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: It is Good/Beneficial/Health-Producing to Give Thanks to the Lord

Psalm 92; Colossians 3:15-17 Text:

Gratitude/thanksgiving fans the flames of our love and worship of God.

"Thanksgiving is wonderfully healthy for our souls. It redirects our attention from focusing on life-depleting and faith-shrinking concerns to focusing on God in Christ, who is our life (Colossians 3:4), by recalling the varied graces we have received from him through the supreme grace of the cross. Gratitude inspires joyful worship and sparks our faith.

But we can't run our car on gratitude for yesterday's gas. We need tomorrow's gas to keep going tomorrow. And the gas that keeps us going is faith in God's 'precious and very great promises' (2 Peter 1:4), faith in God's future grace. So, give thanks today with your whole heart for all you have received from God, and let it do its work to encourage your trust in *him for all you will need tomorrow."* **John Bloom** (TGĆ.org, November 27, 2019)

How to cultivate a thankful heart:

- 1. Rejoice in creation (Psalm 92:4).
- 2. Be gobsmacked/astounded by the deep thoughts of God regarding His love and mercy for you (Psalm 92:5; Romans 11:33-36).
- 3. Be gladdened by the daily empowerment by the Holy Spirit (Psalm 92:10).
- 4. Reflect upon the ultimate justice of God (Psalm 92:11). This releases us from the "that's not fair" mindset (Psalm 73).
- 5. Be aware of the fact that the people of God flourish and grow because they are planted in the reality of Christ (Psalm 92:12-13).
- 6. "Old age" does not bring despair! (Psalm 92:14; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18).

"Grace does not leave the believer when the keepers of the house (the hands) tremble; the promise is still sure though the eyes can no longer read it; the bread of Heaven is fed upon when the grinders fail; and the voice of the Spirit in the soul is still melodious when the daughters of music are brought low. Blessed be the Lord for this! Because even to gray hairs he is the I AM, who made his people, he therefore bears and carries them." Charles Spurgeon, Treasury of David, Vol 2 (p. 120)



QUESTIONS:

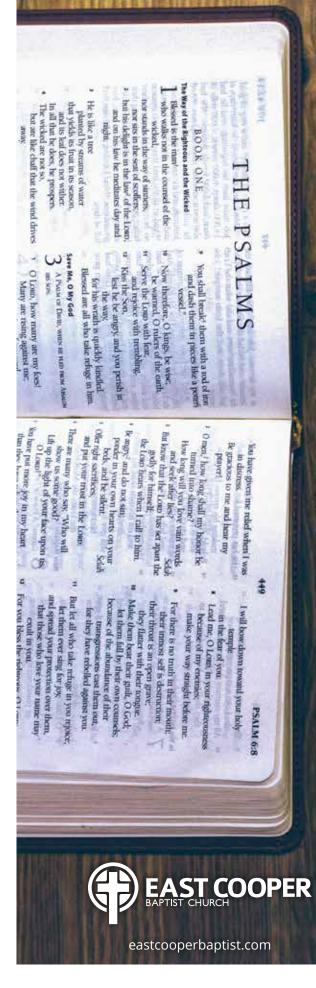
- 1. Are you prone to complaining?
- 2. Are you bitter about the past?
- 3. Are you prone to presumption and entitlement?
- 4. Are you anxious about the future?

"Seek to cultivate a buoyant, joyous sense of the crowded kindnesses of God in your daily life." Alexander Maclaren (1826-1910)

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Your mobile devices are welcome! After the service, we encourage you to share encouraging pieces of the sermon or worship service on social media. Tag ECBC using #ecbccharleston.

NOVEMBER 26, 2023





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.

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> Traditional Worship and Classes Sanctuary 9:30am & 11:00am Contemporary Worship and Classes Worship Center 9:30am & 11:00am

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.

Get to Know.

Beverly Pearce



FINANCE DIRECTOR ON STAFF

Beverly is from Charleston, SC. She understood her need for the saving grace of God while attending a Bible study that friends invited her to in high school, where the gospel was clearly presented. Beverly joined the ECBC staff in 2003. She is married to Stuart and they have three children, Austin, Michelle, and Jackson. Beverly enjoys spending time with her children, traveling, and walks on the beach.

REFRESH 2024

LIVING GENEROUSLY 4 week series beginning in January

Refresh is a class that takes place every January! Each year this class will contain an update to our vision goals, reminders about our vision language, and some specific teaching geared towards this season of our church family's life. Refresh 2024 will be about Living Generously. We're asking all of our church members to commit to attending this fourweek class.

Classes start January 7 in the East Cooper Gym and will be offered at both 9:30am and 11:00am on Sundays, and at 6:30pm on Wednesday evenings. We look forward to growing with you there!

To register, go to eastcooperbaptist.com/**refresh** or scan the QR code





Upcoming.

ANGEL TREES

Angel Trees are set up around the church. Pick up a tag **TODAY** to give a gift to a child of incarcerated parents, in foster care, or in a refugee family. Gifts are due back by **December 3**.



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CHRISTMAS CONCERT

PICK UP A TAG TODAY.

You are invited to our 2023 Christmas concert, "The Arrival" featuring the East Cooper Baptist Choir, Orchestra, and Worship Band. **December 8** at 7:00pm & **December 9** at 4:00 & 7:00pm.

GET TICKETS ONLINE.



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LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

100% of your gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering support International Mission Board (IMB) missionaries. Please pray about giving this holiday season.

GIVE TODAY.



CHURCH GOAL: \$625,000 eastcooperbaptist.com/lottiemoon

SERVE ON THE WORSHIP TEAM

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 today.

SIGN UP TODAY!



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First Time Guest?

We'd love to get to know you!

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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.
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I am a first time guest
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