

Prayer?

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

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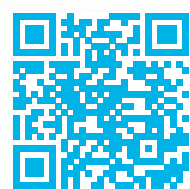
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Sermon Notes.

Speaker: Matt Reagan, Campus Outreach Director

Message: Crucified to the World: Pardon and Pattern

Text: 1 Peter 3:18, 4:1-6

"For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit...Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God. For the time that is past suffices for doing what the Gentiles want to do, living in sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry. With respect to this they are surprised when you do not join them in the same flood of debauchery, and they malign you; but they will give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. For this is why the gospel was preached even to those who are dead, that though judged in the flesh the way people are, they might live in the spirit the way God does." 1 Peter 3:18, 4:1-6

3 Observations:

1. Christ's suffering for us was both a pardon and a pattern.

Peter has no problem speaking of these in the same breath.

"For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed." 1 Peter 2:21-24

2. The pardon empowers a new priority.

"The cross is laid on every Christian. The first Christ-suffering which every man must experience is the call to abandon the attachments of this world. It is that dying of the old man which is the result of his encounter with Christ. As we embark upon discipleship we surrender ourselves to Christ in union with his death—we give over our lives to death. Thus it begins; the cross is not the terrible end to an otherwise god-fearing and happy life, but it meets us at the beginning of our communion with Christ. When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die." Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship*

3. The past has potent pull.

"Then you'd better pace yourself," he says. "Okay, no more than one bite of each dish," I say.

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My resolve is almost immediately broken at the first table, which has twenty or so soups, when I encounter a creamy pumpkin brew sprinkled with slivered nuts and tiny black seeds. 'I could just eat this all night!' I exclaim. But I don't. I weaken again at a clear green broth that I can only describe as tasting like springtime, and again when I try a frothy pink soup dotted with raspberries."

Suzanne Collins, *Catching Fire*

A Potential Practice: What is the will of God, after all?

"Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world." James 1:27

QUESTIONS:

1. How do we think about the pleasures of this life in light of this passage (see 1 Corinthians 6:12, 1 Timothy 4:1-5)?
2. What are your weekends for? How can they be brought under the umbrella of "no longer for human passions but for the will of God"?
3. What reservations do you have with fostering or adopting a child? If that is not in the realm of possibility, how can you "visit orphans and widows in their affliction"?



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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.

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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.



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Get to Know.

Michael Hardee



PRODUCTION MANAGER ON STAFF

Michael is from Mount Pleasant, SC. Although he grew up attending church regularly, Michael struggled to understand the purpose of church. After having conversations with a friend, he made the decision to surrender his life to Christ. He joined the ECBC staff in 2021. Michael is married to Emily and they have a daughter, Maggie. He enjoys spending time with his family and watching his daughter grow.



Classes.

Take a Class Routinely.

We have many classes coming up for you to grow in your faith and equip you for the days ahead. These classes meet Sunday mornings. For more information on a class, please visit our website.

CORE CLASSES:

THE GOSPEL OF MARK: Sundays, February 11 - May 19 at 11:00am.

LIFE IN ACTION: Sundays at 11:00am.

YOUNG ADULTS: Sundays at 11:00am.

COLLEGE CLASS: Sundays at 9:30am.

TRUTH SEEKERS: Sundays at 9:30am.

SENIOR ADULT WOMEN: Sundays at 9:30am.


DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES:






LEADERSHIP CLASS: Sundays, March 10 - May 19 at 11:00am.

PARENT COMMISSIONING:
February 4, March 3, April 7, & May 5 at 11:00am.

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Upcoming.

WILD GAME BANQUET

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FAMILY MISSION TRIP

This team will work with partners, Steve and April, to host an outreach camp for local children, in partnership with a local church. We need 4-5 families to be a part of this team.

APPLY ONLINE.




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SERVE IN KIDS MINISTRY

A new nursery classroom is needed to accommodate the many babies in our church! Sign up today to help us care for these little ones.

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Financial Update.

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| Giving Year-to-date | \$ 3,429,271 | (fiscal year: |
| Budget Required | \$ 3,554,260 | August 1, 2023-July 31, 2024) |

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Hello.

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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

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