

Prayer?

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



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Sermon.

Speaker: Buster Brown, Senior Pastor

Message: Holy Warfare

Text: 1 Peter 2:11-12

"Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation."
1 Peter 2:11-12

Peter has just closed a major section of his epistle, which deals with understanding and rejoicing in the mercies of the triune God (1 Peter 1:1-2:10).

In this section, he makes application regarding this argument (1 Peter 2:11-4:11).

Regarding the tender mercies of Christ: we must continuously taste the goodness of the Lord which involves the "at one time ... but now" understanding of our salvation/ standing in Christ (1 Peter 2:10, Ephesians 2:3-5, Colossians 1:21-23).

How Do We Fight Against That Which Wages War Against Our Soul?

1. We must continuously taste the goodness and beauty of the Lord, as we long for the pure milk of the Word.

"It comes the very moment you wake up each morning. All your wishes and hopes for the day rush at you like wild animals. And the first job each morning consists simply in shoving them all back; in listening to that other voice, taking that other point of view, letting that other larger, stronger, quieter life come flowing in. And so on, all day. Standing back from all your natural fussings and frettings; coming in out of the wind."
CS Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

"The principal hinge on which faith turns is this: We must not suppose that any promises of mercy which the Lord offers are only true out of us, and not at all in us: We should rather make them ours by inwardly embracing them...He alone is truly a believer who, convinced by a firm conviction that God is a kindly, and well-disposed Father toward him, promises himself all things on the basis of His generosity; who, relying upon the promises of divine benevolence (love) towards him, lays hold on the undoubted expectation of salvation."
John Calvin, *Institutes of the Christian Religion*, 3-2-16

2. We must understand that this warfare is ongoing/ constant/perpetual/unbroken.

"Some were fools through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities suffered affliction; they loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death. Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. He sent out his

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word and healed them, and delivered them from their destruction. Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving, and tell of his deeds in songs of joy!" Psalm 107:17-22

3. We must understand the battleground.

"Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever." 1 John 2:15-17

4. We must be keenly aware of the strategy of the adversary.

- Twists honorable conduct into accusations of evil-doing/criminality.
- Maligns/disrespects/slanders your character when you embrace biblical obedience. (1 Peter 4:4)

5. The wonderful hope/prospect; *"Glorify God on the day he visits them with 'salvation' eyes to see the mercy of the cross."*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Why is it good that Peter used the word "tasted"? How does this give a different aspect to Paul's statement in Romans 12:1-2?
2. What is the biblical balance regarding experience and knowledge? Why are first-person singular personal pronouns (I, me, my, mine) important in growing our faith?
3. What part of the day did CS Lewis believe was absolutely essential in ordering our affections and our day (see quote above)?
4. Why is there a reluctance over the quote by George Mueller regarding, "There came a day when I...?"
5. What is the cycle spelled out in Psalm 107:17-23?
6. What is the battleground of faith? (1 John 1:15-17)
7. What is the glorious truth of 1 Peter 2:12b, that gives sustaining power to daily living and prayer?

PRAY FOR "YOUR 3"?

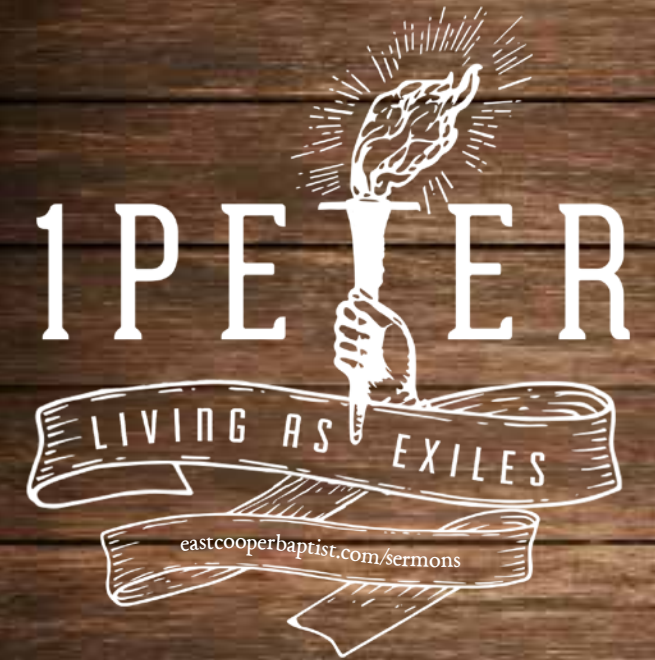
What is "Your 3"? This evangelism emphasis asks believers to pray for and focus on three individuals in the hope that these people may come to Christ.



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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.

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 12 at 12:15p** in the gym. For more information, please contact Carol at carolw@eastcooperbaptist.com.

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.

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

Become a Member

Register online for our upcoming New Members Class on Saturday, **October 19**. 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.

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

OCT 13

equip•u Classes
9:00a & 10:45a
GriefShare
10:45-12:15p B227
ECCO Bag Distribution
9:00a-12:15p
CrossWalk Hang Time
12:00-2:00p Gym
HSM D-Groups
6:00-8:00p Host Homes

MON

OCT 14

Reengage Marriage Program
6:30-8:30p D203 Choir Room

TUE

OCT 15

Women's Bible Study
9:30-11:30a Worship Center
Worship Band Rehearsal
6:30-8:30p Worship Center

WED

OCT 16

MSM T4:12
6:00-8:00p Gym
Children's Choir (WAM)
6:30-8:00p A-Wing Classrooms
Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal
6:30-8:00p D203 Choir Room
Women's Bible Study
6:30-8:00p B217/218/219
DivorceCare
6:30-8:00p B221

THU

OCT 17

Women's Morning Devotional
6:30-7:30a Welcome Center
Women's Bible Study
9:30-11:30a D-Wing Choir Room

FRI

OCT 18

Man2Man
6:20-7:30a Gym



Join us for this coming year's Women's Retreat, from January 10-12, 2020. Speaker Mary Willson (along with Kelsie Ellison) will be teaching us about how our God is *Faithful* to provide all that we need. We will be heading to the Billy Graham Training Center at The Cove in Asheville, NC. Register online: eastcooperbaptist.com/women. Contact Kristen if you have any questions: kristenc@eastcooperbaptist.com.



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Upcoming.

For detailed event information, please go online.

TODAY The grocery bag Sunday program is a cooperative effort between ECCO and local churches. These donations are critical in helping maintain a steady flow of food. **PICK UP YOUR BAG AS YOU LEAVE.**



TODAY An authentic biblical community provides the place where we can grow, learn, and serve as we seek to know Jesus. For us, these communities are built around small groups. You can find a list of open groups on our website. **JOIN ANYTIME.**



OCT 19 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.**



OCT 20 ECBC members have the opportunity to "adopt" a college student and provide a home away from home. This is a chance for you to invite students into your home for a meal or a break from dorm life. **MORE INFO ONLINE.**



NOV 1-3 All 9th-12th grade students are invited to join us for the HSM Fall Retreat at Crowders Ridge Camp in Gastonia, NC. Final registration is October 20 and cost is \$230 per person. **REGISTER ONLINE.**



NOV 1-3 All college students are invited to our annual Fall Retreat in Savannah, GA. Spend a weekend connecting with other Charleston region students at Tybee Island. **REGISTER ONLINE.**



NOV 2 All special needs children and their siblings are invited for a time of respite followed by lunch provided by our church for your family. Please register each child, including siblings. **REGISTER ONLINE.**



WHO ARE YOUR 3?

- Who are 3 people that God has been laying on your heart?
- What are you praying for God to do in their life?
- How will you love them, and when will you share the gospel with them?

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

Name

Spouse

Birthdate

Spouse Birthdate

Address

City

State

Zip

Mobile

Spouse Mobile

Email

Spouse Email

Preferred method of contact:

Call Text Email

Interested in the following:

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