

## Prayer?

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

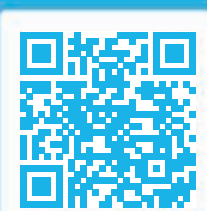
# NEW TO ECBC?

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First Time Guest?

We'd love to get to know you!

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## Sermon Notes.

**Speaker:** Buster Brown, Senior Pastor

**Message:** Prayer, Daily Grace, and Empowerment

**Text:** Ephesians 6:18, Luke 11:1

"...praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints..." **Ephesians 6:18**

"Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray...' " **Luke 11:1**

"Prayer is the chief exercise of faith and by which we daily receive God's benefits." **John Calvin, The Institutes, Book 3, Chapter 20**

### New City Catechism: Question 38

**Q:** What is prayer?

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

"We dig up by prayer the treasures that were pointed out by the Lord's gospel, and which our faith has gazed upon." **John Calvin, The Institutes, 20-3-2**

1. By prayer we call forth the empowering presence of the Lord and tap into His goodness.

"<sup>4</sup>One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to GAZE upon the beauty of the Lord and to Inquire in his temple. <sup>5</sup>For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock." **Psalms 27:4-5**

"For in Christ He offers all happiness in place of our misery, all wealth in place of our neediness; in him he opens to us the heavenly treasures that our whole faith may contemplate His beloved Son, our whole expectation depend upon him, and our whole hope cleave to and rest in him. This is that secret and hidden philosophy but they whose eyes God has opened surely learn it by heart, that in his light they may see light (Psalm 36:9)." **John Calvin, The Institutes, 3.20.1**

"The power through which He sustains us, calms us in our weakness...and offers goodness, through which He receives us... it is by prayer that we call Him to reveal Himself as wholly present to us." **John Calvin, The Institutes, 20-3-2**

2. Because of the mediatorial work of Christ, we have an "all access pass" to the trinitarian throne room (Hebrews 4:14-16).

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"We see that to us nothing is promised to be experienced from the Lord, which we are not also called to ask of him in prayers. So true, is it that we dig up by prayer the treasures that were pointed out by the Lord's gospel, and which our faith has gazed upon." **John Calvin, The Institutes, 3-20-2**

"<sup>5</sup>For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time." **1 Timothy 2:5-6**

"Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us." **Romans 8:34**

3. The kingly rule of God (sovereignty) and prayer.

"It is important for him (and for us) to believe that the Bible teaches that God is all-knowing, good, and sovereign, and that He works all things according to His perfect will. And it is important to know that in the Bible, God repeatedly assures us that He will hear and answer our prayers. Logically, one cannot have it both ways, but, according to Calvin, scripturally we can." **David B. Calhoun, The Theological Guide to Calvin's Institutes, pg. 352-353**

4. Pray the scriptures, especially the Psalms.
5. Prayer, worship, and singing.

Calvin's Four Rules for Right Praying:

1. Careful thought and deep devotion (reverence).
2. Repentance and a sense of need.

"Prayer is the genuine cry of the human heart for help in the midst of circumstances that cannot be met by merely human resources."

**John Calvin**

3. Humility and repentance.

"To sum up: the beginning and even the preparation of proper prayer is the plea for pardon with a humble and sincere confession of guilt." **Institutes, 3.20.9**

4. Confident hope.

"If we would pray fruitfully, we ought therefore to grasp with both hands this assurance of obtaining what we ask...or only that prayer is acceptable to God, which is grounded in the unshaking assurance of hope." **Institutes, 3.20.12**

**Application:**

1. Pray at predetermined, stated times.
2. Pray scripture.
3. Avail yourself of the opportunities of prayer in your church.

Join us at 9:00am prayer time in the Welcome Center every Sunday morning & churchwide prayer on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm!

Listen to sermons online at [eastcooperbaptist.com/sermons](http://eastcooperbaptist.com/sermons)

MAY 3, 2026

spiritual

reality

and

warfare



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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 anyone with a name-tag and let us answer any questions you may have. Thanks for being our guest.

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**Traditional Worship and Classes**  
Sanctuary 9:30am  
**Contemporary Worship and Classes**  
Worship Center 9:30am & 11:00am

## Ways to Give.

Giving is part of our worship to God. Through your faithful giving, God continues to change lives here in our area and around the world.



**Give in-person** by dropping your gift in any giving box located throughout the church.

**Give online** by visiting our website at: [eastcooperbaptist.com/give](http://eastcooperbaptist.com/give).



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

## Get to Know.



**Jonathan Howell**

### ELDER ON THE NEXT GEN TEAM

In elementary school, Jonathan understood that he was a sinner and that the only way to salvation was through believing and trusting in Jesus. He has attended East Cooper since 2004 and serves in the Kid's Ministry and as a Man2Man leader. In his free time, he enjoys hunting, fishing, and reading.

**GLOBAL IMPACT**  
**MISSION TRIP PRAYER REQUESTS**  
Visit our teams in our Welcome Center *today!*

**UNITED KINGDOM**  
MAY 15-22, 2026

- Pray for our team, as we minister to Muslim refugees in the city of Sheffield.
- Pray for our collaboration with Christ Church Central, as we partner on mission.
- Pray for the gospel to change lives and characterize all of our activities and efforts.

**ITALY**  
JUNE 17-28, 2026

- Pray that the language barrier would not inhibit serving with the Italian church as they put on a VBS camp.
- Pray for the Italian church to be encouraged and that doors in the community would be opened for the gospel to spread.
- Pray that the gospel of salvation through grace alone would penetrate the hearts of the Italian people.

**UNITED KINGDOM**  
JULY 8-15, 2026

- Pray for our team, as we minister to International Students at local universities in the city of Sheffield.
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**GHANA**  
CROSS CULTURAL PROJECT  
MAY 15 - JUNE 3, 2026

- Pray that students at the University of Ghana and Wisconsin International University might hear of and submit to the sufficient righteousness of Jesus Christ.
- Pray that the students and staff leaders on the trip would grow in world vision and learn to stop counting their lives as precious to themselves (Acts 20:24).
- Pray that the campus ministry team from Redeemer City Church would grow through CO staff from Zambia and the US committing to long-term ministry in Accra (Acts 16:9).

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**Upcoming.**

**PRAYER MEETING**  
We would love to have you join us once a month for a time of prayer in our Sanctuary from 6:00-7:00pm. Our next one is on May 5.  
**PLAN TO ATTEND.**

[eastcooperbaptist.com/events](http://eastcooperbaptist.com/events)

**FOSTER & ADOPTION PANEL**  
In the gym on May 31 at 11:00am, come and hear from a panel about how our church is involved with foster care and adoption. You'll hear about how to be praying for our families or how you can come alongside them.  
**PLAN TO ATTEND.**

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**SOUTHEAST ASIA MISSION TRIP**  
Visit remote tropical islands as a "tourist" and by your presence, open up doors for your guides to share the gospel with peoples who have never heard the Good News.  
**APPLY BY JULY 1.**

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**SUMMER SUNDAYS**  
We give our regular Kids Ministry volunteers some time off in the summer to recharge and rest from a great year of teaching our children. Therefore, the Kids Ministry needs your help with Summer Sundays! Volunteer today!  
**BEGINS MAY 31.**

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**Financial Update**

Giving Year-to-date \$ 5,396,522 (fiscal year:  
Budget Required \$ 5,254,000 August 1, 2025 - July 31, 2026)

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5.3.26

**Hello.**

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

Email

Spouse Email

Preferred method of contact:  
 Call  Text  Email

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