

## 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:** Guarding the Entrusted Deposit by Praying

**Text:** 1 Timothy 2:1-7

*"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. <sup>3</sup>This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <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. <sup>7</sup>For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth."*  
1 Timothy 2:1-7

### 1. Prayer is of utmost importance. (vv.1, 3)

A praying life is good and pleasing in the sight of God our Savior (v.3)

### 2. The prerequisite for prayer is acknowledgment of our need.

*"To pray is nothing more involved than to let Jesus into our needs, and permitting Him to exercise His own power in dealing with them. And that requires no strength. It is only a question of our wills."* Ole Hallesby

*"The criteria for coming to Jesus is weariness. Come overwhelmed with life. Come with your wandering mind. Come messy...Jesus is without question the most dependent human who ever lived. He is inviting us into his life of a living dependence on his heavenly Father. He is telling us to realize, like him, we don't have the resources to do life. When you know that you, like Jesus, can't do life on your own, then prayer makes complete sense."* Paul E. Miller, *A Praying Life*

### 3. The point of hope and rejoicing: there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for our sin. (vv.5-6)

**Westminster Larger Catechism**

**Q 180:** What is it to pray in the name of Christ?

**A:** To pray in the name of Christ is, in obedience to his command, and in confidence on his promises, to ask mercy for his sake; not by bare mentioning of his name, but by drawing our encouragement to pray, and our boldness, strength, and hope of acceptance in prayer, from Christ and his mediation.

*"The knowledge of God's goodness will not be held very important, unless it makes us rely on the goodness... therefore our mind must be otherwise illumined and strengthened that the Word of God may obtain full faith among us. Now we possess a right definition of faith if we call it a firm and certain knowledge of God's benevolence"*

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*toward us founded upon the freely given promise in Christ, both revealed to our minds and sealed upon our hearts through the Holy Spirit."* John Calvin, *Institutes of the Christian Religion*, p. 551

### 4. We are to pray for earthly rulers and all in high positions (that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified). (v.5)

### 5. Thanksgiving is a key component to prayer.

A thankful heart is constantly giving grace to others because it is overwhelmed by the grace received. A thankful heart is keenly aware of the tender, daily mercies of the Father.

### 6. We should have a focus in our prayer that all types of people would be saved and walk in the truth.

As we pray for the sick, needy, hurting and those suffering, we must not forget that our ultimate aim is that they experience saving faith in Jesus.

### QUESTIONS:

1. Why is a believer's brokenness/helplessness essential in the life of prayer?  
How can "giftedness" or perceived privilege work against a life of prayer? (Note: the example of Achan in Ai - see Joshua 7)
2. According to the quote from Calvin, what must be firmly acknowledged as we pray and live the Christian life?
3. What do you think of the daily prayer (5:5:5)?
4. Why do we pray "in Jesus name"? (See the Westminster Larger Catechism, Question 180)
5. For whose salvation are you praying?



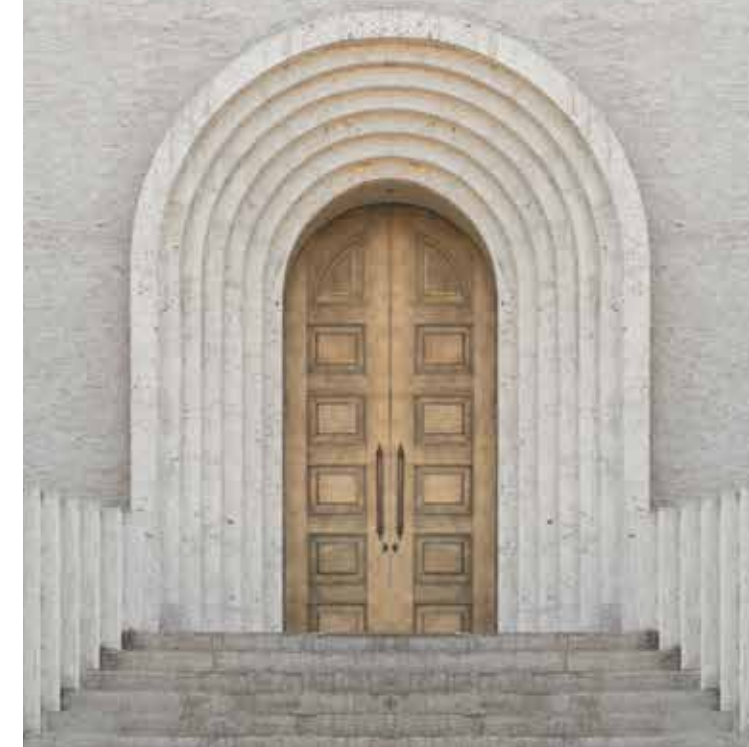
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# GUARD

## THE SACRED TRUST



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

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**Traditional Worship**  
Sanctuary 9:30am & 11:00am

**Contemporary Worship**  
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.

### Daniel Dukes



#### ELDER ON THE SHEPHERDING TEAM

Through the influence of godly parents, grandparents, and Sunday School teachers, Daniel understood his need for a savior at the age of 14. He began attending ECBC in 1995 and has served as an elder and deacon in the past. Currently, Daniel serves as a community group leader and with Lifeline Children's Services. In his free time, he enjoys playing golf and working out.



## Membership Class.

For detailed information, please go online.



### BEGINNING JUNE 5

This past January, we asked everyone in the East Cooper family to join us for a 4-week class called Renew to share our new vision and values! Renew was an encouraging time as we launched into the new year and vision!

If you were unable to attend Renew or you have been visiting recently and would like to become a member of the church, we ask you to join us for our Membership Class this June. During this class, we will cover the same material as Renew. This class will explore the Bible's instruction about the local church, your calling as a church member, and our church's unique goals and vision as we seek to do all we can to help broken people treasure Jesus.

Membership Class will be on Sunday mornings during the 11:00am worship hour. The dates for the classes are June 5, 12, 19, and 26.

### Sign Up Today!

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Members, you should receive an email today with information on the 2022-2023 budget and a link to vote on it. Voting will be open today through June 8. If you do not receive the voting information by email, please contact [info@eastcooperbaptist.com](mailto:info@eastcooperbaptist.com).

## Upcoming.

For detailed event information, please go online. [eastcooperbaptist.com/events](http://eastcooperbaptist.com/events)

### SUMMER GROUPS

We still have groups for you to get involved in for the summertime! Join the College Group that starts on **May 25**, Women's Book Club that begins **June 1**, or Women's Bible Study that starts on **June 7**.

**JOIN ONE TODAY!**



### 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 JUNE 5!**



### PRAYER MEETING

We would love to have you join us on the first Tuesday evening of each month for a time of prayer in our Sanctuary from 6:00-6:30pm. Our next one is on **June 7**.

**PLAN TO ATTEND.**



### SERVE VULNERABLE CHILDREN

From protecting the unborn to supporting those in crisis, we invite you to serve with one of our local outreach partners: Lifeline Children's Services & Lowcountry Pregnancy Center. To volunteer, visit [eastcooperbaptist.com/serve](http://eastcooperbaptist.com/serve)

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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

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Spouse Birthdate

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