# Prayer?

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

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### Sermon.

Speaker: Leland Brown, Community Groups

& Young Adults Pastor

**Message:** The Good Life According to Jesus

Text: John 12:20-26

"20Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>And Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him." Iohn 12:20-26

### Everyone wants the good life (20-22)

- 1. The insiders (disciples) and the outsiders (Greeks) both want the good life
- 2. Everyone gets the good life wrong (16, 22)

"Good friends, good books, and a sleepy conscience: this is the ideal life." Mark Twain

The good life in 2021:

"...a good life does not have to look like everyone else thinks it should. Whatever feels right for you, whatever aligns your inside with your outside, that's what you should spend your time doing." G.G. Renee Hill

### The good life only comes through death (23-26)

- 1. Jesus' death (23-24)
  - is his glory (23)
  - is like a seed dying to bear fruit (24)
  - is for the fruit of your abundant life (24)

"It is not just that the shame of the cross is inevitably followed by the glory of the exaltation, but that the glory is already fully displayed in the shame." D.A. Carson

- 2. Your death (25-26)
  - to your picture of the good life (25)
- so you can follow Jesus to people far from God (26)
- will lead to the Father honoring you (!!!) (26)

The good life according to Jesus is a life laid down for others

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# Sermon.

#### **QUESTIONS:**

- 1. Apart from the teaching of this passage, what is your How are you tempted to seek it and live for it?
- 2. How does Jesus' death show us the truly good life?
- 3. What is one tangible way for you to lay your life down for someone far from God this week?





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

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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.



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



# Ways to Serve. -

We would love to have you on one of our serve teams!



Serve on the Production Team and help us provide audio and video each Sunday as we worship and study God's word. Training is provided. To sign up, email Communications at communications@eastcooperbaptist.com.



Volunteers are needed on the Welcome Team to open doors and welcome people as they arrive to church. To sign up, email Moriah at moriahc@eastcooperbaptist.com.



Are you interested in helping out in Children's Ministry? If so, we would love to help you use your gifts to serve the church. Email Crystal at crystalc@eastcooperbaptist.com to sign up.

# Leadership.

Vote on Deacons & Elders now through August 11.

### Deacons

The word "deacon" means servant and came to be used by the church to designate a special position in the church. Both the Scripture and the dignity of the office demand a person of the highest spiritual, moral, and practical qualifications. The qualifications are listed in 1 Timothy 3:8-13 and are similar to those for elders with the exception of "able to teach."

### Elders

Elders (also translated as "overseers") are responsible for overseeing their local church. Their primary duties include leading, teaching, praying and shepherding the people. The Bible lays out clear qualifications for elders in 1 Timothy 3:1-10 and Titus 1:6-9. These qualifications are living above reproach, faithful to his wife, self-controlled temperament, prudent, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, free from addictions, not pugnacious, uncontentious, free from the love of money, manages his household well, not a new convert, has a good reputation with outsiders, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, loves what is good, just, devout, and one who holds fast the faithful word.

### Vote

The deacon & elder nominees have been carefully examined and affirmed by the church leadership. The last step is congregational approval.

All ECBC members are asked to vote on deacon & elder nominees for the new church year. Please either approve the list in the form or let us know if you have any questions or concerns over any of these men listed below in the space provided at the bottom of the form.

In order to vote, you need to be an ECBC member in good standing with the church and must be 18 years or older.

To review and vote on this year's deacons and elders, scan the QR code below, fill out, and submit.

#### **DEACON NOMINEES:**

Benny Bellisario Joe Welch Jonathan Tate

#### **ELDER NOMINEES:**

Matt Manning Joe Weston Kenny Betancourt Daniel Dukes

SCAN FOR THE DEACON & ELDER VOTING FORM



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# Upcoming.

For detailed event information, please go online. eastcooperbaptist.com/events

#### **FAMILY SUMMIT**

We would love to see you at our very first Family Summit on August 21!
We will be providing intentional pathways for parents & grandparents to spiritually train their children in the way they should go.

REGISTER TODAY.



#### **EUROPE INFO MEETING**

We will be taking a team to Europe in July 2022 to help care for our Global Partners' children. There will be an info meeting about the trip on August 22 & September 12 after the 11am service in B224.

PLAN TO ATTEND.



### COMBINED SERVICES IN THE SANCTUARY

Join us for combined services on August 29 at 9:30 or 11:00am in our Sanctuary. We will have tours of our new Student Life Center available after each service for anyone interested.

SEE YOU THERE.



#### MEMBERSHIP CLASS

In September we will be offering a Membership class at 11:00am taught by Leland Brown. By coming, you will learn more about what it means to become a member of ECBC. Meets on September 12, 19, 26, & October 3 in room B224.

REGISTER ONLINE.



### First Time Guest?

We'd love to get to know you!

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