

# Prayer?

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

Name

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# Sermon.

Speaker: Pastor Buster Brown

Today's Message: Living Together When Christ is All in All

Today's Text: Colossians 3:11-16

*"Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all. 12 Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, 13 bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. 14 And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. 15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God."* Colossians 3:11-16

In Colossians 3, Paul is teaching the church how to walk in light of the glory of the cross (chapter 1) with application to specific issues that he had beset in the Colossae community (*The Colossian Heresy*, Chapter 2)

The believers ought to walk with the understanding of the hope and joy of Heaven, (vv 1-4). They are to put to death the anti-god energy that remains in them (vv 5-9). As they put to death this anti-god energy they are to simultaneously be continually renewed in the knowledge of Christ (v.10).

Verse 11 is the pivotal verse in understanding the community of Christ at Colossae and in every part of God's world, "Christ is all, and in all."

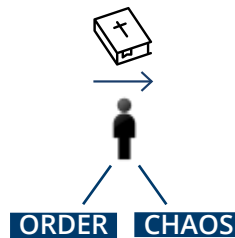
How to build on the renewal of knowledge in their thinking and the putting on of Spirit anointed attitudes?

1. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

\*Continually press into the glory and the mercy that is found in the cross of Christ while rejoicing in the forgiveness of sin by the work of our substitute/mediator/high priest Christ.

\*We are called to be in one body. A disciple is a forgiven sinner who is continuously learning Christ in repentance and faith while in community.

As the peace of Christ rules, we can push back the darkness of chaos because our feet are planted in the reality of God's Word.



*"For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil."* Hebrews 5:12-14

\*The priesthood of all believers.

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# Sermon.

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*"For the reformers, the priesthood for all believers was never a matter of lonely, isolated seekers of truth, but rather a band of faithful believers united in a common confession as a local, visible congregation...the priesthood of believers is not a prerogative on which we can rest; it is a commission which sends us forth into the world to exercise a priestly ministry not for ourselves, but for those outside of the faith - for the sake of Christ and at his behest."*  
First Things, Timothy George, 10/31/2016

The priesthood of believers involves:

- a. Understanding that there is one mediator between God and man, the Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Timothy 2:3)
- b. A joyful responsibility to be in a local church and to serve others.

*"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: 11 whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen."* 1 Peter 4:10-11

- c. A joyful responsibility to represent Christ to the world.
2. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom...

\*Richly = abundantly

\*Wisdom = depth of understanding, resulting in application

\*Teaching = imparting knowledge

\*Admonishing = warning or encouraging

Application Statements:

1. When the grace of Christ continues to grip a person's heart it makes the individual kind and empathetic and easy to live with. They understand Matthew 7:1 and practice "plank time."
2. We need to grapple with understanding of the joyful responsibilities/obligation of "priesthood of all believers".
3. We need to get the word of God into our lives on a continual basis in ways that are appropriate for our age/stage. (Deuteronomy 6:1-5)  
(go to [shortercatechism.com](http://shortercatechism.com) and [newcitycatechism.com](http://newcitycatechism.com))

Questions for Discussion:

1. What do we mean when we talk about "plank time" (Matthew 7:1&f) or "getting inside of your own hula-hoop"?
2. Why does the grace of the cross make someone "easy to live with"?
3. Why is Colossians 3:11 foundational for experiencing community in the local church/body of Christ?
4. What is the indictment of Hebrews 5:12-14?
5. What is the difference between "teaching" and "admonishing" that leads to a life of wisdom?



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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](mailto: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](http://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. [eastcooperbaptist.com/group](http://eastcooperbaptist.com/group)

### 4. Become a Member

Register online for our upcoming New Members Class on Saturday, **May 5**. 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 believe at East Cooper Baptist.

### 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. [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

APR 15

**Equip•u Classes**  
9:00a & 10:45a  
**Guest Luncheon**  
12:15p Gym  
**HSM D-Groups**  
5:00-7:00p Host Homes

MON

APR 16

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

TUE

APR 17

**Women's Bible Study**  
9:30-11:30a Worship Center  
**Worship Band Rehearsal**  
6:30p Worship Center

WED

APR 18

**Thailand Mission Team** leaves for Bangkok  
**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  
**Women's Bible Study**  
6:30-8:00pm B218/B219

THU

APR 19

**Women's Bible Study**  
9:30-11:30a D-Wing Choir Room  
**Young Adults Connect**  
7:00-9:00p Annex

FRI

APR 20

**Man2Man**  
6:20a Gym

SAT

APR 21

**Love On Charleston**  
8:00a-2:00p Meet in the Gym

We are sending a team to Bangkok, Thailand from April 18-28. Our team will be working alongside our partner, Kelly Cooper, teaching English and explaining the Gospel to many who have never heard of God's grace.



#### PLEASE PRAY:

- God will open the eyes of students to see Jesus for the treasure that He is.
- God will open doors for us to share with taxi drivers, shopkeepers, hotel staff and many others we meet.
- We will be bold in our witness.
- For stamina and health. (It will be very hot and smoggy.)



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## Upcoming.

For detailed event information please go online.

**TODAY** If you've been visiting, we want to invite you to our Guest Luncheon **TODAY** in the Gym after the second service. 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 questions. **PLAN TO ATTEND**



**TODAY** VBS child registration is now open! Our Vacation Bible School this year is June 10-15. At VBS, we will be focusing on the curveballs of life and how to prepare for them with help from God's word. **REGISTER TODAY**



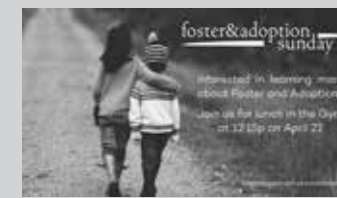
**TODAY** We will be joining First Baptist Mount Pleasant, July 5-11, to take a team of volunteers to teach and care for some of our Third Culture Kids while their parents are in meetings. We need 10 people that have a heart for kids and want to serve missionary families! **APPLY ONLINE**



**APR 21** This is our church-wide day of service where we will be loving on our community in the name of Jesus. This is a great day to spend serving with friends, family, or your community group. Go online for more info. **REGISTER ONLINE**



**APR 22** We invite you to join the Foster and Adoption Ministry for fellowship, discussion tables, and lunch after the second service in the Gym. If you plan to attend please RSVP, but it's not required. **RSVP TODAY**



**APR 24** All women are invited to this encouraging event to grow closer to the Lord and get to know each other better. Hope Radebaugh will speak on *The Real Estate of a Woman's Heart: Spaces God Owns, Spaces I Rent, Spaces Needing Eviction*. **REGISTER TODAY**



### THIS MONTH: FOSTER & ADOPTION

FEATURED MINISTRIES

Throughout the month of April 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 these ministries we partner with.



YOUR COFFEE DONATIONS HELP SUPPORT THESE MINISTRIES.

**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. 04.15.18

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