

Prayer?

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

Deacon Nominations.

Please PRINT your name and contact info on the opposite side of this tear-off.

___ Yes, I am a member of ECBC in good standing and, after prayerful consideration, would like to nominate the following men for the office of Deacon. Unsigned or illegible nominations are not valid.

Deacon Nomination(s):

Member Signature:

Print Name:

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Elders.



Frank Pettersen
Elder Chairman



Jeff
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Scott
Broome



Buster
Brown



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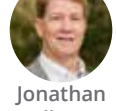
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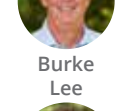
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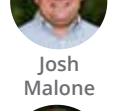
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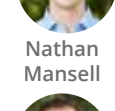
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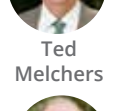
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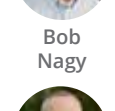
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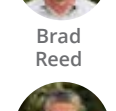
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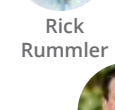
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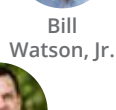
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Bill
Watson, Jr.



Bill
Wilson

Sermon.

Speaker: Buster Brown, Senior Pastor

Today's Message: The Kingdom Breaks Into Time and Space

Today's Text: Matthew 9:27-38

"And as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, 'Have mercy on us, Son of David.' When he entered the house, the blind men came to him, and Jesus said to them, 'Do you believe that I am able to do this?' They said to him, 'Yes, Lord.' Then he touched their eyes, saying, 'According to your faith be it done to you.' And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, 'See that no one knows about it.'" But they went away and spread his fame through all that district. As they were going away, behold, a demon-oppressed man who was mute was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the mute man spoke. And the crowds marveled, saying, 'Never was anything like this seen in Israel.' But the Pharisees said, 'He casts out demons by the prince of demons.' And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.'" Matthew 9:27-38

Heidelberg Catechism, Question & Answer 123

Q. What does the second petition mean?

A. "Your kingdom come" means: Rule us by your Word and Spirit in such a way that more and more we submit to you.

Preserve your church and make it grow.

Destroy the devil's work; destroy every force which revolts against you and every conspiracy against your holy Word.

Do this until your kingdom fully comes, when you will be all in all.

Shorter Catechism, Question & Answer 102

Q: What do we pray for in the second petition?

A: In the second petition (which is, Thy kingdom come) we pray, That Satan's kingdom may be destroyed; and that the kingdom of grace may be advanced, ourselves and others brought into it, and kept in it; and that the kingdom of glory may be hastened.

- The living God "breaks into" my world in daily, s_____ ways.
- Jesus is not an I_____, but a living, interceding (Romans 8:34), loving King.

ANSWERS: significant, legend

1. Kingdom Focus (Matthew 9: 27-31)

The primary focus is not the blessing bestowed or the need met by the Lord, but the glory of the cross.

"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45

"Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." Luke 10:19-20

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Sermon.

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2. Conflict in the Kingdom (Matthew 32-34)

In the gospels, beginning in the birth narrative, we see the full energy of the powers of darkness poured out in order to stop the work and mission of Christ.

"The people Jesus calls to be 'learners' don't have a blank slate. Their slates is very full---of foolish, darkened, enslaved thinking that is opposed to learning Jesus at every point. Becoming a learner of Christ therefore requires a radical change. It requires a great work of God to rescue us from the dark domain in which we were enslaved, and to transfer us into the kingdom of his beloved Son. From our side, it requires repentance---that is, a dying to the web of lies that our lives once were built on." The Vine Project, p. 67

Two Responses:

- Amazement/Marvel by the crowd
- Rejection by the Pharisees

3. The Compelling Nature of the Kingdom (Matthew 9:35-38)

"To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice." John 10: 3b-4

"And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd." John 10:16

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand." John 10:27-28

QUESTIONS

1. How do we live, when we think of Jesus as a mere legend?
2. What is included in Paul's superlative building in Romans 8:31-38? (Why is the interceding Christ a great comfort?)
3. What is the focus of the kingdom?
4. Why were the powers of darkness fully unleashed as portrayed by the gospels?
5. What does "Let my voice be heard in yours" based upon John 10 (see John Piper) mean in the present-day context? (Who are you seeking to impact for Christ as the Easter season approaches?)
6. How can we sometimes see "the washed clean and socially acceptable people" as those who do NOT need a Shepherd?



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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.

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, **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

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

MAR 24

Equip•u Classes
9:00a & 10:45a

MON

MAR 25

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

WED

MAR 27

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
Women's Bible Study
6:30-8:00p B218/B219

THU

MAR 28

Women's Morning Devotional
6:30a Welcome Center
Women's Bible Study
9:30-11:30a Worship Center
Young Adults Connect
7:00-9:00p Annex

FRI

MAR 29

Man2Man
6:20a Gym
FAM & Friends Fun Night
5:30-8:30p Various Rooms

SAT

MAR 30

ReStart Career Conference
7:30a-3:30p Seacoast MP



Here are just a few ways you can get involved with Foster & Adoption:

- Attend Foster Care Orientations available monthly. To register for an orientation go to lifelinechild.org.
 - Next orientation, March 26
 - Next Licensing class at ECBC starts September 9
- Attend Adoption Info Meeting available monthly. To register for an orientation go to lifelinechild.org.
 - Next meeting, April 18
- Volunteer for Respite Nights once per month on Fridays. Contact Nick DeGroot, in Children's Ministry, to volunteer
 - Next night, March 29th
- Volunteer with Quilting ministry on Tuesday afternoons. For more info contact Jody at jodyragsdale@gmail.com
- Travel with (un)adopted on Guatemala mission trip. More info available online.
- Attend the Empowered to Connect Conference, April 5 & 6
- Volunteer as a Mentor for Families Count
- Host a Stand for Orphans. Register for a free kit at standfororphans.com



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Upcoming.

For detailed event information please go online.

TODAY Deacons play an important role in our church. As such, we ask members to prayerfully consider and complete the bulletin tear-off, based on your knowledge of a nominee's qualifications for the office of Deacon. Deadline to submit names is TODAY.



APR 2 Join us at 6:30p in the Welcome Center 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.



MAR 29 The FAM & Friends Ministries want to partner with parents who are fostering or adopting children or have a child with special needs. Fun Nights are a night for kids to have fun and for parents to have a time of respite. REGISTER ONLINE



MAR 31 We will be taking a team to Thailand July 4-14 and July 11-21. There will be a general info meeting to ask questions from previous trip participants on Sunday, March 31st at 12:30p in B214. Deadline to apply: April 1. APPLY ONLINE



APR 5 & 6 Come experience practical teaching that will be beneficial for all parents; foster, adoptive, biological, professionals or ministry leaders serving children. Cost is \$10 per person and runs from 10:00a-6:00p both days in the Worship Center. REGISTER NOW



APR 9 All women are invited to this encouraging event to grow closer to the Lord and get to know each other better. We will have dessert, coffee/tea, and time for connection with each other. Childcare is available by registration only. REGISTER TODAY



APR 13 This is our church-wide day of service where we will be loving on our community in the name of Jesus. This is a great day to spend serving with friends, family, or community group. Go online for more info. REGISTER TODAY



APR 21 Make plans to join us Easter Sunday as we celebrate our risen Savior and Lord. There will be contemporary & traditional services at 9:00a and 10:45a. Invite a friend and come enjoy the morning!



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

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State

Zip

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