

# Prayer?

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

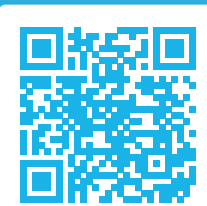
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# Sermon Notes.

**Speaker:** Buster Brown, Senior Pastor  
**Message:** Rejoicing Mingled with Tears (Groanings)  
**Text:** 1 Peter 1:6-9

*"<sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, <sup>9</sup>obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls." 1 Peter 1:6-9*

### A little while and grieved by various trials

Joy is the emotion/feeling in our being (heart) produced by the Holy Spirit, as he causes us to see and savor the beauty/treasure of Christ in creation and the Word.

Sorrowing yet rejoicing (2 Corinthians 6:10).

1. "In this" you rejoice (v. 3-5): a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, a permanent inheritance, and divine protection.

*"Those who, not satisfied with him alone, entertain various hopes from others, though they may continue to look to him chiefly, deviate from that right path by the simple fact that some portion of their thought takes a different direction. No distrust of this description can arise when once the abundance of his blessings is properly known." John Calvin, The Institutes of the Christian Religion*

2. We will be grieved (distressed, saddened) by various trials (1 Peter 3:14, 17; 1 Peter 4:12-13,19).
3. "For a little while" (v.6) versus eternity, anticipated and longed for.
4. The purpose: 1 Peter 5:10-11 & Romans 5:3-5

### APPLICATION

1. Four Biblical Truths:
  - All people are made in the image of God and live their lives before loving God who controls the affairs of the world - versus random chance.

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- God is the person of Jesus Christ came to earth, lived a perfect life and suffering with humanity while living a life of joy and suffering and sacrificed his life for our sin versus the creator of God who's a watchmaker and remote or non-existent.
  - Faith in the finished work of Christ upon the cross means that we have eternal salvation in the one who died for our sins versus "karma" which is the repayment of previous living i.e. our difficulties in life are not payment for past sins (karma) since Jesus paid for them.
  - There will be a bodily resurrection from the dead of all who believe there'll be a bodily resurrection from the dead of all who believe as they inhabit the new heavens and the earth forever, versus the impersonal absorption into an undefinable nothingness.
2. "All things are new" (2 Corinthians 5:17) because of the strong reality of Christ.
  3. Believers live in the "already but not yet" kingdom. Therefore everyone every day can simultaneously have sorrow and joy because we live in a fallen world and anticipate heaven. The sorrowing and rejoicing will vary from one degree but both realities are present this side of heaven.

	Cause	Response	Desire/Hope
Hinduism	Wrongdoing (Karma)	Do good/try harder	Eternal bliss/ Moksha (Impersona)
Buddhism	Illusion (The Four Noble Truths)	Detachment	Enlightenment (an experience of oneness that cannot be defined by words)
Islam	Destiny	Endurance through effort	Glory and internal reward
Deism	Primary force of accident	Enlightened technique by the informed	Better society
Christianity	A good world gone wrong but ruled over by Abba Father	Trust and obey	Glorify/honor/ worship God and enjoy Him... forever

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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  
**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](http://eastcooperbaptist.com/give).



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

## Get to Know.

**Erin Keiper**



### FINANCE DIRECTOR ON STAFF

Erin is from Dagsboro, Delaware. She came to know Christ while in college through the local church and gospel-centered community. Erin joined the ECBC staff in 2012. She is married to Sean and they have two sons, Miles and Judah. Two of her favorite things to do are read fiction and be by the water.

# GET CONNECTED

- Worship**  
Engage in a Worship Service Weekly  
Make a fundamental commitment to participate, engage in, and sing in a worship service each week.  
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Connect in a Group Consistently  
We have a lot of groups at East Cooper. We have community groups, which are for everyone, and we have specialized groups based on your stage of life and particular season you are in.  
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Serve on a Team Monthly  
We believe that every Christian needs tangible places to serve others. We have teams that serve the body on Sundays and the community on other days.  
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Take a Class Routinely  
Our classes are designed to help you grow in your understanding and ability to lead others.  
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## Upcoming.

**MEMBERS MEETING & FELLOWSHIP**

On August 24, we will gather for a Members Meeting in the Sanctuary at 4:00pm followed by a time of Churchwide Fellowship from 5:00-7:00pm. Please register and let us know if you can bring an appetizer or dessert!

**REGISTER ONLINE.**  
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**FOSTER & ADOPTION FELLOWSHIP**

On August 31, there will be a time of fellowship for anyone connected to our church's Foster and Adoption initiative during the 11:00 hour.

**PLAN TO ATTEND.**  
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**TAKE A CLASS**

We have a new class for you to get involved in:

*Nicene Creed* begins September 7.  
*Membership Class* begins September 7.

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9:30am     11:00am

I am a first time guest

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Spouse

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