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Sermon.

Speaker: Buster Brown, Senior Pastor Today's Message: One Greater Than Temple Worship Walked Amount Us Today's Text: Matthew 12:1-14; Colossians 2:16-17

"At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry, and they began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. But when the Pharisees saw it, they said to him, 'Look, your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath.' He said to them, 'Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, and those who were with him: how he entered the house of God and ate the bread of the Presence, which it was not lawful for him to eat nor for those who were with him, but only for the priests? Or have you not read in the Law how on the Sabbath the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath and are guiltless? I tell you, something greater than the temple is here. And if you had known what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the guiltless. For the Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath.' He went on from there and entered their synagogue. And a man was there with a withered hand. And they asked him, 'Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?'—so that they might accuse him. He said to them, Which one of you who has a sheep, if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not take hold of it and lift it out? Of how much more value is a man than a sheep! So it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.' Then he said to the man, 'Stretch out your hand.' And the man stretched it out, and it was restored, healthy like the other. But the Pharisees went out and conspired against him, how to destroy him." Matthew 12:1-14

"Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. *These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance* belongs to Christ." Colossians 2:16-17

Love for the Christ who fulfills the sacrificial law as declared by Holy Scripture, causes love for others to flourish.

CHICAGO STATEMENT ON BIBLICAL INERRANCY

(International Council on Biblical Inerrancy Conference - 1978)

A SHORT STATEMENT

1. God, who is Himself Truth and speaks truth only, has inspired Holy Scripture in order thereby to reveal Himself to lost mankind through Jesus Christ as Creator and Lord, Redeemer and Judge. Holy Scripture is God's witness to Himself.

2. Holy Scripture, being God's own Word, written by men prepared and superintended by His Spirit, is of infallible divine authority in all matters upon which it touches: it is to be believed, as God's instruction, in all that it affirms; obeyed, as God's command, in all that it requires; embraced, as God's pledge, in all that it promises.

3. The Holy Spirit, Scripture's divine Author, both authenticates it to us by His inward witness and opens our minds to understand its meaning.

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ARTICLES OF AFFIRMATION AND DENIAL Article I

We affirm that the Holy Scriptures are to be received as the authoritative Word of God.

We deny that the Scriptures receive their authority from the Church, tradition, or any other human source.

Article II

We affirm that the Scriptures are the supreme written norm by which God binds the conscience, and that the authority of the Church is subordinate to that of Scripture. We deny that Church creeds, councils, or declarations have authority greater than or equal to the authority of the Bible.

Article V

We affirm that God's revelation in the Holy Scriptures was progtessive.

We deny that later revelation, which may fulfill earlier revelation, ever corrects or contradicts it. We further deny that any normative revelation has been given since the completion of the New Testament writings.

- Christ is the fulfillment of the sacrificial system. (v.6)
- 2. Traditions must constantly be dethroned and examined in the blinding clarity or light of the Scripture.
- 3. Mercy toward people is our calling, not ritual or culturally normative observances.

QUESTIONS:

- Why did Martin Luther, in 1519, say that his heart had entered through the "doors of paradise" (as he understood the imputed righteousness of Christ)?
- 2. How did that understanding give Martin Luther the courage to say in 1521, "I am bound by the Scriptures I have quoted and my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and will not recant anything, since it is neither safe nor right to go against conscience.
- 3. How have cultural norms or traditions blinded us to the glory of the gospel of Christ?
- How do we constantly "dethrone" (even well meaning) norms?

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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 Equip•u Classes Sanctuary 9:00a & 10:45a Contemporary Worship / Sunday Equip•u 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 August 4 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, **August 17**. 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

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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.



Student Life Center Update



IMPORTANT MEMBER VOTE, SUNDAY, JUNE 9

On Tuesday, May 21, 2019, the Elder Board unanimously voted to recommend to the church to break ground on the Student Life Center on July 28, 2019, and to continue fundraising. On November 1, 2019, the Elder Board will review current status and make further recommendations to the congregation.

The fundamental reasoning for a vote to proceed includes:

- We have reached 75% of our goal. \$4M in cash on hand and \$1.8M in pledges by ground breaking
- Breaking ground on July 28 allows for a 2020/21 school year opening of the Student Life Center
- PCA enrollment next year is projected to be 735; an all-time high PCA currently has a wait list of 50 students

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Members may vote via bulletin tear-off TODAY and June 9.

Upcoming. For detailed event information please go online.

TODAY We give our regular children's ministry volunteers some time off in the summer to recharge and rest from a great year of teaching our children. Therefore, the children's ministry needs SUNDAY your help with Summer Sundays! **VOLUNTEER TODAY AT A KIOSK**



TODAY We will offer a listening session on the updates with our Student Life Center in the Conference Room of the Church Office between services from 10:15-10:45a. Anyone is invited to attend and ask questions.

JUN 4 Buster is calling the church to a day of prayer and fasting from dinner on Monday night to dinner on Tuesday night. We will end this time praying together at 6:30p in the Welcome Center. Please make plans to attend. Nursery is provided. SEE YOU THERE

JUN 4 The Women's Ministry will be studying the book "Prayer: Does it Make Any Difference?" by Philip Yancey. Cost is \$12.00. They will meet in a host home every Tuesday evening, June 4, 11, 18, & 25 from 6:30-8:00p. **REGISTER ONLINE**



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUN 9-14 Our Vacation Bible School this year is from June 10-14 with Family Night, Sunday, June 9. We already have so many kids signed up but still need more volunteers to help this summer! **REGISTER TODAY**



JUN 18 This study brings you face to face with the promise-keeping God of Joshua and of today. We need to know that our God is with us wherever we go. Tuesdays from 9:30-11:30a in the Worship Center. Cost for book is \$13. **REGISTER NOW**

JOSHUA Women's Summer Bible Study TUESDAYS UNE 18-AUGUST 6 9:30-11:30am

JUN 18 Join Lifeline for a foster care orientation webinar! This orientation is a requirement to attend a foster care training class and is a great way to decide if becoming a foster family is right for you! Webinars are June 18 and July 30 at 6:00p. **REGISTER ONLINE**



Financial Update.

Giving Year-to-date \$ 4,830,365 \$ 4.374.997 Ministry Expenses (fiscal year August 1, 2018-July 31, 2019)



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lf 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.
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