

## Prayer?

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

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## Sermon.

**Speaker:** Buster Brown, Senior Pastor

**Message:** The Pursuit of Happiness (Today and Forever)

**Text:** 1 Timothy 6:17-19

*"<sup>17</sup>As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. <sup>18</sup>They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, <sup>19</sup>thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life. <sup>20</sup>O Timothy, guard the deposit entrusted to you. Avoid the irreverent babble and contradictions of what is falsely called 'knowledge,' <sup>21</sup>for by professing it some have swerved from the faith. Grace be with you." 1 Timothy 6:17-21*

In this passage, Paul has instructed Timothy regarding two systems: one based upon the sound words of the Lord Jesus Christ which leads to human flourishing, and the other based on desires turned upside down, leading to ruin, destruction, and runaway greed.

We are told that as we fight the good fight we should flee from sin (2 Timothy 2:22) and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, and gentleness.

In this passage, Paul makes application that leads to the previous arguments in the lives of the Ephesians.

1. Do not be haughty/proud/arrogant which becomes evident when ultimate hope is placed in riches. (v.17)

2. Trust the Father who "richly provides us with everything to enjoy." (v.17b)

*"The settled happiness and security which we all desire, God withholds from us by the very nature of the world: but joy, pleasure, and merriment He has scattered broadcast. We are never safe, but we have plenty of fun, and some ecstasy. It is not hard to see why. The security we crave would teach us to rest our hearts in this world and oppose any obstacle to our return to God: a few moments of happy love, a landscape, a symphony, a merry meeting with friends, a bathe or a football match, have no such tendency. Our Father refreshes us on the journey with some pleasant inns, but will not encourage us to mistake them for home."*

CS Lewis, *The Problem of Pain*

3. Joyfully live out the reality of faith by a life committed to GENEROUS LIVING.



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### WE SERVE OTHERS

We have been both secured by Jesus' service to us and equipped with spiritual gifts, that we might freely serve both the church and the world. Our members are called to pour themselves out in a variety of ways, as well as to consider their entire lives to be spiritual acts of service.

Scripture: Mark 10:45, Acts 20:24, Acts 20:35, Phil. 2:17

*"And the way we live must be shocking in a way that is also compelling. It must raise questions for those looking on—questions such as, 'If their way of thinking about sexuality and individual expression is wrong, how come their lives look so good?', or 'If they are supposedly given over to hate speech, how come they love and serve their enemies?', or 'Why is their speech so measured when they are scorned on social media?', or (most peturbingly to a culture that views personal sexual freedom as a primary identity marker) 'Why are their marriages strong, their single people chaste, and their same-sex attraction people so fulfilled by non-sexual relationships?'"*

Stephen McAlpine, *Being the Bad Guys*, p. 58

4. Hold the priority of an eternal perspective in living out our faith. (v.19)

"For the Christian, joy in the present is always future-focused."

### QUESTIONS:

1. Who are the wealthy? (See "Are You Living The Good Life?" by Randy Alcorn, pp. 27-29)

*"In 2018, the median household income in the U.S. was \$62,175. That amount lands not just in the top 1% of the world's wealthy, but inside the top 1/2 of 1%."*

Randy Alcorn, *Are You Living The Good Life?*, p. 28

2. How does Psalm 30:6-7 correspond to the gradual trusting in ourselves or riches as a means of our ultimate hope? *"As for me, I said in my prosperity, 'I shall never be moved.' By your favor, O Lord, you made my mountain stand strong; you hid your face; I was dismayed."*

3. As you consider the CS Lewis quote from "The Problem of Pain," what is a one sentence statement regarding embracing joy/pleasure in this life?

4. How can you live out the four exhortations of verse 18 this week?

5. Why did God make Basset Hounds?

6. Considering 1 Timothy 6:18, what does this mean "We must earn the right to be heard"?



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APRIL 3, 2022

## — THE JOY OF — STEWARDSHIP



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



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

## Get to Know.

### Anderson Murphy



#### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT ON STAFF

Anderson is from Eutawville, SC. She came to know Christ during her sophomore year at the College of Charleston. Through studying the Bible with a Campus Outreach staff member and attending a fall retreat, she understood her own sinfulness and the grace and forgiveness freely offered through Jesus. She joined the ECBC staff in 2020. A few of her favorite things are coffee shops, plants, and walks with friends.



## Celebrate With Us.

For more information, please go online.



Good Friday • April 15  
7:00-8:00pm in the Sanctuary

Join us on Good Friday as we come together for a special service in honor of the work Christ our King did for us on the cross. During this service, we will be taking communion together. Children of all ages worship with parents.



Easter Sunday • April 17  
Combined Services at 8:30, 9:45, & 11:00am  
in the Sanctuary

Come and celebrate our Risen Savior on Easter Sunday at East Cooper! Each service will be a blended style of traditional and contemporary in the Sanctuary with overflow in the Worship Center. We look forward to celebrating with you!

8:30am Service: Children of all ages worship with parents.

9:45 & 11:00am Services: Nursery Hallway is open for children birth - 2 years old. All other children and students worship with parents.

[eastcooperbaptist.com/easter](http://eastcooperbaptist.com/easter)



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## Upcoming.

For detailed event information, please go online.  
[eastcooperbaptist.com/events](http://eastcooperbaptist.com/events)

#### PRAYER MEETING

We would love to have you join us on the first Tuesday evening of each month for a time of prayer in our Sanctuary from 6:00-6:30pm. Our next one is on April 5.

PLAN TO ATTEND.



#### LIFELINE FOSTER CARE INFO WEBINAR

During this info webinar, you'll hear directly from members of the Lifeline staff about the heart of Lifeline's ministry, along with a general overview of our programs and the adoption process. April 20 at 12:00pm.

REGISTER ONLINE.



#### AWARE CONFERENCE

In times of cultural difficulty and opposition, we are tempted to be hostile towards our culture or retreat out of it. Dr. Stephen Presley, will speak about how the ancient church lovingly and boldly engaged culture as a model for us today.

REGISTER TODAY.



#### SERVE IN WORSHIP MINISTRY

Sunday morning worship is such a vital part of our church! It takes a team of volunteers to help bring music to our venues! If you are gifted musically and desire to use it, volunteer at [eastcooperbaptist.com/serve](http://eastcooperbaptist.com/serve).

SIGN UP TODAY!



## Financial Update.

Giving Year-to-date \$ 4,130,102 (fiscal year:  
Budget Required \$ 4,048,024 August 1, 2021-July 31, 2022)

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## 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

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Spouse Birthdate

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