

## Prayer?

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

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## Sermon Notes.

**Speaker:** Buster Brown, Senior Pastor

**Message:** Hope in an Age of Uncertainty

**Text:** Galatians 4:4-7

*"But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God." Galatians 4:4-7*

THANKSGIVING/GRATITUDE is based upon the faithfulness and mercies of God in the past; while HOPE is looking towards the future with confidence and joy because of the Abba goodness of the Father, secured by the cross and resurrection of the Son, and applied to our hearts by the Holy Spirit.

**Fullness of time (v. 4).**

*"But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. For truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it." Matthew 13:16-17*

**God sent His Son.**

The sending of the eternal Son of God was the culmination of a plan devised within the eternal council of the triune God before time began.

**Born of a woman, born under the law (fully human and fully divine).**

**To redeem.**

*"Christ not only became man, bound to obedience... but he became a curse for us (Gal 3:10-13). He made our doom his own. He took on him not only the calling of a man, but our responsibility as sinful men; it is in this that his work as our Redeemer lies, for it is in this that the measure, or rather the immensity of his love is seen." J Denney, New American Commentary by Timothy George*

**THAT WE MIGHT RECEIVE ADOPTION AS SONS (v. 5).**

*"It is the Spirit of adoption who produces the highest confidence that it is given to men to exercise in relation to God. The people of God thereby recognize not only Christ as their Redeemer and Saviour, high priest and advocate at God's right hand, not only the Holy Spirit as their sanctifier and advocate, not only the Father as the one who has called them into the fellowship of his Son but also as the one who has instated them in his family, and they enter into the holiest in the assurance that he, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus Christ, will own them and bless them as his own children. No approach to God partakes of comparable intimacy, confidence, and love with that of the simple, yet unspeakably eloquent, 'Abba, Father.'"*

John Murray, *Redemption Accomplished and Applied*

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*"...Those adopted enjoy the liberties and privileges of God's children, have his name put on them, receive the Spirit of adoption, have access to the throne of grace with boldness, and are able to cry, Abba, Father. They are loved, protected, provided for, and corrected by him as a father. Yet, are never cast off, however, and are sealed until the day of redemption and inherit the promises as heirs of everlasting salvation."*

Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 12, Adoption

1. The Lord "allures and speaks tenderly" (Hosea 2:14) by the wonder of the substitutionary work of Christ on the cross.

*"God has provided a Savior that woos in a manner that has the greatest tendency to win our hearts. His word is most attractive. He stands at our door and knocks. He does not merely command us to receive him; but he condescends to apply himself to us in a more endearing manner. He entreats and beseeches us by his word and by his messengers." Jonathan Edwards, The Works of Jonathan Edwards, Vol. 2, pg. 156*

2. It is possible to understand the forgiveness of sins by the cross but NOT rejoice in the adoption secured by the cross. By this adoption "we cry out Abba Father and understand we are loved, protected, provided for, and corrected by him as a Father."

*"The New Testament message can be summarized in this phrase 'adoption through the substitutionary work of the cross.'" J.I. Packer, Knowing God*

3. The security of adoption involves the understanding that we can never be cast off but we have been sealed by the Holy Spirit for the day of redemption.

4. The redemption and attendant adoption gives incredible hope and boldness (Hebrews 4:12-16).



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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 & 11:00am  
**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.

**Kate Baldwin**



### GRAPHIC DESIGNER ON STAFF

Kate is from Roanoke, VA. She surrendered her life to Jesus at the age of ten through the influence of her godly parents and the realization that even though she could never reach the perfection she strived for, Christ's perfection was enough. Kate joined the ECBC staff in 2017. She and her husband, Michael, got married in 2020. A few of Kate's favorite things are candles, reading books, and the beach.



## Celebrate With Us.

For more information, please go online.



Good Friday • March 29  
7:00pm in the Sanctuary

Join us on Good Friday as we come together for a special service in honor of the work Christ our King did for us on the cross. During this service, we will be taking communion together. Children of all ages worship with parents.



Easter Sunday • March 31  
Contemporary & Traditional Services  
at Both 9:30 & 11:00am

You are invited to celebrate our Risen Savior on Easter Sunday at East Cooper! Services will be in both the Worship Center and Sanctuary at both hours. The Nursery Hallway for birth through 2 years will be open at both hours. All other ages are invited to worship with their parents. We look forward to celebrating with you!

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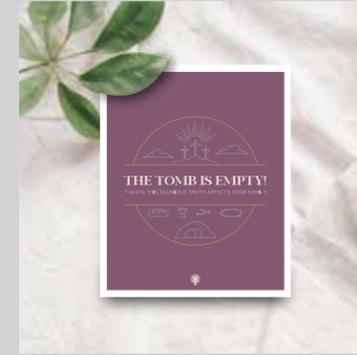
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## Upcoming.

### HOLY WEEK DEVOTIONAL

Easter is almost here! The Next Gen Team put together a devotional to encourage families throughout Holy Week. Pick up your copy in the Welcome Center.

**GRAB ONE TODAY.**



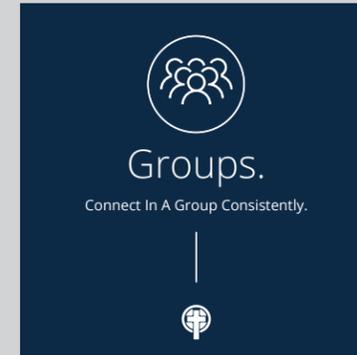
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### CONNECT IN A GROUP

We would love for you to get connected in one of our many groups, like:

Community Groups  
Age & Stage Groups  
Care Groups

**JOIN ONE TODAY.**



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### SOUTH ASIA MISSION TRIP

A small team will go to the mountains of South Asia to visit and encourage some of our global partners. They will also go to local villages to share the gospel with those who have never heard of Jesus before.

**APPLY ONLINE.**



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### PRISONER & TRANSITION

We want to disciple those who are incarcerated or have recently been released from prison and are seeking to restore relationships, break the patterns of sin, and re-enter society as productive members.

**SIGN UP TODAY!**



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## 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

### Interested in the following:

- Become a Christian
- Join the Church
- Meet with a Pastor
- Subscribe to newsletter
- Other