

## Prayer?

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

## Contribution Statements.

Your 2024 Contribution Statements are ready for you to download and print.

You may go directly to [eastcooperbaptist.com/giving-history](http://eastcooperbaptist.com/giving-history) to login and download. Thank you for your faithful gifts.

For questions, please email [finance@eastcooperbaptist.com](mailto:finance@eastcooperbaptist.com)

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## Sermon Notes.

**Speaker:** Buster Brown, Senior Pastor

**Message:** Combating the Leaven of the Pharisees

**Text:** Luke 12:1-7

*"In the meantime, when so many thousands of the people had gathered together that they were trampling one another, he began to say to his disciples first, 'Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. <sup>2</sup>Nothing is covered up that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. <sup>3</sup>Therefore whatever you have said in the dark shall be heard in the light, and what you have whispered in private rooms shall be proclaimed on the housetops.'*

*<sup>4</sup>I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that have nothing more that they can do. <sup>5</sup>But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him!<sup>6</sup>Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God. <sup>7</sup>Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows."<sup>8</sup> Luke 12:1-7*

I. The leaven of the Pharisees involves man-centered mandates, which they believed would make them acceptable in the presence of a holy God. This leaven included the desire to win the favor and applause of their contemporaries without a sustained commitment to personal change (repentance) (Luke 11:39,42-43).

II. The futility of this "leaven" (vv. 2-3).

### BATTLING THE LEAVEN OF THE PHARISEE BY WALKING IN THE FEAR OF GOD

*"The fear of God is the soul of godliness. There is a dread or terror of the Lord, and there is the fear of reverential awe. There is the fear that consists in being afraid; It elicits anguish and terror. There is the fear of reverence; It elicits confidence and love." John Murray, Principles of Conduct*

Servile fear = the fear of a slave

Filial fear = the loving fear of a son.

*"There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love." 1 John 4:18*

The believer walks in the fear of amazing delight.

*"There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear" Isaiah 11:1-3*

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## Sermon Notes.

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*"Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God." 2 Corinthians 7:1*

*"Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust." 1 Peter 2:18*

*"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight." Proverbs 9:10*

*"In the fear of the Lord one has strong confidence, and his children will have a refuge. The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, that one may turn away from the snares of death." Proverbs 14:26-27*

*"'Aslan is a lion- the Lion, the great Lion.' 'Ooh' said Susan. 'I'd thought he was a man. Is he- quite safe? I shall feel rather nervous about meeting a lion'... 'safe?' said Mr Beaver..."Who said anything about safe? 'Course he isn't safe. But he's good. He's the King, I tell you.'" C.S. Lewis, The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*

The fear of God: a happy, healthy fear that controls other fears.

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FEBRUARY 2, 2025

# WARNINGS FOR YOUR JOY



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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 anyone with a name-tag and let us answer any questions you may have. Thanks for being our guest.

**Buster Brown, Senior Pastor**  
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**Traditional Worship and Classes**  
Sanctuary 9:30am  
**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](http://eastcooperbaptist.com/give).



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

## Get to Know.



**Candace Dellinger**

### HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER ON STAFF

Candace is from St. George, SC. Through community and Biblical training at ECBC, Candace understood the grace of Jesus and that he was worthy to be trusted with all things. She joined the ECBC staff in 2019. Candace is married to Craig and they have two daughters, Reese & Clara. She enjoys visiting Edisto Beach with her family & watching Gamecock baseball.



## Classes.

Take a Class Routinely.

We have several classes happening throughout the spring for you to grow in your faith and equip you for the days ahead. These classes meet Sunday mornings. For more information on a class, please visit our website.

### CORE CLASSES: Beginning February 9

THE GOSPEL OF MARK: 9:30am

COLLEGE CLASS: 9:30am

GOD'S WISDOM: 11:00am

LIFE IN ACTION: 11:00am

20s & 30s: 11:00am

TRUTH SEEKERS: 11:00am

SENIOR ADULT WOMEN: 11:00am

### DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES:

MEMBERSHIP CLASS:  
Begins February 9 at 11:00am

PARENT COMMISSIONING:  
February 9 & March 2 at 11:00am

LEADERSHIP CLASS:  
Begins March 9 at 11:00am

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## Upcoming.

### THE INSTITUTE

This semester-long class meets on Wednesday evenings starting **February 5**. Weekly classes will be a blend of lectures, small group discussion, and question and answer times.

REGISTER ONLINE



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### WILD GAME BANQUET

Join us for this year's Wild Game Banquet on **February 13** at **6:00pm**! This year's speaker is Dr. John Ewart, Professor of Missions & Pastoral Leadership at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

GET TICKETS ONLINE.

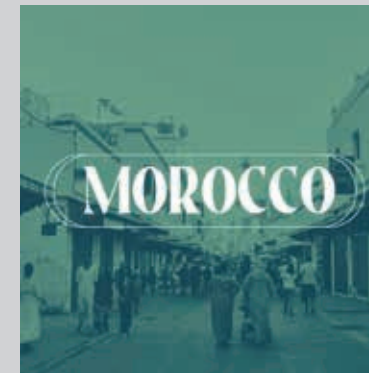


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### MOROCCO MISSION TRIP

This team of medical and dental volunteers will travel to Morocco on **May 2-10**. We are in need of dentists, hygienists, optometrists, physical therapists, general doctors, gynecologists, pharmacists, and 12-15 volunteers.

APPLY ONLINE.



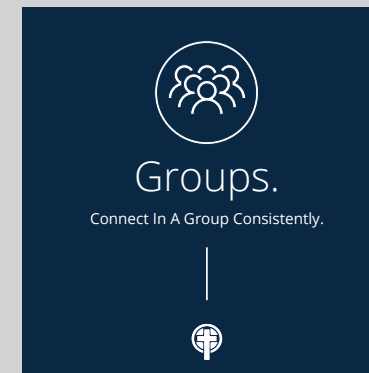
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### CONNECT IN A GROUP

We would love for you to get connected in one of our many groups, like:

Community Groups  
Age & Stage Groups  
Care Groups

JOIN ONE TODAY.



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## Financial Update.

Giving Year-to-date \$ 3,660,123 (fiscal year:  
Budget Required \$ 3,528,020 August 1, 2024-July 31, 2025)

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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

Name

Spouse

Birthdate    Spouse Birthdate

Address

City

State  Zip

Mobile

Spouse Mobile

Email

Spouse Email

Preferred method of contact:

Call  Text  Email

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- Join the Church
- Meet with a Pastor
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- Other