

Prayer?

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

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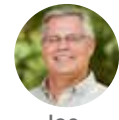
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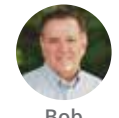
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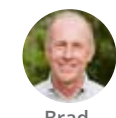
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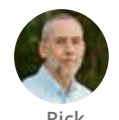
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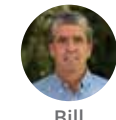
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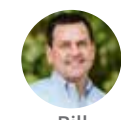
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Sermon.

Speaker: Buster Brown, *Senior Pastor*

Today's Message: Yoked to Learn and Find Rest

Today's Text: Matthew 11:25-30

"At that time Jesus declared, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'"
Matthew 11:25-30

"Thou hast made us for thyself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in thee."

Augustine of Hippo, *Confessions of Augustine* (1-1)

1. **THE PREREQUISITE:** Be weary and heavy-laden (discouraged and beat down by life).
2. **THE PROMISE:** Rest/rest for your souls.
3. **THE PROCESS:** Yoked to learn from Christ (the One Who is humble and gentle of heart).

"His giving himself as an all-sufficient God, to be ENJOYED by the creatures, to hold out all that is in him for the SATIATING and making them BLESSED; that is alone discovered by and in Christ. In him is a Father, a God of covenant, wherein he has promised to lay out himself for them; in him has he promised to give himself into their EVERLASTING FRUITION, as their exceeding GREAT REWARD."
John Owen, *Volume 2*, p. 90.

4. **THE JUBILATION/DELIGHT/EXUBERANCE:** His yoke is easy and His burden is light.

THE YOKING PROCESS

1. You will be yoked under some pursuits/system (Romans 6:16-18, 20-21)
2. Other systems (counterfeit gods) do not deliver ultimate satisfaction or hope.

"A counterfeit god is anything so central and essential to your life that, should you lose it, your life would feel hardly worth living. An idol has such a controlling position in your heart that you can spend most of your passion and energy, your emotional and financial resources, on it without a second thought. It can be family and children, or career and making money, or achievement and critical acclaim, or saving 'face' and social standing. It can be a romantic relationship, peer approval, competence and skill, secure and comfortable circumstances, your beauty or your brains, a great political or social cause, your morality and virtue or even success in the Christian ministry. When your meaning in life is to fix someone else's life, we may call it "co-dependency" but it is really idolatry. An idol is whatever you look at and say, in your heart of hearts, 'If I have that, then I'll feel my life has meaning, then I'll know I have value, then I'll feel significant and secure.' There are many ways to describe that kind of relationship to something, but perhaps the best one is to worship." Tim Keller, *Counterfeit Gods*

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Sermon.

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3. Yoked and thankful/delighting in the Christ. (This worship and delight breaks the tyranny of counterfeit gods.)

"The only way to dispossess the heart of an old affection is by the expulsive power of a new one...thus it is not enough...to hold out to the world the mirror of its own imperfections. It is not enough to come forth with a demonstration of the evanescent character of your enjoyments...to speak to the conscience...of its follies...Rather, try every legitimate method of finding access to your hearts for the love of Him who is greater than the world."

Thomas Chalmers D.D., *The Expulsive Power of a New Affection*

4. Yoking and trusting in the One Whose yoke is easy and Whose burden is light.

"It is also important to know that pain, by itself, does not necessarily sanctify us. I am persuaded that pain sanctifies only as we trust Him, surrender to His blows in faith, conscious that our Father is reliable, that He is our own Dear Father. I trust that the Father is not my Judge executing me, but the Master Sculptor. As the craftsman, He has a pre-vision of me which is beautiful and clean and self-forgetting, as sweet and pure as the sunny day after rain."

C. John Miller, *The Heart of a Servant Leader*

QUESTIONS:

1. Professor Tom Shippey, who studied JRR Tolkien's Lord of the Rings trilogy, refers to the Ring as a "psychic amplifier", i.e. the Ring takes the heart's fondest desires and magnifies them to idolatrous proportions. How does that happen in daily living?
2. How can legitimate and good pursuits become idols?
3. How does the beauty and goodness of Christ break the power of counterfeit gods?
4. What does this statement mean: "Counterfeit gods make promises, but they can never ultimately deliver satisfaction, joy and peace." What are some examples?



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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 **August 4 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, **August 17**. 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

MAY 26

Equip•u Classes
9:00a & 10:45a

MON

MAY 27

Happy Memorial Day
Church offices closed

WED

MAY 29

MSM Girl's Summer Bible Study
1:00p Choir Room
MSM Boy's Summer Bible Study
6:30-8:00p Choir Room
Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal
6:30-8:00p Choir Room

THU

MAY 30

Young Adults Ultimate Frisbee
6:30p Belle Hall Fields

FRI

MAY 31

FAM & Friends Fun Night
5:30p Gym

Student Life Center Update



IMPORTANT MEMBER VOTE, SUNDAY, JUNE 9

This past Tuesday, May 21, 2019, the Elder Board unanimously voted to recommend to the church to break ground on the Student Life Center on July 28, 2019, and to continue fundraising. On November 1, 2019, the Elder Board will review current status and make further recommendations to the congregation.

The fundamental reasoning for a vote to proceed include:

- We have reached 75% of our goal. \$4M in cash on hand and 1.8M in pledges by ground breaking
- Breaking ground on July 28 allows for a 2020/21 school year opening of the Student Life Center
- PCA enrollment next year is projected to be 735; an all-time high
- PCA currently has a wait list of 50 students

Members may vote via bulletin tear-off on June 2 and 9.



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Upcoming.

For detailed event information please go online.

MAY 31 The FAM & Friends Ministries want to partner with parents who are fostering or adopting children, or who 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. Meets in the Gym from 5:30- 8:30p. **REGISTER ONLINE**



JUN 2 If you are interested in being baptized, please register for a baptism date online. An ECBC pastor will then contact you to schedule an interview before your baptism date. Baptism is required for membership at ECBC. **REGISTER ONLINE**



JUN 2 We give our regular children's ministry volunteers some time off in the summer to recharge and rest from a great year of teaching our children. Therefore, the children's ministry needs your help with Summer Sundays! **VOLUNTEER TODAY**



JUN 4 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. **SEE YOU THERE**



JUN 4 The Women's Ministry will be studying the book "Prayer: Does it Make Any Difference?" by Philip Yancey. Cost is \$12.00. They will meet in a host home every Tuesday evening, June 4, 11, 18, & 25, from 6:30-8:00p. **REGISTER ONLINE**



JUN 9-14 Our Vacation Bible School this year is from June 10-14 with Family Night, Sunday, June 9. We already have so many kids signed up but need more volunteers to help this summer! **REGISTER TODAY**



JUN 18 This study brings you face to face with the promise-keeping God of Joshua and of today. We need to know that our God is with us wherever we go. Tuesdays from 9:30-11:30a in the Worship Center. Cost for book is \$13. **REGISTER NOW**



JUN 18 Join Lifeline for a foster care orientation webinar! This orientation is a requirement to attend a foster care training class and is a great way to decide if becoming a foster family is right for you! Webinars are June 18 and July 30 at 6:00p. **REGISTER ONLINE**



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

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