

Prayer?

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

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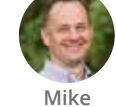
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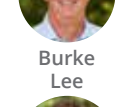
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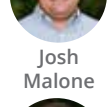
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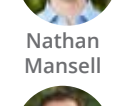
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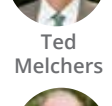
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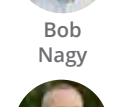
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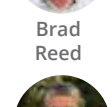
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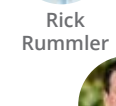
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Sermon.

Speaker: Pastor Buster Brown

Today's Message: How to Embrace Life

Today's Text: Ecclesiastes 11:7-10

"7 Light is sweet, and it is pleasant for the eyes to see the sun. 8 So if a person lives many years, let him rejoice in them all; but let him remember that the days of darkness will be many. All that comes is vanity. 9 Rejoice, O young man, in your youth, and let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth. Walk in the ways of your heart and the sight of your eyes. But know that for all these things God will bring you into judgment. 10 Remove vexation from your heart, and put away pain from your body, for youth and the dawn of life are vanity."

Solomon Comes home, Part II

Under the Sun (only)

Epicureanism:

the pursuit of pleasure and avoidance of pain in a socially acceptable fashion.

"god" is undefinable...

because there is no ultimate definition of "god"; therefore, the reality of the one true God is not a strong and joyfully binding reality.

Solomon cannot live with the consequences of his worldview, so he returns to the Lord in the latter years of his life.

How to Embrace Life (How to Live with Happiness)

1. Cherish every day (v.7-8)

Solomon is reflecting a limited perspective on the mercy of God and is in a state of becoming a 'recovering epicurean'. How much more should our celebration be deep and profound, living on this side of the glory and revelation of Messiah?

"I think earth, if chosen instead of Heaven, will turn out to have been, all along, only a region in Hell: and earth, if put second to Heaven, to have been from the beginning a part of Heaven itself." The Great Divorce, C.S. Lewis. p.7

"At the end of things, the blessed will say, "We have never lived anywhere except in Heaven." And the lost will say, "We were always in Hell." The Great Divorce, C.S. Lewis. p.68

2. Embrace the all-knowing, everywhere-present, God who is ABBA Father. (v.9)

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Sermon.

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"The appearance of everything was altered; there seemed to be, as it were, a calm sweet cast or appearance of divine glory in almost everything. God's excellency, his wisdom, his purity and love seemed to appear in everything; in the sun, moon and stars; in the clouds and blue sky; in the grass, flowers, trees; in the water and all nature."

Jonathan Edwards (1705-1758)

3. Put away vexations or worry. (v.10)

"And he said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on...and which of you, being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life... For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you."

Luke 12:22, 25, 30-31

"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." Luke 12:32

"If I should ask you why you believe in Christ, and why you have become Christians, every man will answer truthfully by saying: for the sake of a happy life. The pursuit of a happy life is common to philosophers and to Christians."

Augustine (354-430)

"There is nothing that more tends to strengthen the faith of the young believer than to hear the veteran Christian, covered with scars from the battle, testifying that the service of his Master is happy service, and that, if he could have served any other master, he would not have done so, for His service is pleasant and His reward everlasting joy."

Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why should our happiness/joy be more contagious and heightened than the (recovering) joy of Solomon?
2. How is life either the outermost region of Heaven or Hell? What does it mean to thankfully "take the prescription"?
3. How can Ecclesiastes 11:9 be read as a horrid threat or a life-enhancing joy?
4. How do we avoid being overwhelmed with anxiety? (Do you agree that anxiety should mark our days unless we understand there is a Divine Creator, who sustains creation, loves us and has made a way for us to have eternal fellowship with Him?)



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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 by the Welcome Center following the worship services to say hello and let us answer any questions you may have. Thanks for being our guest.

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Traditional Worship / Sunday Bible Classes

Sanctuary 9:00a & 10:45a

Contemporary Worship / Sunday Bible Classes

Worship Center 9:00a & 10:45a



Next Steps.

1. Attend a Guest Luncheon

Get to know us better at our next Guest Luncheon and see what God has in store for you. You'll meet our pastor and some of our staff and enjoy fellowship with a great meal. Our next free luncheon is **January 6, 2019 at 12:15p** in the Gym. For more information, please contact Carol at carolw@eastcooperbaptist.com.

2. Find an equip•u Class

Our equip•u classes are groups that meet before or after the worship services to study the Bible in depth. Visit the Welcome Center to pick up an equip•u guide or go online to choose from a variety of classes. Register for track classes at eastcooperbaptist.com/classes.

3. Join a Community Group

An authentic biblical community provides a place where we can grow, learn, and serve as we seek to know Jesus. We have a variety of over 30 open groups from students to adults. Please go online today to locate a group near you. eastcooperbaptist.com/groups

4. Become a Member

Register online for our upcoming New Members Class on Saturday, **January 12th**. This class is a basic introduction to our church family and is a requirement for joining the church. We designed this class to clearly explain what we believe at East Cooper Baptist.

5. Serve in equip•them

Equip•them is the serving arm for Sunday morning ministries. We have nearly 600 opportunities to serve. Some needs require 15 minutes before the service, others may require the whole equipping hour. eastcooperbaptist.com/serve

Childcare.



We have a safe and loving environment for your children where they can learn about God. Please take advantage of our nursery for children up to age three during the worship services. Our ushers are ready to assist you.



This Week.

For detailed information please go online.

SUN

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Equip•u Classes
9:00a & 10:45a
HSM D-Groups
5:30-7:30p Host Homes

MON

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Reengage Marriage Program
6:30-8:30p Worship Center
Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal
6:30-8:00p Choir Room

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Happy Thanksgiving!

Church Offices Closed
Thursday & Friday



TODAY & TOMORROW PLEASE DROP-OFF YOUR SHOE BOXES
Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love. Place your boxes around the Christmas tree in the Welcome Center.

THIS MONTH: PRISON & SUPPORT

FEATURED MINISTRIES

Throughout the month of November we are featuring all of our local ministries that help with prison & support ministries. Ministries that help people transition back into life after being in prison all the way to correspondence Bible studies with those who are currently in prison. God is doing incredible things through these ministries.

Go online today to learn more about these important ministries and see how you can help!

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Upcoming.

For detailed event information please go online.

Please note that next Sunday, November 25, there will be no equip•u classes. Also, we will have combined services in the Sanctuary at 9:00a and 10:45a.

NOV 25 With the delivery of a gift, Angel Tree boys and girls hear the free gift of salvation and feel the love of their incarcerated parents. Make sure to pick up Angel Tree tags on Sundays, November 25 & December 2! Presents are due back on December 2 & 9.



DEC 2 Please begin to pray about how you can give sacrificially to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering this year. The offering helps IMB missionaries take the gospel to unreached peoples around the world, so we need **100% participation** to this important effort.



DEC 4 A monthly gathering for our church to come together to pray. Join us at 6:30p in the Welcome Center. We will be praying for our church, community, nation, and the world. Please make plans to attend. Nursery is provided. **SEE YOU THERE**



DEC 8 We are excited to welcome the Charleston Symphony Orchestra as they conduct their version of the Holy City Messiah at 7:30p in the Sanctuary. Tickets are \$35 each for adults and \$10 each for students. **PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE**



DEC 14 & 15 Order your tickets today for this year's Christmas Concert, Let There Be Light. Performances will be held on the 14th at 7:00p and on the 15th at 4:00p and 7:00p. The concert is free but you need a ticket for admission. **GET TICKETS ONLINE**



DEC 16 Join us for a festive holiday evening with Christmas Dinner and Caroling. This is a churchwide event so everyone is invited. Dinner is FREE, however, donations are encouraged. Dinner will be served at 5:30p in the gym.



JAN 7 EC Sports is how our church serves our community through sports. We're starting up basketball in January for anyone who loves to play regardless of if or where they go to church. Visit eastcooperbaptist.com/men to sign up. **REGISTER ONLINE**



NEW TO ECBC?
After the service, stop by the Welcome Center

Please complete the perforated section and place in the offering plate or bring by the Welcome Center.

Hello.

11.18.18

If you're here for the first time, please come by our Welcome Center and say hello. We'd love to answer any questions and say thanks for being our special guest today.

I/We attended worship at:

☐ 9:00a ☐ 10:45a

☐ I am a first time guest

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