

# Prayer?

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

# Elders.



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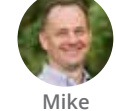
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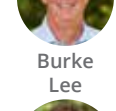
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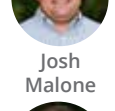
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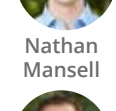
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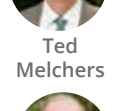
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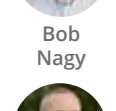
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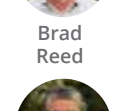
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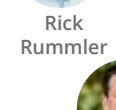
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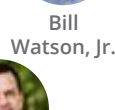
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# Sermon.

**Speaker:** Buster Brown, Senior Pastor

**Today's Message:** Rewards and the Life of Faith

**Today's Text:** Matthew 10:40-42

*"Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward." Matthew 10:40-42*

### LEGALIST

I must work to earn the Father's favor; therefore I live a life of unceasing labor with no assurance of His love.

### LIBERTINE

Because I am eternally secure in Christ, I will throw caution to the wind and live on the basis of my impulses. (Antinomianism)

We believe that gratitude by faith alone is a powerful motivation for growth and holiness. We deny that gratitude is the ONLY value for holiness, making all other motivations either illegitimate or legalistic.

*"Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire." 1 Corinthians 3:12-15*

*"So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil." 2 Corinthians 5:9-10*

*"He said also to the man who had invited him, 'When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.'" Luke 14:12-14*

*"...Although Protestants deny the merit of good works, and teach that salvation is entirely gratuitous, that the remission of sins, adoption into the family of God, and the gift of the Holy Spirit are granted to the believer, as well as admission into heaven, solely on the ground of the merits of the Lord Jesus Christ; they nevertheless teach that God does reward his people for their works. Having graciously promised for Christ's sake to overlook the imperfection of their best services, they have the assurance founded on that promise that he who gives to a disciple even a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, shall in no wise lose his reward. The Scriptures also teach that the happiness or blessedness of believers*

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*in a future life will be greater or less in proportion to their devotion to the service of Christ in this life. Those who love little, do little; and those who do little, enjoy less. What a man sows that shall he also reap." Charles Hodge, Heavenly Rewards*

"We must maintain therefore, justification complete and irrevocable by grace through faith and apart from works, and at the same time, future reward according to works. In reference to these two doctrines it is important to observe the following:

- This future reward is not justification and contributes nothing to that which constitutes justification.
- This future reward is not salvation. Salvation is by grace and it is not as a reward for works that we are saved.

*The reward has reference to the station a person is to occupy in glory and does not have reference to the gift of glory itself." John Murray, Collected Writings, Volume II, p. 221*

1. Pleasing the Father and building on the foundation of Christ with gold, silver and costly stones (a life of faithful obedience) that results in Heavenly rewards, is a powerful incentive, especially in difficult times.
2. We have been bought with a price, therefore we are to honor the Lord with our body. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)
3. Even a cup of cold water given to a (culturally determined) marginal individual is noticed by the Father.
4. A life of faithful living and servanthood is a testimony to grace to the watching world (1 Peter 2:12).

*"It would be morally and spiritually beneficial for us to have a greater consciousness of this clear New Testament reaching on degrees of heavenly reward. Rather than making us competitive with one another, it would cause us to help and encourage one another that we all may increase our heavenly reward, for God has an infinite capacity to bring blessing to us all, and we are all members of one another (1 Corinthians 12:26-27). We would more eagerly heed the admonition of the author of Hebrews, 'Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near' (Hebrew 10:24-25). Moreover in our own lives a heartfelt seeking of future heavenly reward would motivate us to work wholeheartedly for the Lord at whatever task he calls us to, whether great of small, paid or unpaid. It would also make us long for his approval rather than for wealth or success. It would motivate us to work at building up the church on the one foundation, Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 3:10-15)." Wayne Grudem, Bible Doctrine, pp 456-457*



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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 **May 5 at 12:15p** in the Gym. For more information, please contact Carol at [carolw@eastcooperbaptist.com](mailto: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, **May 18**. 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

APR 28

**Equip•u Classes**  
9:00a & 10:45a  
**CrossWalk Hang Time**  
12:15-2:00p Gym  
**Asia Mission Trip Info Mtg.**  
12:15-1:00p B214  
**ECCO Bag Distribution**  
Pick-up bags as you leave

MON

APR 29

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

WED

MAY 1

**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

THU

MAY 2

**Women's Morning Devotional**  
6:30a Welcome Center  
**Women's Bible Study**  
9:30-11:30a Worship Center  
**Young Adults Ultimate Frisbee**  
6:30p Belle Hall Fields  
**Men's Spring Hike**  
Thurs-Sun NC Mountinas

FRI

MAY 3

**Man2Man**  
6:20a Gym



### INFORMATIONAL MEETING

If you're interested in the mission trip to Southeast Asia this August 8-20, 2019, there is an informational meeting TODAY following the 10:45a service in B214. At this meeting we will discuss what to expect by going on this trip and answer any questions you may have. Anyone who is interested or has questions is invited to join. **APPLY ONLINE**

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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 to helping to maintain a steady flow of food. **PICK UP YOUR BAG AS YOU LEAVE**



**MAY 5** 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**



**MAY 5** Join us for this year's WAM Spring Concert. Our 4 year old choir will sing followed by the K-5th grade choirs. Don't miss this special time of worship and praise from our kids. **SEE YOU THERE**



**MAY 7** Join us at 6:30p in the Sanctuary 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. **SEE YOU THERE**



**MAY 12** This class focuses on the heart of the child. If children are going to learn how to live according to Biblical standards, they need to be challenged and trained from the heart. Taught by Rick Martin in B214 at 9:00a and 10:45a. **REGISTER ONLINE**



**MAY 12** Is communicating with God challenging? Don't know what to say to God? This class is not for Christians who feel victorious but those who sometimes feel defeated in the trenches. Taught by Mark Gaking in B222 at 9:00a and 10:45a. **REGISTER TODAY**



**MAY 18** 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**



**JUN 10-14** 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 need more volunteers to help this summer! **REGISTER TODAY**



**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.

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## 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

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City

State

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Mobile

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Email

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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