

Prayer?

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Sermon Notes.

Speaker: Buster Brown, Senior Pastor

Message: Resist!

Text: James 4:6-10

"But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, 'God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.' Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you." James 4:6-10

Many of the recipients of the letter from James had grown complacent or half-hearted in their relationship with Christ. This is evidenced by attributing failure and sin to the Lord and not themselves (James 1:13-15), a lack of watchfulness in speech (James 3), little regard for the emotionally hurting of the poor (James 1:27-2:1), lack of awareness regarding the demonic nature of jealousy and selfish ambition which led to disorder and vile practices (James 3:14-16).

"There is no neutral ground in the universe. Every square inch, every split second is claimed by God, and counterclaimed by Satan." C.S. Lewis

"Spiritual warfare is all encompassing. It touches every area of our lives...our families, our relationships, our church, our neighborhoods, our communities, our places of employment. This is virtually no part of our existence that the Evil One does not want to maintain or reassert his unhealthy or perverse influence." Clinton Arnold, dean of the School of Theology at Talbot Seminary

"Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil." 1 John 3:8

"Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world." 1 John 4:4

We participate in the Resistance Movement when:

1. We walk in humility (vv. 6 & 10)

"They that know God will be humble, they that know themselves cannot be proud." John Flavell (1628-1691)

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places." Ephesians 6:10-12

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2. We submit to the Lord and his instruction with gladness in anticipation of his empowering presence.

Q: What is your only comfort in life and death?

A: That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me WHOLE HEARTEDLY WILLING and ready from now on to live for him. **Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1**

3. We stand on the promises of God. *"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble"* (v. 6)... *"resist the Devil, he will flee from you"* (v. 7b)... *"draw near to God and he will draw near to you"* (v. 8a).
4. We embrace the calling to moral purity and heart devotion (v. 8b) *"Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded."*

APPLICATIONS:

1. Spiritual warfare is a daily reality and all encompassing.
2. The devil has been mortally wounded by the cross. His power is severely limited.

"And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having FORGIVEN us all our trespasses, by CANCELING the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He DISARMED the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by TRIUMPHING over them in him." Colossians 2:13-15

3. Our strength is in the Lord! ("I am strong because of my union with Christ" versus "I can handle this on my own.")
4. The authority and power of the living Christ through the ministry of the Holy Spirit must be intentionally appropriated and not assumed.
5. In the life of the Christian, voluntary demonization is willful disobedience and disregard for the revealed will of God. Involuntary demonization involves the known pursuit, complacent, drifting, passively-relating stance of those who claim to know Christ.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS CAN BE FOUND ONLINE.

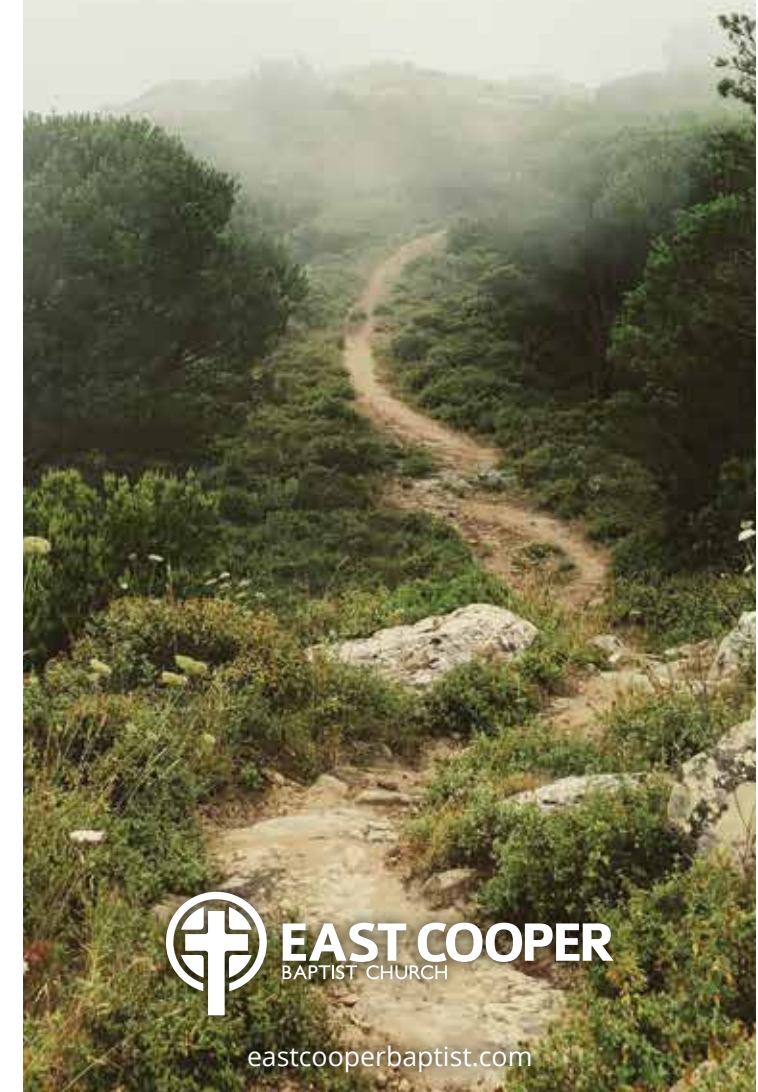


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STRENGTH FOR THE JOURNEY



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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.



Give via text by texting the word "GIVE" to 843-202-4848.

Get to Know.

Antoinette Kempinger



ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT ON STAFF

Antoinette is from Long Island, New York. Growing up, she learned about Jesus, but saw the opposite of his character in her family and the world around her. After struggling with sin for many years, the Lord revealed himself to Antoinette and she decided to follow Jesus at the age of 35. She joined the East Cooper staff in 2023. Antoinette is married to Stan, and they have three children, Sophie, Lilian, and Tristan. She loves spending time with her family.

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.

GET CONNECTED



Worship

Engage in a Worship Service Weekly

Make a fundamental commitment to participate, engage in, and sing in a worship service each week.
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Groups

Connect in a Group Consistently

We have a lot of groups at East Cooper. We have community groups, which are for everyone, and we have specialized groups based on your stage of life and particular season you are in.
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Serve

Serve on a Team Monthly

We believe that every Christian needs tangible places to serve others. We have teams that serve the body on Sundays and the community on other days.
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Classes

Take a Class Routinely

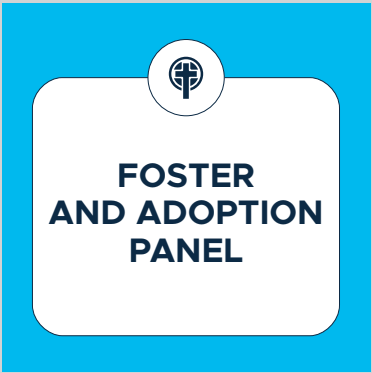
Our classes are designed to help you grow in your understanding and ability to lead others.
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Upcoming.

FOSTER & ADOPTION PANEL

If you have been considering participating in foster care, adoption, or are interested in other ways you can serve and impact vulnerable children, join us in the gym for a Q&A info session **TODAY** after the second service.

PLAN TO ATTEND.



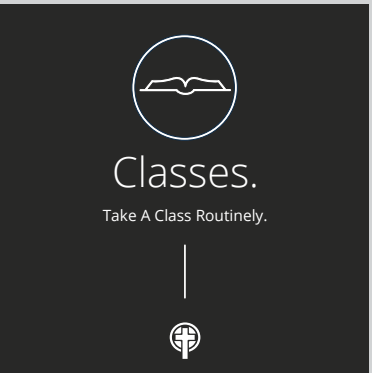
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TAKE A CLASS

We have classes coming up for you to get involved in:

Family Summit is Today & August 20. Membership Class and Here I Stand: The Protestant Reformation will begin September 10.

REGISTER ONLINE.



eastcooperbaptist.com/classes

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY & CELEBRATION

Join us on **August 27** to celebrate 49 years at East Cooper Baptist! A concert will begin at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary and a church-wide fellowship will immediately follow in the Welcome Center.

INVITE OTHERS!



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SERVE IN KIDS MINISTRY

Every Sunday, the Kids Ministry welcomes and serves kids and their families. This is made possible because of our volunteers. Sign up and join our fun team of volunteers.

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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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- ☐ Subscribe to newsletter
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