

Prayer?

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

Year-End Giving.

Thank you so much for your consistent financial support throughout the year! To be sure you receive contribution credit for 2018, please have your giving in by the following times:

Offering: Dropped in the offering plate on Sunday, December 30

Hand-delivered: To the ECBC office by 12:00 noon on Monday, December 31. Contributions that are hand-delivered after 12:00p on December 31 will be credited to 2019.

Mail: Post-marked by USPS by December 31, 2018. Any mail postmarked in 2019 will be credited to 2019.

Online: By 11:59p on December 31, 2018.

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Sermon.

Speaker: Pastor Buster Brown

Today's Message: Unsustainable

Today's Text: 1 Kings 11:1-8

"Now King Solomon loved many foreign women, along with the daughter of Pharaoh: Moabite, Ammonite, Edomite, Sidonian, and Hittite women, from the nations concerning which the Lord had said to the people of Israel, 'You shall not enter into marriage with them, neither shall they with you, for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods.' Solomon clung to these in love. He had 700 wives, who were princesses, and 300 concubines. And his wives turned away his heart. For when Solomon was old his wives turned away his heart after other gods, and his heart was not wholly true to the Lord his God, as was the heart of David his father. For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites. So Solomon did what was evil in the sight of the Lord and did not wholly follow the Lord, as David his father had done. Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the abomination of Moab, and for Molech the abomination of the Ammonites, on the mountain east of Jerusalem. And so he did for all his foreign wives, who made offerings and sacrificed to their gods." 1 Kings 11:1-8

Solomon did evil in the eyes of the Lord, which led to an "Under The Sun only" worldview.

Under the Sun (only)

Epicureanism:

The pursuit of pleasure and avoidance of pain in a socially acceptable fashion.

"god" is undefinable...

The ultimate reality of God is undefinable (because of multiple 'gods'); therefore His presence is not joyfully binding..

Under The Sun only Worldview

1. If there are many 'gods' then there is no ultimate definition of God.
2. Embrace a 'god' that will meet my perceived needs (selecting from a multiplicity of choices). See John 6:66-69.
3. There is no ultimate truth because multiple 'gods' have spoken.

Biblical Worldview

1. "There is one and only one living and true God. He is an intelligent, spiritual, and personal Being, the Creator, Redeemer, Preserver, and Ruler of the universe." Baptist Faith & Message
2. God eternally exists, and the glorification/ worship of God and human flourishing are inexplicably intertwined.
3. The One and Only Living God has spoken, and ultimately revealed Himself in the person of Jesus Christ.

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Sermon.

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THE BIG STORY

"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

The Exclusivity of Christ

1. Courage
 2. Humility (2 Timothy 2:24-26, Matthew 7:3-4)
 3. The Team Spirit/Intentionality (Joyful Sacrifice)
- Participate in the Lottie Moon World Missions Offering (100% of worshipers).
 - Use hospitality to reach out to an unchurched friend or...
 - Speak the name of Jesus to an individual in the context of relating the message of the incarnation of Christ.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering:
December 2-January 27
Goal: 100% Church Participation

Lottie Diggs Moon, 1840-1912
(Served in China from 1873-1912)



Your mobile devices are welcome! After the service we encourage you to share pieces of the sermon or worship on social media that you think others will find encouraging. Tag ECBC using #ecbccharleston.

Listen to sermons online at eastcooperbaptist.com/sermons

DECEMBER 9, 2018



**LOTTIE MOON
CHRISTMAS OFFERING®**

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100% PARTICIPATION**

DECEMBER 2 - JANUARY 27



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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 Bible Classes
Sanctuary 9:00a & 10:45a
Contemporary Worship / Sunday Bible 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 **January 6, 2019 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, **January 12th**. 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

DEC 9

Equip•u Classes
9:00a & 10:45a
Crosswalk Christmas Party
12:00-3:00p Meet by Gym
Angel Tree Gift Sorting
12:00-1:30p near Sanctuary
MP Christmas Light Parade
5:30p Coleman Boulevard

MON

DEC 10

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

WED

DEC 12

Primetime Adults Lunch
12:00-1:30p Choir Room D-Wing
WAM
6:30-8:00p A-Wing Classrooms
MSM Christmas Party
6:30-8:00p Chick-fil-A Johnnie Dodds

THU

DEC 13

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

FRI

DEC 14

Man2Man
6:20a Gym
Christmas Concert
7:00p-8:30p Sanctuary
Angel Tree Gift Pick-up
3:30-5:00p Front of Sanctuary

SAT

DEC 15

Christmas Concert
4:00p & 7:00p Sanctuary
Angel Tree Gift Delivery
All day around Charleston

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING*
DECEMBER 2 - JANUARY 27
2.18% OF PEOPLE GAVE
\$15,916.00



The International Mission Board uses 100% of the gifts given to Lottie Moon to send missionaries all over the world. Our church goal is **100% participation** toward \$450,000. You may give:

- **ONLINE** at eastcooperbaptist.com
- **BY OFFERING PLATE**
- **TEXT 843-202-4848: GIVE #lottiemoon 50 (to give \$50.00)**

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Upcoming.

For detailed event information please go online.

TODAY Come cheer on our very own Palmetto Christian Academy at the 22nd Annual Mount Pleasant Christmas Light Parade. The festivities begin at 5:30p with a fireworks show, then floats will start down Coleman Boulevard. **SEE YOU THERE**



DEC 14 This year, we are serving about 375 children through Angel Tree. Please pray for those receiving gifts and hearing the gospel. Come pick-up gifts on Friday from 3:30-5:00p and help deliver on Saturday, December 15 all around the area.



DEC 14 & 15 Order your tickets today for this year's Christmas Concert, "Let There Be Light." Performances will be held on the 14th at 7:00p and on the 15th at 4:00p and 7:00p. The concert is free, but you need a ticket for admission. **GET TICKETS ONLINE**



DEC 16 Join us for a festive holiday evening with Christmas Dinner and Caroling. This is a churchwide event, so everyone is invited. Dinner is FREE, however, donations are encouraged. Dinner will be served at 5:30p in the gym.



DEC 24 You, your family, and friends are invited to one of our Christmas Eve Services in the Sanctuary. Service times are at 4:00p (with childcare) and 5:30p. Please join us for this special worship service that celebrates the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.



JAN 11 Join us as we discuss the new digital age and the importance of rightly placed affections. Parenting is a high and holy calling and God has given this generation a sufficient portion of grace to navigate and parent through this unprecedented digital age. **REGISTER ONLINE**



MAR 8-9 Join us for next year's women's conference entitled *Treasures in the Darkness*. Our speaker, Roxanne Cox, will share about the "gift" of pain and how she has found treasures in adversity. Early bird price is \$40 until January 1. **REGISTER ONLINE**



Financial Update.

Giving Year-to-date \$1,840,952
Ministry Expenses \$1,733,841
(fiscal year August 1, 2018-July 31, 2019)

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

Spouse

Birthdate

Spouse Birthdate

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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
- Request a personal visit
- Subscribe to newsletter
- Join a Community Group
- Other