### Prayer?

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

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### Sermon.

Speaker: Pastor Buster Brown Today's Message: The Family Today's Text: Colossians 3:18-21

"Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, *lest they become discouraged."* 

Colossians 3:18-21

"God has ordained the family as the foundational institution of human society. It is composed of persons related to one another by marriage, blood, or adoption. Marriage is the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime. It is God's unique gift to reveal the union between Christ and His church and to provide for the man and the woman in marriage the framework for intimate companionship, the channel of sexual expression according to biblical standards, and the means for procreation of the human race. The husband and wife are of equal worth before God, since both are created in God's image. The marriage relationship models the way God relates to His people. A husband is to love his wife as Christ loved the church. He has the God-given responsibility to provide for, to protect, and to lead his family. A wife is to submit herself graciously to the servant leadership of her husband even as the church willingly submits to the headship of Christ. She, being in the image of God as is her husband and thus equal to him, has the God-given responsibility to respect her husband and to serve as his helper in managing the household and nurturing the next generation. Children, from the moment of conception, are a blessing and heritage from the Lord. Parents are to demonstrate to their children God's pattern for marriage. Parents are to teach their children spiritual and moral values and to lead them, through consistent lifestyle example and loving discipline, to make choices based on biblical truth. Children are to honor and obey their parents."

Baptist Faith and Message (2000) Article XVIII. The **Family** 

"Recognizing that one of the greatest battlefields and proving grounds of our faith in Christ is right within the home, we are committed to strengthening the spiritual lives of families as they seek to become beacons of light for Christ within our community." East Cooper Baptist Church, Core Values, *Importance of Family* 

"WE AFFIRM that divinely ordained differences between male and female reflect God's original creation design and are meant for human good and human flourishing. WE DENY that such differences are a result of the Fall or are a tragedy to be overcome." Nashville Statement, Article 4

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#### Sermon.

"At the heart of mature masculinity is a sense of benevolent responsibility to lead, provide for, and protect women in ways appropriate to a man's differing relationships."

Recovering Biblical Manhood and Womanhood, John Piper, Chapter 1

"If headship means 'power' in any sense, then it is power to care, not to crush; power to serve, not to dominate; power to facilitate self-fulfillment, not to frustrate or destroy it. And in all this the standard of the husband's love is to be the cross of Christ, on which he surrendered himself even to death in his selfless love for his bride"

Men and Women in Ministry: The Meaning of Headship, Sam Storms, pg. 232

1. Male headship is not self-exaltation but servanthood.

"Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, *just as Christ does the church."* **Ephesians 5:25-29** 

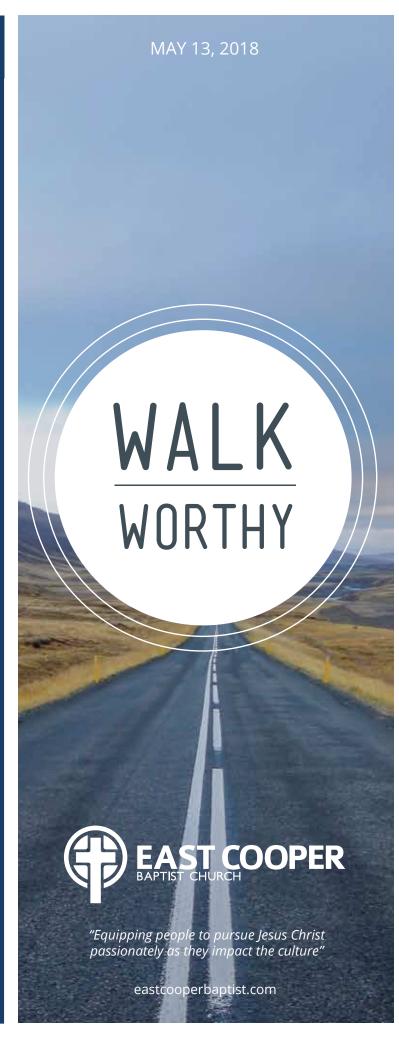
- 2. The gospel of grace reverses (substantially) the curse of the fall from Genesis 3:16-17.
- 3. Male leadership is not the power of a superior over an inferior and does not equate to autocratic decision making.

Headship involves:

- 1. Responsibility to protect, encourage/admire, and tenderly pursue your beloved. (Be a "Boaz type of man": Ruth 2:11-22, 3:10, 4:9).
- 2. Authority to serve.
- 3. Leading by example.
- Honoring those you lead (with knowledge-1 Peter 3:7).
- \* To read the statement of abuse from the **Council on** Biblical Manhood and Womenhood go to cbmw.org.



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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 July 22nd 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. eastcooperbaptist.com/groups

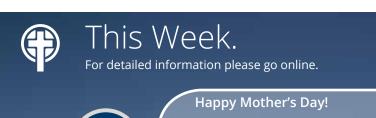
#### 4. Become a Member

Register online for our upcoming New Members Class on Saturday, **August 11th.** 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

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.



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**SUN** 

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

TUE 15

Worship Band Rehearsal **Elders Meeting** 

**WED** 

Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal

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Young Adults Connect

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#### **THIS MONTH: PRISON & TRANSITION**

Throughout the month of May we are featuring all of our local ministries that help with prison & transition ministries. These are ministries that help people transition back into life after being in prison all the way to correspondence Bible studies with those who are currently in prison. God is doing incredible things through these ministries. Stop by the kiosk in the Welcome Center for more information.

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### Upcoming.

For detailed event information please go online.

**TODAY** All college students in town for the summer are invited to attend the College Community Group. This will be a great time to meet other college students and be a part of a community group this summer. Contact matt. reagan@campusoutreach.org for info.



We're Hiring

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friends

Fun Night on May 18!

Families Count

**TODAY** Our Media Ministry is in need of volunteers to operate cameras and help with audio needs on Sunday mornings. If you have an interested in serving once or several times a month in this area please contact Marc Collins at marcc@ eastcooperbaptist.com.

**TODAY** Both ECBC and PCA have several positions available now and are looking for the right individuals to serve in ministry. Check out the many great opportunities today and submit an application online. **APPLY TODAY** 

MAY 14 Reengage is a marriage enrichment program that marriages in any condition can benefit from, whether you are struggling to get along, your marriage is broken, or you simply want to grow closer together as a couple. Meets every Monday night from 6:30-8:30p. REGISTER TODAY

MAY 18 The FAM & Friends Ministries want to partner with parents who are fostering or adopting children, or who have a child with special needs. Fun Nights are a night for kids to have fun and for parents to have a time of respite. Meets in the Gym from 5:30-8:30p. **REGISTER ONLINE** 

MAY 21 Families Count needs mentors and volunteers for the upcoming classes. Through this class, volunteers will care for parents who are working to fulfill a courtordered plan for reunification with their children. Contact Michelle at micheller@eastcooperbaptist.com.

JUN 6 Over the course of the summer the Women's Ministry will be having three sessions studying three separate books. They will meet in a host home every Wednesday evening from 6:30-8:30p. **REGISTER ONLINE** 

JUN 25-29 Kids WinShape Camps for Communities provides an unprecedented day camp experience for campers that have completed grades 1-5. Go online for more information and to register! **REGISTER TODAY** 



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# questions and say thanks for being our special guest today. I/We attended worship at: 9:00am I am a first time guest Name **Spouse Birthdate** Address City State Mobile

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and say hello. We'd love to answer any

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