

# Prayer?

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

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## HOW TO PACK YOUR SHOEBOX GIFT



Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love. Drop off all filled shoeboxes the week of November 12-19 in Welcome Center!



1

Get a standard size shoebox to pack for a boy or girl. Need shoeboxes? Preprinted boxes are available online.

2

Select a quality "wow" toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal.



3



Fill with other toys, hygiene items, and school supplies.

4

Most importantly, **pray** for the child who will receive your gift. Include a personal note and photo.



5



A donation of **\$9** is critical to cover shipping and other project costs. Give online through **Follow Your Box** and discover the destination of your shoebox.

6

Bring your shoebox gift to the Welcome Center here between **November 12-19** and place it around the Christmas Tree.



For more gift suggestions, visit [samaritanaspurse.org/occ](http://samaritanaspurse.org/occ)

# Sermon.

Speaker: Pastor Buster Brown

Today's Message: The Thrill of Kingdom Living

Today's Text: Ecclesiastes 11:1-6

"1 Cast your bread upon the waters, for you will find it after many days. 2 Give a portion to seven, or even to eight, for you know not what disaster may happen on earth. 3 If the clouds are full of rain, they empty themselves on the earth, and if a tree falls to the south or to the north, in the place where the tree falls, there it will lie. 4 He who observes the wind will not sow, and he who regards the clouds will not reap. 5 As you do not know the way the spirit comes to the bones in the womb of a woman with child, so you do not know the work of God who makes everything. 6 In the morning sow your seed, and at evening withhold not your hand, for you do not know which will prosper, this or that, or whether both alike will be good." Ecclesiastes 11:1-6

## Living Only Under the Sun

### Epicureanism:

the pursuit of pleasure in a socially acceptable fashion.

### The Reality of God...

is marginalized because of the inability to define His essence.

Solomon cannot live with the consequences of his "Under the Sun Only" worldview. He has abandoned the worship of the one, true God (1 Kings 11:1-8) and has pursued satisfaction/meaning in grasping after wisdom, pleasure, labor and wealth. None of these brought contentment or lasting joy.

In the closing chapters of Ecclesiastes, Solomon returns to the joy and certainty which comes in the worship of God.

"If God does not exist, life is ultimately meaningless. If your life is doomed to end in death, then ultimately it does not matter how you live. In the end it makes no ultimate difference whether you existed or not. Sure, your life might have a relative significance in that you influenced others or affected the course of history. But ultimately mankind is doomed to perish in the heat death of the universe. Ultimately it makes no difference who you are or what you do. Your life is inconsequential.

Thus, the contributions of the scientist to the advance of human knowledge, the research of the doctor to alleviate pain and suffering, the efforts of the diplomat to secure peace in the world, the sacrifices of good people everywhere to better the lot of the human race--ultimately all these come to nothing. Thus, if atheism is true, life is ultimately meaningless." William Lane Craig, Does God Exist?

QUESTIONS/THOUGHTS FOR STUDY:

1. A call to liberating living. (vv. 1-2)  
"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. 10 So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith." Galatians 6:9-10  
"And the King will answer them, Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me." Matthew 25:40  
"For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do." Hebrews 6:10  
"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain." 1 Corinthians 15:58
2. Reality [cause and effect] (v. 3) or observant inaction (v. 4)?
3. The limits of finite understanding versus the limitless power of the eternal God. (v. 5) 4. Habits of energetic, grace-filled discipleship. (v. 6)

NOVEMBER 11, 2018



COLLECTION WEEK:  
NOVEMBER 12-19



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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 **January 6, 2019 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/groups](http://eastcooperbaptist.com/groups)

### 4. Become a Member

Register online for our upcoming New Members Class on Saturday, **January 12th**. 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

NOV 11

**Equip•u Classes**  
9:00a & 10:45a  
**HSM D-Groups**  
5:30-7:30p Host Homes

MON

NOV 12

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

TUE

NOV 13

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

WED

NOV 14

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

THU

NOV 15

**Women's Morning Devotional**  
6:30-7:30a Welcome Center  
**Women's Marriage Study**  
9:30-11:30a D-Wing Choir Room  
**Young Adults Connect**  
7:00p Annex

FRI

NOV 16

**Man2Man**  
6:20a Gym  
**FAM & Friends Fun Night**  
5:30-8:30p

SAT

NOV 17

**Lights Up! Mount Pleasant**  
6:00-8:00p Towne Centre - Belk

### THIS MONTH: PRISON & SUPPORT

FEATURED MINISTRIES

Throughout the month of November we are featuring all of our local ministries that help with prison & support 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.

Go online today to learn more about these important ministries and see how you can help!

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## Upcoming.

For detailed event information please go online.

**TODAY** Have you considered serving others on Sunday mornings? We have many opportunities to serve. The Nursery is a vital ministry and one that is in need of volunteers. Go online today and sign up to serve. **REGISTER TODAY**



**NOV 12-19** Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love. Place your boxes around the Christmas tree in the Welcome Center.



**NOV 13** All women are invited to this night of worship led by Lauren Beech. We will have dessert, coffee/tea, and time for connection with each other. Childcare is available by registration only. **REGISTER TODAY**



**NOV 16** 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. **REGISTER NOW**



**NOV 17** Our Choir and Orchestra will lead the Lights Up Tree Lighting at Towne Centre from 6:00-8:00p. This is a great opportunity to invite people to our Christmas Concert. If you are interested in helping please contact Emily. [emilyb@eastcooperbaptist.com](mailto:emilyb@eastcooperbaptist.com)



**NOV 25** With the delivery of a gift, Angel Tree boys and girls hear the free gift of salvation and feel the love of their incarcerated parents. Make sure to pick up Angel Tree tags on Sundays, November 25 & December 2! Presents are due back on December 2 & 9.



**DEC 14 & 15** Order your tickets today for this year's Christmas Concert, Let There Be Light. Performances will be held on the 14th at 7:00p and on the 15th at 4:00p and 7:00p. The concert is free but you need a ticket for admission. **GET TICKETS ONLINE**



**JAN 7** EC Sports is how our church serves our community through sports. We're starting up basketball in January for anyone who loves to play regardless of if or where they go to church. Visit [eastcooperbaptist.com/men](http://eastcooperbaptist.com/men) to sign up. **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.

11.11.18  
Hello.

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:

9:00a  10:45a

I am a first time guest

Name

Spouse

Birthdate

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Spouse Birthdate

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Address

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