

Prayer?

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

Year-End Giving.

Thank you so much for your consistent financial support throughout the year! To be sure you receive contribution credit for 2019, please have your giving in by the following times:

Offering: Dropped in the offering plate on Sunday, December 29.

Hand-delivered: To the ECBC office by 12:00 noon on Tuesday, December 31. Contributions that are hand-delivered after 12:00p on December 31 will be credited to 2020.

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Online: By 11:59p on December 31, 2019.

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Sermon.

Speaker: Buster Brown, Senior Pastor

Message: The Ascension and Reign of Christ

Text: 1 Peter 3:22

"...who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him." 1 Peter 3:22

"Jesus' ascension to heaven also was the occasion when he received new authority and power which he had not had before as God-man. (Though, as God the Son, he had possessed infinite power for all eternity, he had not previously exercised this power in the role of the person who was both God and man.) Peter emphasizes this by saying that Jesus is at the right hand of God. In the ancient world, to sit at the right hand of a king signified that one acted with the king's authority and power. This theme of Christ's 'session' (i.e. his sitting at God's right hand) is often mentioned in the New Testament ... Peter focuses here on Christ's authority in the unseen spiritual world: he has angels, authorities, and powers subject to him." Wayne Grudem, 1 Peter

"When Paul says not only that we have been raised with Christ but also that God has made us sit with him 'in the heavenly places', it indicates that even now Christian authority which finds expression in our lives especially in terms of power in spiritual warfare, freedom from fearing demonic powers, and authority to rebuke, if need be, the demonic forces which oppose us." Wayne Grudem, 1 Peter

WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM:

Q 28: Wherein consisteth Christ's exaltation?

A: Christ's exaltation consisteth in his rising again from the dead on the third day, in ascending up into heaven, in sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and in coming to judge the world at the last day.

Q 38: What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

A: At the resurrection, believers being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.

"In Luke 22:31-34, we have a record of Jesus' prediction concerning Peter's denial. Jesus said, 'Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren.' A time would come when Satan would sift Peter, and he would fall under the weight of temptation and deny his Lord. But

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Sermon.

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what did Jesus say about that time? He comforted Peter by assuring him that he would not lose his faith. And the reason his faith wouldn't fail was that Jesus had prayed for him ... Peter would not fall away from the faith because Jesus had interceded for him. What an amazing thing! And it is even more amazing to consider that He prays for each and every Christian alive today. If you are a Christian, Jesus is praying for you. He is praying that your faith will not fail, no matter how far you fall."

"The Intercession of Christ," Ligonier Ministries



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DECEMBER 15, 2019



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CHURCH GOAL: \$460,000

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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 **DEC 15**

TUE **DEC 17**

THU **DEC 19**

equip•u Classes
9:00a & 10:45a
HSM Christmas Party
5:30-7:30p Host Home
Christmas Dinner & Caroling
5:30-7:30p Gym

Worship Band Rehearsal
6:30-8:30p Worship Center

Women's Morning Devotional
6:30-7:30a Welcome Center
Re|engage Marriage Program
6:30-8:30p D-Wing Choir Room

CHRISTMAS DINNER & CAROLING

Join us for this festive holiday evening.
Tonight at 5:30pm in the gym.

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING* **THIS WEEK: \$26,347.00**
DECEMBER 1 - JANUARY 26

The International Mission Board uses 100% of the gifts given to Lottie Moon to send missionaries all over the world. Our church goal is **\$460,000**. You may give:

- **ONLINE** at eastcooperbaptist.com
- **BY OFFERING PLATE**
- **TEXT 843-202-4848: GIVE Lottie Moon 50 (to give \$50.00)**

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Upcoming.
For detailed event information, please go online.

DEC 24 You, your family, and friends are invited to one of our Christmas Eve Services in the Sanctuary. Service times are at 4:00p (with childcare for birth through age 3) and 5:30p. Come celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. **SEE YOU THERE.**

JAN 5 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.**

JAN 5 The goal for this course is to help define many issues, including 1) sex and fertility, disability, aging and dying, and 2) 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 Join us on Tuesday or Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:30a beginning January 7. We will study the Gospel of John together. Our very own ECBC pastors will be teaching through the book. Childcare is available, and books cost \$11. **REGISTER 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.**

MAR 13-22 Volunteers will teach conversational English and the Christian worldview to small groups. No prior teaching experience needed. Deadling to apply is January 1. **APPLY ONLINE.**

APR 2-10 Our pastoral staff will provide preaching and teaching to the adults. Volunteers will minister to the children of our global partners by teaching Bible stories, singing, and hanging out with the team. Deadline to apply is January 8. **APPLY ONLINE.**

WHO ARE YOUR 3?

- Who are 3 people that God has been laying on your heart?
- What are you praying for God to do in their life?
- How will you love them, and when will you share the gospel with them?

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. 12.15.19

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**
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Address

City

State **Zip**

Mobile

Spouse Mobile

Email

Spouse Email

Preferred method of contact:
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 Other