

Prayer?

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

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Sermon.

Speaker: Buster Brown, Senior Pastor

Message: Living With Purpose And Hope In Community

Text: 2 Corinthians 4:13-14

"¹³Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, 'I believed, and so I spoke,' we also believe, and so we also speak, ¹⁴knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence." 2 Corinthians 4:13-14

Paul has just spoken of the persevering and patient walk of the Christian in the midst of afflictions and perplexities. The key is to always carry about in our body the strong reality of the work of Jesus on the cross for our sins. In this passage, he underscores the prospect of purposeful, hopeful living.

1. Having a gospel-laden disposition (v.13, Psalm 116:10)
2. The hope of the resurrection of the body

We wait:

"And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies." Romans 8:23

We have expectant hope:

"Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is." 1 John 3:2

New City Catechism

Q 50: What does Christ's resurrection mean for us?

A: Christ triumphed over sin and death by being physically resurrected, so that all who trust in him are raised to new life in this world and to everlasting life in the world to come. Just as we will one day be resurrected, so this world will one day be restored. But those who do not trust in Christ will be raised to everlasting death.

Q 52: What hope does everlasting life hold for us?

A: It reminds us that this present fallen world is not all there is; soon we will live with and enjoy God forever in the new city, in the new heaven and the new earth, where we will be fully and forever freed from all sin and will inhabit renewed, resurrection bodies in a renewed, restored creation.

Communities of hope (v.14b-15a)

"The most experienced psychologist or observer of human nature knows infinitely less of the human heart than the simplest Christian who lives beneath the Cross of Jesus. The greatest psychological insight, ability, and experience cannot grasp this one thing: what sin is. Worldly wisdom knows what distress and weakness and failure are, but it

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does not know the godlessness of man. And so it also does not know that man is destroyed only by his sin and can be healed only by forgiveness. Only the Christian knows this. In the presence of a psychiatrist I can only be a sick man; in the presence of a Christian brother I can dare to be a sinner. The psychiatrist must first search my heart and yet he never plumbs its ultimate depth. The Christian brother knows when I come to him: here is a sinner like myself, a godless man who wants to confess and yearns for God's forgiveness. The (secular) psychiatrist views me as if there were no God. The brother views me as I am before the judging and merciful God in the Cross of Jesus Christ." Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Life Together: The Classic Exploration of Christian Community

"The person who loves their dream of community will destroy community, but the person who loves those around them will create community." Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Life Together: The Classic Exploration of Christian Community

3. Hope and Kingdom Advancement (v.15)

QUESTIONS:

1. Do you agree with the following quote? *"Never before in human history has strong biblical community for faithful Christians been more necessary and simultaneously our lives are often too fractured to live out true community."*
2. Discuss this quote and our parameters for daily living: *"Death is chiseling away and breaking Paul down, but it has no final power over him. For this reason he is willing to speak boldly, to put himself in danger every hour, to die daily, to fight with both literal and metaphorical beasts." David E. Garland, The New American Commentary, 2 Corinthians, p. 236*
3. What will our resurrection bodies be like?
4. How does the hope of being resurrected with believers in the presence of Christ bring great hope in daily living?
5. How do these ECBC Vision Plan Connection Pathways build hope and an expectation of kingdom advancement?

CONNECTION PATHWAYS:

- Engage in a Worship Service, Weekly
- Connect in a Group, Consistently
- Serve on a Team, Monthly
- Take a Class, Routinely



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NOVEMBER 14, 2021



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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 anyone with a blue name-tag and let us answer any questions you may have. Thanks for being our guest.

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Traditional Worship / Sunday Classes
Sanctuary 9:30a & 11:00a
Contemporary Worship / Sunday Classes
Worship Center 9:30a & 11:00a

Ways to Give.

Giving is part of our worship to God. Through your faithful giving, God continues to change lives here in our area and around the world.



Give in-person by dropping your gift in any giving box located throughout the church.

Give online by visiting our website at: eastcooperbaptist.com/give.



Give via text by texting the word "GIVE" to 843-202-4848.

COVID-19 Update.



The Delta Variant has declined in our area, therefore, the leadership voted this past Monday to move to mask optional effective November 1. We appreciate your kindness and consideration as we navigate this season.

We encourage you to be praying for the medical staff in our community as they navigate this season's challenges due to COVID-19.



Renew Class.

For detailed information, please go online.



BEGINNING JANUARY 9

We are looking forward to 2022 and a new season of our church's life with great joy and excitement. We've also just completed a season of vision planning, where we have prayerfully sought the Lord's direction for our church's life in the next season, and are excited to share this with you and have you be a part of it.

We are asking everybody in the East Cooper family to join us for a 4-part class on the Sunday mornings of this coming January called Renew. This class will be offered at both worship hours and will explore the Bible's instruction about the local church, your calling as a church member, and our church's unique goals and vision as we seek to do all we can to help broken people treasure Jesus.

Renew classes will be on Sunday mornings during both the 9:30 and 11:00am worship hours. The dates for the classes are January 9, 16, 23, and 30 in the East Cooper Gym. For people who volunteer on Sundays, Renew will also be offered on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm.

Sign Up Today!

eastcooperbaptist.com/classes



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Upcoming.

For detailed event information, please go online.
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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Help fill a shoebox this Christmas season for a boy or girl in need. We encourage you to use reusable plastic boxes. Collection is now through November 21!

FILL A BOX TODAY.



AWARE: SANCTITY OF LIFE

Tomorrow in the Worship Center, we will be hearing from Christopher Mills about the possibility of the Supreme Court overturning the Roe vs Wade case. Come learn more about the case and join us for a time of Q&A with Christopher. November 15, 6:00-7:00pm.

PLAN TO ATTEND.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Save the dates for our Christmas concert featuring the ECBC Choir, Orchestra, & Worship Band. This year, we will be holding a concert on December 3 at 7:00pm and two concerts on December 4 at 4:00pm & 7:00pm!

SAVE THE DATE.



SERVE IN WORSHIP MINISTRY

Sunday morning worship is such a vital part of our church! It takes a team of volunteers to help bring music to our venues! If you are gifted musically and desire to use it, volunteer at eastcooperbaptist.com/serve.

SIGN UP TODAY!



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Hello.

Please complete the perforated section and take to the Welcome Desk or place in any giving box located around the church.

I/We attended worship at:

9:30a 11:00a

I am a first time guest

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