

# Prayer?

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# Sermon.

**Speaker:** Buster Brown, *Senior Pastor*

**Today's Message:** Responses to the Christ

**Today's Text:** Matthew 11:1-6,16-24

*"When Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in their cities. Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?' And Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.'" Matthew 11:1-6*

*"But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds." Matthew 11:16-24*

### 1. John the Baptist: Honest Doubt Because of Misplaced Expectations (vv.1-6)

*"Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.' Then Pilate said to him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.'" John 18:36-37*

The kingdom of God is the present-day REIGN of the living Christ in our heart, in our lives and in our relationships in the power of the Holy Spirit.

### Heidelberg Catechism, Question 123

Q. What is the second petition?

A. Your kingdom come.

That is: So rule us by your Word and Spirit that more and more we submit to you.<sup>1</sup> Preserve and increase your church.<sup>2</sup> Destroy the works of the devil, every power that raises itself against you, and every conspiracy against your holy Word.<sup>3</sup> Do all this until the fullness of your kingdom comes, wherein you shall be all in all.<sup>4</sup>

1. Ps 119:5, 105; 143:10; Mt 6:33
2. Ps 51:18; 122:6-9; Mt 16:18; Acts 2:42-47
3. Rom 16:20; 1 Jn 3:8.
4. Rom 8:22, 23; 1 Cor 15:28; Rev 22: 17, 20

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# Sermon.

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### 2. The Critics Who Misrepresent/Misunderstand the Character of Christ (vv.16-19)

### 3. The Apathetic (vv.20-24 Those who are incurious and indifferent.

*"It is very important not to mistake hemlock for parsley, but to be believe or not believe in God is not important at all." Denis Diderot (1713-1784)*

If I am to continuously receive Christ with confidence and grace (live in the wonder of His Kingly rule), I must:

1. Understand His kingdom and adjust my expectations. In a less than perfect world (living in the "Already, but not yet.") I should understand the REALIZE>>REPAIR>>REFILL cycle.
2. Humility replaces criticism as I rejoice in His goodness, mercy and authority.
3. Fight against apathy and embrace nobility of calling.

### Questions for Discussion:

1. When are times when you are disappointed with kingdom living? (consider Romans 6:21)
2. How does immersing ourselves in the promises of scripture deal with honest doubt and misplaced expectations?
3. What is the REALIZE>>REPAIR>>REFILL cycle?
4. Why is a disbelief in the reality of the God Who is and to Whom we will answer, have potentially devastating effects on our lives?

*"But as far as we can tell, very few of those carrying out the horrors of the 20th century (Mao, Hitler, Stalin, Pol Pot) worried much that God was watching what they were doing either. That is, after all, the meaning of a secular society." David Berlinski*

*"...the abolition of religion as the illusory happiness of the people is required for their real happiness." Karl Marx*



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MAY 5, 2019

# Bold Pursuit



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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 **TODAY 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](http://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](http://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](http://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 5

Equip•u Classes  
9:00a & 10:45a  
Guest Luncheon  
12:15p Gym  
ECCO Bag Collection  
Drop-off bags in trailer  
Senior Recognition Banquet  
6:00p Welcome Center  
WAM Spring Concert  
6:00p Worship Center

MON

MAY 6

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

TUE

MAY 7

Prayer Meeting  
6:30p Welcome Center  
Elders Meeting  
7:15p D-Wing Choir Room

WED

MAY 8

WAM  
6:30-8:00p A-Wing Classrooms  
Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal  
6:30-8:00p Choir Room  
MSM T4:12 Finale  
6:30-8:00p Gym

THU

MAY 9

Women's Morning Devotional  
6:30a Welcome Center  
Young Adults Ultimate Frisbee  
6:30p Belle Hall Fields

FRI

MAY 10

Man2Man  
6:20a Gym



Come get to know us better at our Guest Luncheon. Meet a few of our pastors and church members while enjoying a great meal. The lunch is free and held in the Gym after the second service. **SEE YOU THERE**



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## Upcoming.

For detailed event information please go online.

**TODAY** The Grocery Bag Sunday program is a cooperative effort between ECCO and local churches. These donations are critical to helping to maintain a steady flow of food. We are collecting full grocery bags in the trailer outside of the Annex.



**TODAY** Join us for this year's WAM Spring Concert. Our 4 year old choir will sing followed by the K-5th grade choirs. Don't miss this special time of worship and praise from our kids. **SEE YOU THERE**



**MAY 7** 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**



**MAY 12** This class focuses on the heart of the child. If children are going to learn how to live according to Biblical standards, they need to be challenged and trained from the heart. Taught by Rick Martin in B214 at 9:00a and 10:45a. **REGISTER ONLINE**



**MAY 12** Is communicating with God challenging? Don't know what to say to God? This class is not for Christians who feel victorious but those who sometimes feel defeated in the trenches. Taught by Mark Gaking in B222 at 9:00a and 10:45a. **REGISTER TODAY**



**MAY 18** In this class you will learn more about what we believe as a church, ways that you can be more involved, and how you can become a member. This is a great way to get to know other people at ECBC. Childcare is available. **REGISTER TODAY**



**JUN 10-14** 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**



## Financial Update.

Giving Year-to-date \$4,433,263  
Ministry Expenses \$3,874,360  
*(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.

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## 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

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Birthdate

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Preferred method of contact:

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- Become a Christian
- Join the Church
- Request a personal visit
- Subscribe to newsletter
- Join a Community Group
- Other