

# Prayer?

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# Sermon.

**Speaker:** Buster Brown, Senior Pastor

**Today's Message:** The One Who Has All Authority

**Today's Text:** Matthew 8:28-34

*"And when he came to the other side, to the country of the Gadarenes, two demon-possessed men met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. And behold, they cried out, 'What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time? Now a herd of many pigs was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged him, saying, 'If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of pigs.' And he said to them, 'Go.' So they came out and went into the pigs, and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea and drowned in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, especially what had happened to the demon-possessed men. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus, and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their region." Matthew 8:28-34*

"We believe that we are engaged in constant spiritual warfare with the principalities and powers of evil, who are seeking to overthrow the Church and frustrate its task of world evangelization. We know our need to equip ourselves with God's armour and to fight this battle with the spiritual weapons of truth and prayer. For we detect the activity of our enemy, not only in false ideologies outside the Church, but also inside it in false gospels which twist Scripture and put people in the place of God. We need both watchfulness and discernment to safeguard the biblical gospel. We acknowledge that we ourselves are not immune to worldliness of thought and action, that is, to a surrender to secularism." *The Lausanne Covenant, Article 12*

"I have great hopes that we shall learn in due time how to emotionalise and mythologise their science to such an extent that what is, in effect, belief in us, (though not under that name) will creep in while the human mind remains closed to belief in the Enemy. The "Life Force", the worship of sex, and some aspects of Psychoanalysis, may here prove useful. If once we can produce our perfect work-the Materialist Magician, the man, not using, but veritably worshipping, what he vaguely calls 'Forces' while denying the existence of "spirits"-then the end of the war will be in sight." — *Uncle Screwtape*  
**C.S. Lewis, *The Screwtape Letters*, Ch 7**

1. When people are viewed as 'non-persons' they can (easily) be ignored, belittled or ill-treated.  
*"It is a serious thing to live in a society of possible gods and goddesses, to remember that the dullest most uninteresting person you can talk to may one day be a creature which, if you saw it now, you would be strongly tempted to worship, or else a horror and a corruption such as you now meet, if at all, only in a nightmare. All day long we are, in some degree helping each other to one or the other of these destinations. It is in the light of these overwhelming possibilities, it is with the awe and the circumspection proper to them, that we should conduct all of our dealings with one another, all friendships, all loves, all play, all politics. There are no ordinary people." C.S. Lewis, *The Weight of Glory**

2. Jesus "Son of the Most High God" (Mark 5:7) has authority over n\_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 8:26-27), the d\_\_\_\_\_ and the f\_\_\_\_\_ of sins (Matt 9:4-6).

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The power of Jesus is absolute and often observed progressively/ incrementally.

3. Various responses to the One who has all authority:
  - a. Begging to be transferred, "before the time". (vv. 29-30) *"Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.'" John 12:30-32*
  - b. Begging to leave their region. (v.34) They were "afraid" and "seized with great fear". (Luke 8:35, 37)
  - c. Listen and understand the Man and His message. (John 4:40-43)
  - d. Worship.

### APPLICATION

1. We constantly deal with evil that is seen and unseen.
2. Temptation, which can lead to sin and destruction are p\_\_\_\_\_ and c\_\_\_\_\_ - d\_\_\_\_\_.  
*"Abstain from all thinking about other people's faults, unless your duties as a teacher or parent make it necessary to think about them. Whenever the thoughts come unnecessarily into one's mind, why not simply shove them away? And think of one's own faults instead?" C.S. Lewis, *God in the Dock**
3. The One who says "Go" to our sins, enslavement and shame also says "Go" to the n\_\_\_\_\_ and the n\_\_\_\_\_ (Mark 5.19).

**ANSWER KEY:** nature, demonic, forgiveness, predictable, custom-designed, neighborhoods, nations

### QUESTIONS

1. How does Christ free the enslaved? How does the progressive defeat of evil happen in our lives?
2. Give examples of times when cultures have said, "He may be a person but he is not as much of one as me."
3. Why should we constantly fight evil with "truth encounters" and personal need/brokenness?
4. Why were the townspeople of Luke 8:35-37 "afraid" and "seized w great fear"?
5. WHAT CONQUERS the above "FEAR"?

### PERSONAL REFLECTION

What is your response to the quote from C.S. Lewis' statement from *God In The Dock*?



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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 **March 10 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](http://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](http://eastcooperbaptist.com/groups)

### 4. Become a Member

Register online for our upcoming New Members Class on Saturday, **March 16**. 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](http://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

MAR 3

**Equip•u Classes**  
9:00a & 10:45a  
**Crosswalk Hangtime**  
12:00-2:00p Worship Center  
**HSM First Sunday**  
5:30-7:30p Gym

MON

MAR 4

**Reengage Marriage Program**  
6:30-8:30p Choir Room D-Wing

TUE

MAR 5

**Womens Bible Study**  
9:30-11:30a Worship Center  
**Churchwide Prayer Meeting**  
6:30-7:15p Welcome Center  
**Elders Meeting**  
7:15p D-Wing Choir Room

WED

MAR 6

**WAM**  
6:30-8:00p A-Wing Classrooms  
**Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal**  
6:30-8:00p Choir Room  
**MSM T4:12**  
6:30-8:00p Gym  
**Women's Bible Study**  
6:30-8:00p B218/B219

THU

MAR 7

**Women's Morning Devotional**  
6:30a Welcome Center  
**Women's Bible Study**  
9:30-11:30a Worship Center  
**Young Adults Connect**  
7:00-9:00p Annex

FRI

MAR 8

**Man2Man**  
6:20a Gym  
**Women's In-House Retreat**  
5:00-9:30p Welcome & Worship Ctr.  
**MSM Spring Retreat**  
Fri-Sun Travelers Rest, SC

SAT

MAR 9

**Women's In-House Retreat**  
8:30a-4:00p Welcome & Worship Ctr.

**TODAY Volunteer Registration is now open!** Our Vacation Bible School this year is from June 10-14. Volunteers receive early registration for their kids.



REGISTER TODAY

## Financial Update.

Giving Year-to-date \$3,518,565  
Ministry Expenses \$3,051,376  
*(fiscal year August 1, 2018-July 31, 2019)*



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## Upcoming.

For detailed event information please go online.

**TODAY** 100% goes to the mission field to fund our Global Partners and their strategic projects. Over 90% of that goes toward reaching unreached people groups: the two billion people with little or no access to the gospel. Give weekly, monthly, or annually.



**MAR 5** Join us at 6:30p in the Welcome Center for a monthly gathering for our church to come together to pray. We will be praying for our church, community, nation, and the world. Please make plans to attend. Nursery is provided.



**MAR 10** Come get to know us better at our Guest Luncheon. Meet a few of our pastors and church members while enjoying a great meal. The lunch is free and held in the Gym after the second service. **SEE YOU THERE**



**MAR 15 & 16** On a weekend set aside for just time with dads and their sons, we will spend time camping, kayaking, or shooting clay/paper targets, and having fun! Join us to spend quality time with your son and to get to know other dads and sons from ECBC! **REGISTER ONLINE**



**MAR 16** In this class you will learn more about what we believe as a church, ways that you can be more involved, and how you can become a member. This is a great way to get to know other people at ECBC. Childcare is available. **REGISTER TODAY**



**MAR 20** Please come and enjoy a **FREE** prescreening of the new animation movie, *The Pilgrim's Progress*, based on John Bunyan's epic masterpiece. The movie begins at 6:00p in the Worship Center and is 2 hours and 10 minutes in length. No childcare for this event.



**JUN 2-8** This upcoming trip will be a unique opportunity for you to serve alongside Lifeline's (un)adopted partners, Village of Hope. As a team member, you'll get to see and be a part of orphan care first-hand. For more info and to apply go online today!



**JUL 4-14 & 11-21** Volunteers will teach basic English to small groups. No prior teaching experience needed. The classes are a part of a larger church planting strategy of our partners in Bangkok. Cost: Airfare (\$1200 - \$1400) plus \$350. Deadline to apply: March 15. **APPLY 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.

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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Preferred method of contact:

Call  Text  Email

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- Become a Christian
- Join the Church
- Request a personal visit
- Subscribe to newsletter
- Join a Community Group
- Other