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# Sermon.

**Speaker:** Buster Brown, Senior Pastor  
**Message:** Building with Strength  
**Text:** Jude 17-21

*"17But you must remember, beloved, the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. 18They said to you, 'In the last time there will be scoffers, following their own ungodly passions.' 19It is these who cause divisions, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit. 20But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, 21keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. Jude 17-21"*

The recipients of this epistle were part of a minority in a hostile culture. They also faced the daunting task of addressing the sensualists who had secretly infiltrated the church and were leading people astray with doctrine that mocked the call to honor Christ with a holy lifestyle.

In the midst of a very difficult situation, Jude continually reminds them of their union with Christ and the empowering presence of the Lord in their lives. A power that will keep them safe and strong in their trials and present them "blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy" (v.24).

### The Call to Action

*"A fourth principle of our success [as demonic beings] is to get them [evangelicals] to cover up the battlefield with peace banners, to deny the very existence of the war they're in. This easily follows from the success of the third principle: the Big Lie of relativism. If your philosophy tells you that there are no real absolutes, then there can be no real war. If you reject the idea that there is any real evil worth fighting, and any real good worth fighting for, you reject the idea of fighting, the ideas of spiritual warfare itself. What a terrific advantage this gives us on the battlefield: most of our Enemy's [God's] troops don't even know it is a battlefield." Peter Kreeft (in the literary tradition of CS Lewis' Screwtape Letters), How To Win the Culture War, p. 73*

*"'Building up' is not that each Christian should build up his own Christian life, but that Christians should help and encourage one another so they may grow in their faith and collectively contribute to the health and well-being of the church." Daniel C. Arichea, A Handbook on the Letter of Jude*

1. Pray in the Holy Spirit.
- Ask for fresh empowerment of the Holy Spirit. (Luke 11:13, Ephesians 5:18)
  - Forsake/flee from known sin. *"Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy."* Proverbs 28:13
  - Plead for the Holy Spirit to make application of the Word of God in your life. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

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2. Keep yourselves in the love of God.  
We keep ourselves in the love of God by understanding our union with Christ and living out our faith on the basis of our security in Jesus.  
*"The truth that makes us free is that which tells us who we are (in Christ), what we are (forgiven and secure) and what he has done for us, and how the whole honor of the family is, as it were, in our hands...Reason it out, work it out." D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones, Romans: Exposition of Chapter 6, p. 169*
3. Eagerly await the coming of our Lord and his eternal kingdom.  
*"And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience." Romans 8:23-25*

### QUESTIONS:

1. Why did those who received Jude's epistle find themselves in a very difficult situation?
2. What concepts does Jude give his readers that instill hope, peace and joy in their lives?
3. How aware are you and your contemporaries of the spiritual battle that rages around you? Rate yourself and others 1 to 5, with 5 being highly aware. Note the quote by Peter Kreeft.
4. How do we pray in the Holy Spirit?
5. What does the concept of "leaky buckets" mean in regard to Ephesians 5:18?
6. How does the Holy Spirit communicate to us as we seek to make application?
7. How does our conscious understanding of who we are in Christ (our union with him) keep us vibrantly in the love of God?

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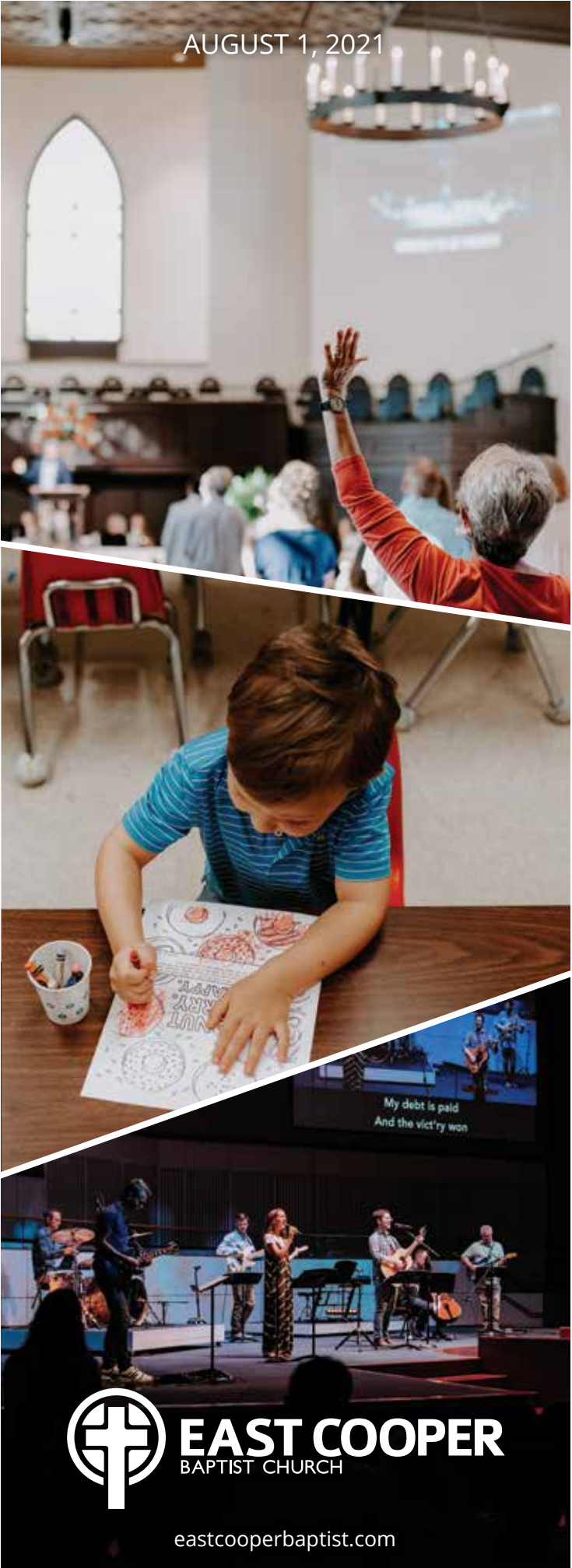
1. We submit to the Bible.
2. We are a family.  
Because we recognize that God has ordained the institution of the nuclear family and called us into the greater familial community of the body of Christ, we celebrate and strive to build strong families within individual homes and across the generations within our church. (1 Corinthians 12:12-31, Ephesians 4:11-16, Deuteronomy 6:6-7)
3. We serve others.
4. We make disciples.



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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](mailto: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.

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HELP SERVE.



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.



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.  
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