

Prayer?

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

Year-End Giving.

To be sure you receive contribution credit for 2022, please have your giving to the Finance Office by the following times:

Offering: Dropped in the giving boxes on or before Sunday, December 25.

Mail: Post-marked by USPS by December 31, 2022 (any mail postmarked in 2023 will be credited to 2023).

Online: By 11:59 pm on December 31, 2022.

Hand-delivered: By 1:00 pm, Thursday, December 22, 2022*

*The church offices will be closed between December 23rd and January 2nd so please make prior arrangements for your year-end giving. If you have any questions or special considerations, please email the Finance Team at finance@eastcooperbaptist.com

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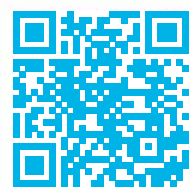
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SCAN DIGITAL CONNECT CARD



Sermon Notes.

Speaker: Buster Brown, Senior Pastor

Message: The Kingdom: For the Lame, Exiled, and Afflicted

Text: Micah 4:1, 6-7; Micah 5:4; Genesis 32:24-28

"It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and it shall be lifted up above the hills; and peoples shall flow to it,...

⁶In that day, declares the Lord, I will assemble the lame and gather those who have been driven away and those whom I have afflicted; ⁷and the lame I will make the remnant, and those who were cast off, a strong nation; and the Lord will reign over them in Mount Zion from this time forth and forevermore." Micah 4:1, 6-7

"And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth." Micah 5:4

²⁴And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him.

²⁶Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day has broken.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go unless you bless me.' ²⁷And he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' ²⁸Then he said, 'Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed.'" Genesis 32:24-28

Micah prophesied to a soon-to-be exiled people (700 BC) that a glorious Messianic Age would one day break upon them. This would happen when the Messiah King would shepherd His people in the strength of the Lord in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. But this kingdom would be for those who understood their need for the Messiah.

The kingdom of God is for those who have wrestled with God and come away limping with joy and hope.

"She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:21

"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30

1. We are all "Jacob."
2. A sense of powerlessness and need is part of the worship and communion dynamic with the Triune God.
3. (25-1) For every one look at sin, make 25 trips to the cross of Christ.

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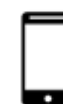
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4. The Kingdom of God is for those who have wrestled with God and come away limping with joy and hope.
5. "Seek a broken heart for sin, for without that there is no meeting with Christ." Letters of Samuel Rutherford

*Thou hast brought me to the valley of vision,
Where I live in the depths but see thee in the heights;
Hemmed in by mountains of sin I behold thy glory.*

*Let me learn by paradox
That the way down is the way up,
That to be low is to be high,
That the broken heart is the healed heart,
That the contrite spirit is the rejoicing spirit,
That the repenting soul is the victorious soul,
Arthur G. Bennett, The Valley of Vision*

6. It is never too late to experience the goodness and grace of God in your life.
7. Beware of the "Laodicean Effect Revelation" (3:15-17) which leads to tepid, lukewarm, non-passionate "Christianity."
8. The gospel brings salvation, renewed energy, focus, humility, and joy.
9. God is building a strong nation. (1 Peter 2:9-10)



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DECEMBER 18, 2022



DECEMBER - JANUARY

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CHURCH GOAL: \$600,000



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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.

Mike Dorrity

ELDER ON THE WORSHIP TEAM

Mike came to know Christ as a child through the influence of scripture and family devotions in his home. He first attended ECBC in 1990 before moving away for a time and returned in 2010. Currently, Mike serves in the orchestra and has previously served as an elder. He enjoys taking a boat ride in his free time.

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.

refresh

SPENDING YOUR LIFE WELL
4 week series beginning in January

Refresh is a new yearly class launching in 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 2023 will be about Spending Your Life Well, and will focus on Scripture's counter intuitive vision for the good life and apply this vision in practical ways. We're asking all of our church members to commit to attending this class.

Classes start January 8 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.

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.

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CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY

Our Christmas Eve services will be held in the Sanctuary at 4:00 & 5:30pm. Our Christmas Day service will be at 11:00am only. Kids of all ages attend services with parents for both days.

PLAN TO ATTEND.



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COMBINED SERVICES IN THE SANCTUARY

Join us for combined services on **January 1** at 9:30 or 11:00am in our Sanctuary. The Nursery hallway will be open. All other ages worship with parents.

SEE YOU THERE.



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MISSION TRIPS INFO MEETING

Are you interested in going on a short term trip this year? Come join us as we share about what trip opportunities are available and how you can participate! Meets Sunday, **January 15** at 12:15pm in room B214 & 215.

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12.18.22

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

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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