at carolw@eastcooperbaptist.com.

2. Find an equip•u Class

Our equip•u classes are groups that meet before or after the worship services to study the Bible in depth. Visit the Welcome Center to pick up 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

Register online for our upcoming New Members Class on **January 20, 2018**. This class is a basic introduction to our church family and is a requirement for joining the church. We designed this class to clearly explain what we at East Cooper Baptist 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.

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

JAN 14

Equip•u Classes
9:00a & 10:45a
Hot Dog Ministry Winter Drive
Drop clothes at trailer
Thailand Mission Trip Info Mtg.
12:15p B214
Guest Luncheon
12:15p Gym
HSM Movie Night
5:30p Annex

MON

JAN 15

Families Count Mentor Training
6:00-9:00p Annex
Reengage Reengage Marriage Program
6:30-8:30p D-Wing Choir Room
EC Sports
6:30-8:30p Gym

TUE

JAN 16

Women's Bible Study
9:30-11:30a Worship Center
Worship Band Rehearsal
6:30p Worship Center
Elders Meeting
6:30p D-Wing Choir Room

WED

JAN 17

WAM
5:30-6:30p A-Wing Classrooms
Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal
6:30-8:00p Choir Room
MSM T4:12
6:30-8:00p Annex
Women's Bible Study
6:30-8:00pm B218/B219

THU

JAN 18

Young Adults Connect
7:00-9:00p Annex
EC Sports
6:30-8:30p Gym
Women's Bible Study
9:30-11:30a - DWing Choir Room

FRI

JAN 19

Man2Man
6:20a Gym

SAT

JAN 20

New Members Class
8:00a-12:30p D-Wing Choir Room



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Upcoming.

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 or ask any questions. **PLAN TO ATTEND**



TODAY In April, we will take a team of volunteers to teach basic English to small groups. No prior teaching experience needed. If interested and for more information, please attend an interest meeting today at 12:15p in B214/215.



TODAY GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. Contact Carl Schooling at carls@eastcooperbaptist.com for more information or go online.



JAN 19 Join the Arts Academy today! Exceptional Christian professionals instruct students of all levels, from beginner to advanced, at an affordable price. New Kindermusik, Group Ensemble and Ballet classes begin soon. **REGISTER ONLINE**



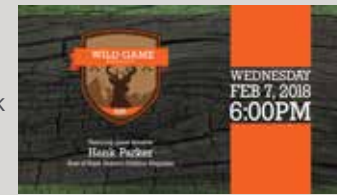
JAN 20 In this class you will learn more about what we believe as a church and how you can become a member of ECBC. Childcare is available so please register by 11:00p, January 19. Breakfast and lunch is provided. **REGISTER ONLINE**



JAN 25 Meet students, faculty and staff and learn why Palmetto Christian Academy may be the right choice for your family. Prospective families of students from preschool through 12th Grade are invited to attend **PCA OPEN HOUSE at 9:00a**.



FEB 7 All men are invited to our Wild Game Banquet where there will be prizes, bluegrass, and lots of barbecue. This year's speaker is Hank Parker, a hall of fame fisherman and television host. Tickets are available online. **REGISTER TODAY**



FEB 23-25 The Global Impact Conference is a time when we focus on Christ's Great Commission, to make disciples of all nations. Our partners from near and far will share how the gospel is bearing fruit and how each one of us can be involved with them. **REGISTER TODAY**



NEW TO ECBC?
After the service, stop by the Welcome Center.

Hello.

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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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Spouse

Birthdate Spouse Birthdate

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City

State Zip

Mobile

Spouse Mobile

Email

Spouse Email

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