

Vote.

All members are asked to vote on elder nominees, deacon nominees, and the budget for the new church year beginning August 1st. Please place your ballot in the offering plate or in the ballot boxes as you leave today.

ELDER NOMINEES

Michael Blakeley	Brian Ralph
Joey Fadul	Bob Tennyson*
Scott Gardner	Derek Walden*
Thomas Grooms	Josh Watson
Doug Hunter	Mike Weeks*
Ron Kessinger	Alan Wilson
David Preston	

**previously ordained*

ELDER APPROVAL

- I approve the slate of men listed to serve a new term beginning August 1.
- I have a concern over one (or more) of the men listed-please contact me.

DEACON NOMINEES

Ken Betancourt	Chris Kuzdale
Paul Buhler	Derek Mathis
Eddie Hudson	Kent Patrick
Michael Janaskie	Jim Taylor
Mitch Jones	Joe Weston
John Kornegay	

DEACON APPROVAL

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- I have a concern over one (or more) of the men listed-please contact me.

BUDGET APPROVAL

- YES, as a member of ECBC in good standing I approve and will support the funding through my tithes and offerings of the Ministry Budget for the 2019/2020 Ministry Year at ECBC.
- NO, I do not approve of the proposed budget.

Signature

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Staff.



Rose Anderson
Women



Van Barnhill
High School



Danny Beech
Equipping



Leland Brown
Young Adults



Dave Bruner
Global Impact



Mike Doll
Orchestra



Craig Harris
Shepherding



Dean Henderson
Worship



Will Kramer
Middle School



Dustin Raley
Worship



Matt Reagan
Campus Outreach



Carl Schooling
Pastoral Care



Steve Tuck
Children & Family



JD Zubia
PCA Headmaster

Sermon.

Speaker: Buster Brown, Senior Pastor

Today's Message: The Good Soil

Today's Text: Matthew 13:18-23

"Hear then the parable of the sower: When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."
Matthew 13:18-23

"But those that were sown on the good soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold." Mark 4:20

"As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience." Luke 8:15

The one significant truth of the Parable of the Soils is that Christ is saying be very careful how you hear and apply the Word of God.

- Fruit testifies to health. A disciple is a forgiven sinner who is constantly learning Jesus in repentance and faith. (The Vine Project)

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."
Ephesians 2:10

"For land that has drunk the rain that often falls on it, and produces a crop useful to those for whose sake it is cultivated, receives a blessing from God. 8 But if it bears thorns and thistles, it is worthless and near to being cursed, and its end is to be burned."
Hebrews 6:7-8

"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet." Matthew 5:13

"These good works, done in obedience to God's commandments, are the fruit and evidence of a true and living faith. By them believers show their thankfulness, strengthen their assurance of salvation, edify their brothers in the Lord, and become ornaments of all those who profess the gospel. Good works in believers silence the criticism of the enemies of the gospel. They also glorify God by showing that believers are the workmanship and creation of Jesus Christ, because their aim is that holiness of living which leads to eternal life."

Westminster Confession of Faith, 16/2

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Sermon.

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Principles Regarding Fruit-bearing

- The Word of God awakens (to the glory, goodness and mercy of the Lord and our need for sustaining grace. 2 Timothy 3:16) and builds us as image-bearers. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- The soil of our hearts must be prepared.

"Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap steadfast love; break up your fallow ground, for it is the time to seek the Lord, that he may come and rain righteousness upon you." Hosea 10:12
- The prepared soil will be a heart of humility, which is anxious to receive the Word of God and His empowering presence. (Matthew 11:25-30)
- The options are:
 - To have the Word snatched away.
 - To have the reality of Christ wither away. (Matthew 13:6)
 - To have the Word choked by pleasures, worries and the desire for other things. (Matthew 13:7)
 - The good soil.
- We should understand the paradigm of hearing understanding and producing. This leads to a life of kingdom advancement and personal flourishing.
- You are building destiny/culture on numerous levels. *"Culture is the accumulation of behaviors motivated by core values which characterize a group of people."* George Barna

The Father is looking for fruitfulness from happy, thankful disciples/adopted children as the kingdom of God goes forward.

QUESTIONS

- What are the '4 Soils' which represent four hearts?
- What do we mean when we say, "We are an army, not an audience.?"
- How does fruit-producing advance the kingdom?
- What is the understanding of "We are one dumb decision away from blowing it.", leading to a full-orbed desire to hear, understand and produce fruit?
- What do we mean when we say "the Word of God awakens and builds.?"



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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 11 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

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

JUL 28

Equip•u Classes
9:00a & 10:45a

MON

JUL 29

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

TUE

JUL 30

Women's Summer Bible Study
9:30-11:30a Worship Center
Mother Daughter Night
6:30p Welcome Center

WED

JUL 31

MSM Girls' Summer Bible Study
1:00-3:00p Various Locations
MSM Boys' Summer Bible Study
1:00-3:00p Annex
College Community Group
7:00p Host Home
Young Adults Riverdogs Game
7:00p Riverdogs Stadium

THU

AUG 1

Southeast Asia Trip Leaves
Aug 1 - Aug 13

FRI

AUG 2

HSM Operation Freshman
Aug 2 - Aug 4

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PRAY FOR SOUTHEAST ASIA August 1-13

- The Lord to prepare the hearts of those they meet to not only receive them but also the Good News
- The national believers they will be working alongside to be refreshed and encouraged by their visit
- Protection from physical and spiritual harm and unity as a team



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Upcoming.

For detailed event information please go online.

TODAY Are you looking for a place to serve? One area we need your help in is the Coffee Team! We need help setting up and serve coffee on Sunday mornings. This team serves on rotation. Please email if you are interested in serving. info@eastcooperbaptist.com



MONDAYS Reengage is a marriage enrichment program. Marriages in any condition can benefit. This program meets every Monday night from 6:30-8:30p. Childcare is provided for infants to 5th grade. **MORE INFO ONLINE**



JUL 30 This special event is for mothers and daughters from kindergarten to adult, including grandmothers, aunts, spiritual mothers, and daughters-in-law. **REGISTER ONLINE**



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



AUG 6, 13, 20, & 24 Join our August Women's Book Club that will meet at a home in North Charleston! We will be studying the book "Prodigal God" by Tim Keller. **REGISTER ONLINE**



AUG 11 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**



AUG 18 GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. Contact Carl at carls@eastcooperbaptist.com for more information. **MORE INFO ONLINE**



OCT 1-10 We will be taking a team to Jordan in October to help provide assistance to Syrian refugee families and our Jordanian Baptist Partners. Deadline to apply is July 31. **MORE INFO**



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

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Birthdate

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State

Zip

Mobile

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Email

Spouse Email

Preferred method of contact:

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