

Prayer?

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



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Women



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Staff.

Sermon.

Speaker: Buster Brown, Senior Pastor

Message: Strength for the Journey

Text: Isaiah 40:28-31

"Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint." Isaiah 40:28-31

We live before an i_____, e_____, and r_____ God.

Steps to Renewal As We Live in Expectation Before God

1. P_____ know the character of God. (v. 28)

"This one true and living God is infinitely perfect both in his love and in his holiness. He is the Creator of all things, visible and invisible, and is therefore worthy to receive all glory and adoration. Immortal and eternal, he perfectly and exhaustively knows the end from the beginning, sustains and sovereignly rules over all things, and providentially brings about his eternal good purposes to redeem a people for himself and restore his fallen creation..."

The Gospel Coalition, Confessional Statement, Article 1, The Tri-une God

2. Understand that life is s_____ and the creature is dependent upon the Creator. (Isaiah 1:6-8)

"As for me, I said in my prosperity, 'I shall never be moved.' By your favor, O Lord, you made my mountain stand strong; you hid your face; I was dismayed." Psalm 30:6-7

3. Rejoice in the Lord who i_____ and e_____. (v. 29)

"For the simple are KILLED by their turning away, and the complacency of fools DESTROYS them; but whoever listens to me will DWELL SECURE and will be at ease, without dread of disaster." Proverbs 1:32-33

"When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, WHO ACTS FOR THOSE WHO WAIT for him." Isaiah 64: 3-4

"And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he REWARDS those who seek him." Hebrews 11:6

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GOD IS MOST GLORIFIED IN US WHEN WE ARE MOST SATISFIED IN HIM.

ANSWER KEY: inviting, empowering, replenishing, short, invites, empowers

"What Satan put into the heads of our remote ancestors was the idea that they could 'be like gods'—could set up on their own as if they had created themselves—be their own masters—invent some sort of happiness for themselves outside God, apart from God. And out of that hopeless attempt has come nearly all that we call human history—money, poverty, ambition, war, prostitution, classes, empires, slavery—the long terrible story of man trying to find something other than God which will make him happy.

The reason why it can never succeed is this. God made us: invented us as a man invents an engine. A car is made to run on gasoline, and it would not run properly on anything else. Now God designed the human machine to run on Himself. He Himself is the fuel our spirits were designed to burn, or the food our spirits were designed to feed on. There is no other. That is why it is just no good asking God to make us happy in our own way without bothering about religion. God cannot give us a happiness and peace apart from Himself, because it is not there. There is no such thing."

CS Lewis, Mere Christianity, p. 54

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Which quality/attribute of God from Isaiah 4:28 is most comforting/relevant to you today?
Everlasting God
Creator
All-powerful and Unwearied
The Fountain
Inexhaustible Source (of wisdom)
- Give examples of the Psalm 30:6-7 experience. How do we guard against forgetfulness of our daily dependence on the Lord?
- What is the difference between the simple who "turn away" and the "complacency of fools"? (Proverbs 1:32)
- What is the "reward" of Hebrews 11:6?
- What is the "fight" to find satisfaction (and empower renewal) in the triune God?



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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.

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 12 at 12:15p** in the gym. For more information, please contact Carol at carolw@eastcooperbaptist.com.

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.

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

Become a Member

Register online for our upcoming New Members Class on Saturday, **January 25**. 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.

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

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

JAN 5

J-term equip•u classes
9:00a & 10:45a

TUE

JAN 7

Women's Bible Study
9:30-11:30a Worship Center
Prayer & Fasting
6:30-7:00p Worship Center
Worship Band Rehearsal
7:00-8:30p Worship Center

WED

JAN 8

Music Ministry Open House
6:30-8:00p D-Wing Choir Room

THU

JAN 9

Woman2Woman
6:30-7:30a Welcome Center
EC Sports
6:00-10:00p Gym
Families Count Mentor Training
6:00-9:00p Annex
Re|engage Marriage Program
6:30-8:30p D-Wing Choir Room

FRI

JAN 10

Man2Man
6:20-7:30a Gym
Women's Retreat: *Faithful*
Fri.-Sat. Worship Center



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Upcoming.

For detailed event information, please go online.

TODAY Join us as we discuss 10 important aspects of intentional parenting. January 5, 12, 19, & 26 at 9:00a & 10:45a in B220/221. **MORE INFO ONLINE.**



TODAY This course will help to define and discuss issues such as sex & fertility, disability, and aging & dying while acknowledging the worth of human beings created in God's image. January 5, 12, 19, & 26 at 9:00a & 10:45a in B214/215. **MORE INFO ONLINE.**



JAN 7 Buster is calling the church to a day of prayer and fasting from dinner on Monday night to dinner on Tuesday night. We will end this time praying together at 6:30p in the Worship Center. **SEE YOU THERE.**



JAN 7 & 16 Join us for Women's Bible Study on Tuesday or Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:30a as we study the Gospel of John together. Our very own ECBC pastors will be teaching through the book. Childcare is available, and books cost \$12. **REGISTER ONLINE.**



JAN 12 Come get to know us better at our Guest Luncheon. Meet a few of our pastors and church members while enjoying a great meal. The lunch is free and held in the gym after the second service. **SEE YOU THERE.**



JAN 25 In this class, you will learn more about what we believe as a church, ways that you can be more involved, and how you can become a member. This is a great way to get to know other people at ECBC. Childcare is available. **REGISTER ONLINE.**



FEB 12 All men are invited to our Wild Game Banquet. There will be prizes, music, and lots of barbecue. This year's speaker is Michael Franzese, former "Prince of the Mafia." Tickets go on sale January 6. **SEE YOU THERE.**



Financial Update.

Giving Year-to-date	\$ 2,581,874
Ministry Expenses	\$ 2,288,913
<i>(fiscal year August 1, 2019-July 31, 2020)</i>	

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

Spouse

Birthdate

Spouse Birthdate

Address

City

State

Zip

Mobile

Spouse Mobile

Email

Spouse Email

Preferred method of contact:

Call Text Email

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- Join the Church
- Request a personal visit
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- Join a Community Group
- Other