

Prayer?

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Sermon Notes.

Speaker: Buster Brown, Senior Pastor

Message: The Transformative Power of the Gospel (How Do We Call for the Power of the Holy Spirit?)

Text: Acts 2:42-47

⁴²And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved." Acts 2:42-47

The early church lived in the atmosphere of the empowering presence of the crucified, resurrected, and ascended Jesus. The reality of that is manifested in the historical overview found in this passage.

1. The Attitude of Awe (Reverence, Respect, Worship)

"Leading a _____ without the presence of the Lord filling the eyes of your heart is dangerous for any leader or leadership community. It is impossible to look at creation and not see the glory and presence of the one who created it. Awe controls it to this very day. It is also possible to look at your _____ and forget that every good thing is the work of hands greater than your own." Paul David Tripp, *Lead*, p. 212

ANSWER KEY: ministry, ministry

2. Practices Lived Out by the Early Church

- They were devoted to the apostles' teaching.

"For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures..." 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

- They were devoted to fellowship (vv.42, 44).
- They were devoted to the breaking of bread. The community of believers were all part of the family of faith.
- They were devoted to prayer. Prayer was both anticipatory and a pushing against the status quo.

Q: What is prayer?

A: Prayer is pouring out our hearts to God in praise, petition, confession of sin, and thanksgiving. *New City Catechism, Question 38*

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3. Two Essential Attitudes: Glad and Generous/Sincere Hearts (v.46)

Glad equals extreme joy. (Luke 1:14, Hebrews 1:9, Jude 24). Sincerity equals simplicity, humility of life.

"At present it is January with me, both within and without. The outward sun shines and looks pleasant; but his beams are faint, and too feeble to dissolve the frost. So it is in my heart: I have many bright and pleasant beams of truth in my view but cold dominates my frost-bound spirit, and they have little power to warm me. I could tell a stranger something about Jesus that would perhaps astonish him: such a glorious person he is....I know these things so well, and yet I am not presently affected with them! Indeed. I have reason to be on ill terms with myself! It is strange that pride should ever find anything in my experience to feed upon; but this completes my character for falling, violence and inconsistency, that I am not only poor, but proud: and though I am convinced I am a wretch, and nothing before the Lord, I am prone to go forth among my fellow creatures as though I am wise and good." John Newton, *Combined Works, Volume 2*, p. 232-233

"And the wealthy among us help the needy; and we always keep together; and for all things wherewith we are supplied, we bless the Maker of all through cities or in the country gather together to one place, and the memoirs of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read, as long as time permits; then, when the reader has ceased, the president verbally instructs, and exhorts to the imitation of these good things. Then we all rise together and pray, and, as we before said, when our prayer is ended, bread and wine and water are brought, and the president, in like manner offers prayers and thanksgivings, according to his ability, and the people assent, saying Amen; and there is a distribution to each, and a participation of that over which thanks have been given, and to those who are absent a portion is sent by the deacons. And they who are well to do, and willing, give what each thinks fit; and what is collected is deposited with the president, who succours the orphans and widows and those who, through sickness or any other cause, are in want and those who are in bonds and the strangers sojourning among us, and in word takes care of all who are in ended." Justin Martyre, 1 Apology, 67 (c.155 A.D.)



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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

Spouse

Birthdate Spouse Birthdate

Address

City

State Zip

Mobile

Spouse Mobile

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CELEBRATE BUSTER & SARA

We hope you'll join us as we celebrate Buster & Sara Brown's 40 years of ministry at East Cooper! TODAY from 2:00-4:00pm in the Welcome Center.



PLAN TO ATTEND.

LIFELINE FOSTER CARE INFO WEBINAR

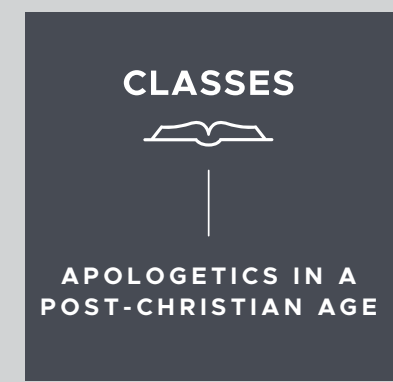
During this info webinar, you'll hear directly from members of the Lifeline staff about the heart of Lifeline's ministry, along with a general overview of our programs and the adoption process. May 18 at 12:00pm.



REGISTER ONLINE.

SUMMER CLASS

Our culture has been and is changing rapidly. How do we speak well for Jesus and answer the common objections people have in our growing, Post-Christian age? Come for this four-week class in B221 starting June 5 to learn.



SEE YOU THERE!

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.



SIGN UP TODAY!

Membership Class.

For detailed information, please go online.



BEGINNING JUNE 5

This past January, we asked everyone in the East Cooper family to join us for a 4-week class called Renew to share our new vision and values! Renew was an encouraging time as we launched into the new year and vision!

If you were unable to attend Renew or you have been visiting recently and would like to become a member of the church, we ask you to join us for our Membership Class this June. During this class, we will cover the same material as Renew. This class will explore the Bible's instruction about the local church, your calling as a church member, and our church's unique goals and vision as we seek to do all we can to help broken people treasure Jesus.

Membership Class will be on Sunday mornings during the 11:00am worship hour. The dates for the classes are June 5, 12, 19, and 26.

Sign Up Today!

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Members, we will be voting on the 2022-2023 Budget via email on May 22. Voting closes June 8.

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
Sanctuary 9:30am & 11:00am
Contemporary Worship
Worship Center 9:30am & 11:00am

Ways to Give.

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

Get to Know.

Quint Schoeneberg



CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP DIRECTOR ON STAFF

Quint is from Bolivar, MO. While attending a revival meeting as a child, Quint became aware of his sin and felt an immense burden and need for forgiveness. After discussing this with his parents and pastor, he made the decision to follow Jesus and was baptized at the age of 7. Quint is married to Becky and they have three children, Myliah, Emmy and Gemma. In his free time, you can find Quint playing disc golf or watching college football.