

## Prayer?

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

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## Sermon Notes.

**Speaker:** Buster Brown, Senior Pastor

**Message:** Community Living Empowered by the Holy Spirit

**Text:** 1 Thessalonians 5:12-19

*"<sup>12</sup>We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, <sup>13</sup>and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. <sup>14</sup>And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. <sup>15</sup>See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. <sup>16</sup>Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup>pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup>give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. <sup>19</sup>Do not quench the Spirit."  
1 Thessalonians 5:12-19*

If you desire to call forth the blessing and empowerment of the Holy Spirit, you will be vitally involved in God-honoring connective friendships in the body of Christ (relationships that are reciprocal).

If I am not involved with people or not using my giftedness, then I am pouring cold water on the fire of the Holy Spirit (quenching the Holy Spirit).

The Spirit had come with power (1 Thessalonians 1:5) and sustaining joy (v. 1:6) to the church at Thessalonica. As the apostle Paul celebrates the reality of what the Lord is doing in the church, he warns them about disregarding the clear teaching of the Bible (1 Thessalonians 4:8) or pouring cold water on the work of the Spirit (1 Thessalonians 5:19) through neglected, unconfessed, unforsaken, and unhated sin.

1. The baptism of the Holy Spirit and the calling to community, leads to a keen sense of responsibility.

*"For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and all were made to drink of one Spirit... That the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together."  
1 Corinthians 12:13, 25b-26*

*"Releasing the power of God through our lives into the hearts and souls of others requires that we both understand and enter into a kind of relating that only the gospel makes possible, a kind of relating that I call connecting. This kind of relating depends entirely on deep fellowship with Christ and then spills over on to other people with the power to change their lives, not always on our timetable or in the ways we expect but as the sovereign Spirit moves."  
Larry Crabb, Connecting, p. 5*

*"The Holy Spirit is given to move us into close companionship with others in Christ."  
J.I. Packer, Keep in Step With the Spirit*

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2. Caring or responding to various groups in the church:

- Pastors and elders (vv. 12-13).
- Admonish the idle (2 Thessalonians 3:6, 7, 11).
- Encourage the faint-hearted or those who are easily frightened. Give confidence to those who are afraid.
- Help the weak (those who are physically hurting or weak spiritually are to be embraced as beloved fellow strugglers/sojourners).
- Patient with all.
- The socially privileged or culturally advantaged (v. 15).

3. The personal pursuit which builds up an individual and flows into the community (vv. 16-18).

- Rejoice always (let the song within you flow out to others).
- Pray without ceasing.

*"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer."  
Romans 12:12*

*"Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving."  
Colossians 4:2*

- Be a person known for his/her thanks. Give thanks in all circumstances.

### QUESTIONS:

1. The baptism of the Holy Spirit leads to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. What is the law of reciprocity?
3. What three imperatives in verses 16-18 are to be pursued by the believer? How do they "spill out" in community?
4. How does a lack of seeking to encourage, walk beside, and bless other believers lead to pouring cold water on the fire of the Spirit in our lives?
5. How does the gospel make it possible to enter into connecting relationships with other believers? How does a progressive understanding of sanctification give us freedom to relate to one another?
6. What are spiritually-intentional relationships?

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

**Buster Brown**, Senior Pastor  
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**Next Week: Combined Worship**  
Sanctuary 9:30 & 11:00am  
Overflow available in the Worship Center both hours.

## 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](http://eastcooperbaptist.com/give).



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

## Get to Know.



### TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT ANALYST ON STAFF

Tyler is from Gaffney, SC. He came to know Christ as a child through the influence of his local church and family. Tyler joined the ECBC staff in 2022. In his free time, he enjoys surfing and watching college football.



## Serve.

Serve On A Team Monthly.

### SERVE AT EAST COOPER

**KIDS MINISTRY** - Be a part of the Kids Ministry serving team as they share the love and saving grace of Jesus with the children that come every Sunday!

**PRODUCTION TEAM** - Do you have an interest in helping with lyrics, mixing audio, or camera work? We'd love for you to serve with us. We ask volunteers to serve once a month, for both services. Training is provided.

**WELCOME TEAM** - We invite you to join our Welcome Team as they greet people coming to service and keep our coffee filled.

**MEAL TEAM** - Join our volunteers in helping to coordinate, prepare, and deliver meals to individuals or families in need.

**WORSHIP MINISTRY** - If you are gifted musically and desire to worship the Lord through that, we encourage you to join one of the various outlets in the Worship Ministry!

### SERVE IN OUR COMMUNITY

**POOR AND DESTITUTE** - There are people in our community in need of our help, both through serving them & sharing the gospel! We partner with Hope to Home Furnishing Ministry, The Formation Project, and High Touch to serve and share the gospel with those in need.

**SOJOURNER** - Engage the nations that God is bringing to the tri-county area through hospitality and care for the sojourner. We partner with Nations2Neighbors to serve and share the gospel with refugees in our area.

**FAMILY ADVOCACY** - From protecting the unborn to supporting those in crisis, you can serve with one of our local partners, Lifeline Children's Services & Lowcountry Pregnancy Center, to support children and advocate for families.

## Serve Today!

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## Upcoming.

### COSTA RICA HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP

High School juniors and seniors will be working for a week in Heredia, Costa Rica helping local church pastors reach their community with the gospel.

#### PLEASE PRAY:

- That our team will be able to share the gospel boldly & clearly.
- That we would be able to advance the kingdom by helping local pastors connect to their community.
- That our students would grow in their desire to be obedient to the Great Commission.

### PRAYER MEETING

We would love to have you join us on **July 9** for a time of prayer in our Sanctuary from 6:00-6:30pm.

#### PLAN TO ATTEND.



[eastcooperbaptist.com/events](http://eastcooperbaptist.com/events)

### COMBINED SERVICES IN THE SANCTUARY

We will have combined services at 9:30 & 11:00am in the Sanctuary on **July 7**. The Nursery & Preschool Hallways will be open. We invite all other ages to worship with parents. There will be no classes.

#### SEE YOU THERE.



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### COLSON FELLOWS

The Colson Fellows Program is a ten-month course guiding participants through the intersections of theology, faith, and culture. The program meets once a month starting July 13.

#### REGISTER ONLINE.



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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:

9:30am  11:00am

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

#### Interested in the following:

- Become a Christian
- Join the Church
- Meet with a Pastor
- Subscribe to newsletter
- Other