

# Vote.

ECBC Members are asked to use this tear-off to vote today. Please vote, sign name, print name, and place in offering plate or exit boxes at the end of the services. Thank you!



## Congregational Vote for the Student Life Center

- I AGREE WITH THE ELDERS OF EAST COOPER BAPTIST CHURCH TO PROCEED WITH THE GROUNDBREAKING OF THE STUDENT LIFE CENTER BEGINNING JULY 28, 2019.

As a current member of East Cooper Baptist Church over 18 years of age I vote to:

- APPROVE
- DISAPPROVE

ECBC Member Signature

Print Name

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# Elders.



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Bill Watson, Jr.



Bill Wilson

# Sermon.

Speaker: Buster Brown, Senior Pastor

Today's Message: The Kingdom of God and Moving Vans

Today's Text: Matthew 12:22-32

*"Then a demon-possessed man who was blind and mute was brought to him, and he healed him, so that the man spoke and saw. And all the people were amazed, and said, 'Can this be the Son of David?' But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, 'It is only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, that this man casts out demons.' Knowing their thoughts, he said to them, 'Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand. And if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand? And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. Or how can someone enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? Then indeed he may plunder his house. Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. Therefore I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven people, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.'" Matthew 12:22-32*

1. A Healing, Obscure Thinking and a Glorious Declaration (v.22-28)
2. The Plundering Process (v.29-30)

*"The Devil is being, and is progressively going to be, deprived of his 'furniture' that is of the souls and bodies of men, and this not only through healings but also through a mighty missionary program, reaching first the Jews, and later on all the nations in general. (John 12:31-32, Romans 1:16)" Baker New Testament Commentary, Hendricksen, p. 527*

*"And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities [a] and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him." Colossians 2:13-15*

The plundering process of sanctification is ongoing.

*"Therefore the godly heart feels in itself a division because it is partly imbued with sweetness from its recognition of the divine goodness, partly rests upon the promise of the gospel, partly trembles at the evidence of its own iniquity; partly rejoices at the expectation of life, partly shudders at death. This variation arise from imperfection of faith since in the course of the present life it never goes so well with us that we are wholly cured of the disease of unbelief and entirely filled and possessed by faith. Hence arises those conflicts..."*

John Calvin, Institutes of the Christian Religion, 3-2-18

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# Sermon.

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*"...the more we advance in the knowledge of God the ignorance is dispelled.. like a man shut up in prison with a narrow window into which the sun's rays shine...so, however much we are shadowed on every side with great darkness, we are nevertheless illuminated as much as need be for firm assurance when the light of God sheds a little of its radiance (by the Word)."*

John Calvin, Institutes of the Christian Religion, 3-2-19

*".. the root of faith can never be torn from the godly breast, but clings so fast to the inmost parts that, however faith seems to be shaken or to bend this way or that, its light is never so extinguished or snuffed out that it does not at least lurk as it were beneath the ashes.."* John Calvin, Institutes of the Christian Religion, 3-2-21

3. Neutrality: Impossible (v.30)
4. Sobering and Comforting Words Regarding Blaspheming the Holy Spirit (v.31-32)

*"The sin of blasphemy against the Holy Spirit is attributing to Satan what is accomplished by the power of God, and doing this through the flagrant, willful, and persistent rejection of God and His commands. This sin is committed today ONLY by unbelievers who deliberately and unchangeably reject the ministry of the Holy Spirit in calling them to salvation." ESV Study Bible*

### QUESTIONS:

1. How is the "plundering process" accomplished by the communication of the gospel? (Col 1:13-14)
2. How is the "plundering process" synonymous with the continuous and irreconcilable war against sin in the life of the believer (sanctification)?
3. Why is neutrality towards Christ blasphemy against the Holy Spirit? (John 16:8)
4. In what respect is the statement of v. 31-32 both sobering and comforting?

"...the one takes priority over the 99..."

*"I am this day seventy years old, a monument of Divine mercy and goodness, though on a review of my life I find much, very much, for which I ought to be humbled in the dust; my direct and positive sins are innumerable, my negligence in the Lord's work has been great, I have not promoted his cause, nor sought his glory and honor as I ought, notwithstanding all this, I am spared till now, and am still retained in his work, and I trust I am received into the divine favor through him. I wish to be more entirely devoted to his service, more completely sanctified and more habitually exercising all the Christian graces, and bringing forth the fruits of righteousness to the praise and honor of that Savior who gave his life a sacrifice for sin." William Carey (This quote was written on 8/17/1791. Carey died on 6/9/1794.)*



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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 Equip•u Classes**  
Sanctuary 9:00a & 10:45a  
**Contemporary Worship / Sunday Equip•u 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 **August 4 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, **August 17**. 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

JUN 9

Equip•u Classes  
9:00a & 10:45a  
VBS Family Night  
6:00p Worship Center

MON

JUN 10

Vacation Bible School  
9:00a-12:15p  
Reengage Marriage Program  
6:30-8:30p D-Wing Choir Room

TUE

JUN 11

Vacation Bible School  
9:00a-12:15p  
Women's Book Club  
6:30p Host Home

WED

JUN 12

Vacation Bible School  
9:00a-12:15p  
MSM Girl's Summer Bible Study  
1:00-3:00p Various Locations  
MSM Boy's Summer Bible Study  
1:00-3:00p Annex

THU

JUN 13

Vacation Bible School  
9:00a-12:15p  
Young Adults Ultimate Frisbee  
6:30p Belle Hall Fields

FRI

JUN 14

Vacation Bible School  
9:00a-12:15p

SAT

JUN 15

Young Adults Carowinds Trip  
9:00a Carowinds  
HSM Atlanta Mission Trip  
9:00a Atlanta



Vacation Bible School begins tonight with Family Night at 6:00p in the Worship Center!

We are excited to share the Gospel with hundreds of kids and ask that you pray with us this week! Pray for the volunteers who are loving and leading kids who attend. Pray that God would move in the hearts of all children this week, and for the missions offering. Help us raise money that will go to provide a playground at Andara Baptist Church and school, as well as help to provide funds for food distribution with Syrian and Iraqi refugee families. You can give to this offering via text to give! The mission offering goal is \$15,000.

Simply text VBS to 843-202-4848 to give today!

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## Upcoming.

For detailed event information please go online.

**TODAY** ECBC Members are asked to use the tear-off to vote on the proposal to break ground on the Student Life Center. Please vote, sign name, print name, and place in offering plate or vote boxes located at the exits at the end of the services.



**TODAY** Please join the Children's Ministry staff and PCA Headmaster, Mr. Zubia, for a ribbon cutting in between worship services. We will pray and thank the Lord for the blessing of our new preschool playground area. **SEE YOU THERE**



**TODAY** We give our regular children's ministry volunteers some time off in the summer to recharge and rest from a great year of teaching our children. Therefore, the children's ministry needs your help with Summer Sundays! **VOLUNTEER TODAY AT A KIOSK**



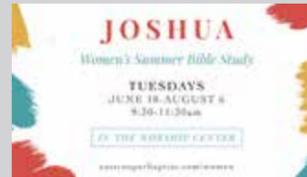
**TODAY** Our Media Ministry is in need of volunteers to operate cameras and help with audio needs on Sunday mornings. If you have an interest in serving once or several times a month in this area please contact Marc Collins at [marcc@eastcooperbaptist.com](mailto:marcc@eastcooperbaptist.com).



**JUN 16** We are collecting men's summer clothing for the homeless of downtown Charleston to be distributed through the Hot Dog Ministry. Go online for specific needs. Please place donations in the ECBC trailer by the Annex entrance.



**JUN 18** This study brings you face to face with the promise-keeping God of Joshua and of today. We need to know that our God is with us wherever we go. Tuesdays from 9:30-11:30a in the Worship Center. Cost for book is \$13. **REGISTER NOW**



**JUN 24-28** Whether you like soccer, science, or anything in between, there is something for everyone at WinShape Camps for Communities! Come be a part of this incredible adventure where we combine sports, recreation, arts, Bible study and worship into one incredible week. **REGISTER ONLINE**



**JUL 15-19** SMAAC is a week-long music and arts camp for children who are rising Kindergarteners through rising 6th graders. Monday-Friday from 9:00a-2:00p with Family Night on Friday evening at 6:00p. **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.

## 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

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Preferred method of contact:

Call  Text  Email

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- Become a Christian
- Join the Church
- Request a personal visit
- Subscribe to newsletter
- Join a Community Group
- Other