## Pray.

Please pray for the following men and their families in prayer as they prepare to begin a new term on August 1:

#### **NEW ELDERS**

Rick Gwinn Don King Walt Lancaster Brad Reed **Rick Rummler** 

#### **NEW DEACONS**

David Blease Dave Dennis\* Scott Ellington Brent Griffin Matt Gnade Michael Hedden Ryan Henson Tom Kisling Wynn Kopp Rob Schoderbek Ryne Taylor Michael Xiong

\*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

Print Name

843.856.3222 x PRAY (7729) prayer@eastcooperbaptist.com Contact info available online.

# Notes.

## Sermon.

Speaker: Leland Brown, Young Adults Pastor **Today's Message:** Joy in the Mess, Rest from the the Weariness Today's Text: Matthew 11:25-30

At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and *learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you* will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Matthew 11:25-30

Joy in the Mess (25-27)

"It isn't your weakness that will get in the way of God's working through you, but your delusions of strength." Paul David Tripp

"Far above the mountains in the west, the night-sky was still *dim and pale. There, peeping among the cloud-wrack above* a dark tor [peak] high in the mountains, Sam saw a white star twinkle for a while. The beauty of it smote his heart, as *he looked up out of the forsaken land, and hope returned to* him. For like a shaft, clear and cold, the thought pierced him that in the end the Shadow was a small and passing thing: there was light and high beauty forever beyond its reach." J. R. R. Tolkien, Return of the King

Rest from the Weariness (28-30)

"The cry of the Christian religion is the simple word, 'Come."" C.H. Spurgeon

"We shall never find happiness by looking at our prayers, our doings, or our feelings; it is what Jesus is, not what we are, that gives rest to the soul. If we would at once overcome Satan and have peace with God, it must be by "looking" unto Jesus." Michael Reeves, Delighting in the Trinity: An Introduction to the Christian Faith

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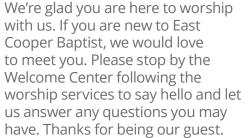


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# Welcome.



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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 lesus. 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 18th. 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

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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.



The High School Ministry is taking a team of 12 students and adults to Oaxaca, Mexico from July 15-21. We will be working with missionary partners who live in the city fulltime. We will travel to a small village outside of Oaxaca to teach English

and play sports with children in the village. Our goal is to make connections and establish relationships with people so that the fulltime missionaries can continue to follow up with them with the goal of sharing the gospel with the villagers after we leave.

#### Please pray:

- That our team will have travel safety, good health, humility, and servant hearts open to see the Lord at work in and through us. That we will be able to connect well with the people we meet
- despite the language barrier.
- That the church planting teams and missionaries who are in the village long-term will be able to build upon the connections that we make while we are there in order to share the gospel and develop a healthy church in this community.

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# Upcoming.

For detailed event information please go online.

**TODAY** All members are asked to confirm the new elder and deacon nominees for the new church year beginning August 1st. Please see the tear-off, confirm and sign, and place in the offering plate **today**. Also, please pray for these men and their families as they serve.



**CONFIRM NEW ELDERS & DEACONS** 

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!** 

BOOK

CLUB

July 17

6:30-8:30pm

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**TODAY** On Sunday mornings a team of volunteers preps and serves coffee and tea in the Welcome Center before and between our services. Volunteers serve on a rotation basis and we need your help! SIGN UP ONLINE

JUL 11 The Women's Book Club will be studying the book "Disability and the Gospel: How God uses our Brokenness to Display His Grace" by Michael S. Beates on July 11, 18, & 25. **REGISTER ONLINE** 

JUL 17 This special event is for mothers and daughters from kindergarten to adult, including grandmothers, aunts, etc. We will have a photo booth, tea and treats, a craft, worship music, and an edifying word for all. Come celebrate! Cost is \$15 per person. **REGISTER TODAY** 

JUL 22 If you've been visiting, we want to invite you to our Guest Luncheon 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

AUG 3-5 All rising 9th grade students are invited to Operation Freshman! This is a retreat led by the rising 12th grade students and specifically designed to help students transition into high school and into the High School Ministry of ECBC. For more info contact Larkin at larkinj@eastcooperbaptist.com.



LUNCHEON

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

Throughout the month of July we are featuring all of our MINISTRIES local ministries that help with prison & transition ministries. These are ministries that help people transition back into life after being in prison as well as correspondence Bible studies with those who are currently in prison. God is doing incredible things through these ministries. FEATURED

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

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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.

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