

Prayer?

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Sermon.

Speaker: Buster Brown, *Senior Pastor*

Today's Message: The Very Strange Case of Fruit-bearing

Today's Text: Matthew 12:33-42

"Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is known by its fruit. You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. The good person out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil. I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered him, saying, 'Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you.' But he answered them, 'An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here. The queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here.'" Matthew 12:33-42

After the incredible invitation of Matthew 11:25-30, the Lord finds Himself in a conflict with the Pharisees. The Pharisees were the purity party of Judaism who were busy commending themselves to one another for approval and earning the favor of God.

FRUIT-BEARING

1. The fruit marks the reality of the tree. (v.33-35)

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." **Ephesians 2:10**

"I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." **John 15:5**

"These good works, done in obedience to God's commandments, are the fruits and evidences of a true and lively faith: and by them believers manifest their thankfulness, strengthen their assurance, edify their brethren, adorn the profession of the Gospel, stop the mouths of the adversaries, and glorify God, whose workmanship they are, created in Christ Jesus thereunto; that, having their fruit unto holiness, they may have the end eternal life." **Westminster Confession 16-2**

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law."

Galatians 5:22-23

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Sermon.

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2. Speech: Blaspheming or a sign of our Justification? (v.36-37)

3. The Overflow Effect (v.34b)

- A grace orientation versus "I deserve this..."
- Gratitude/Thanksgiving.

"Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving." **Colossians 2:6-7**

- The hatred of evil. (v.34a)

"The fear of the Lord is hatred of evil. Pride and arrogance and the way of evil and perverted speech I hate." **Proverbs 8:13**

- The overflow effect and the focus of our minds, which is the doorway to our passions.

4. The Centrality of the Cross and Resurrection (v. 38-42)

QUESTIONS

1. Why does fruit-bearing, as a disciple, involve a "very strange" approach?
2. Compare the statements, "I deserve this..." or "I have earned this..." with the grace spoken in Matthew 11:25-30.
3. How do we show a hatred of evil? Proverbs 8:13
4. What does Christ mean when he says of the Pharisees that they are "blind guides straining out a gnat but swallowing a camel"? How do we say that today?



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JUNE 16, 2019

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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 11 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

JUN 16

Equip•u Classes
9:00a & 10:45a
Hot Dog Ministry Clothing Drive
Trailer outside the Annex

MON

JUN 17

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

TUE

JUN 18

Women's Summer Bible Study
9:30a-11:30a Worship Center
Women's Book Club
6:30p Host Home

WED

JUN 19

MSM Girl's Summer Bible Study
1:00-3:00p Various Locations
MSM Boy's Summer Bible Study
1:00-3:00p Annex
Orchestra Rehearsal
6:30p-8:30p Choir Room

THU

JUN 20

Young Adults Ultimate Frisbee
6:30p Belle Hall Fields

FRI

JUN 21

Southeast Indonesia Trip
June 21 - July 2

Please be praying for our teams on mission!

June 15 - June 22

PRAY FOR
ATLANTA
HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY MISSION TRIP

- That our team will have safety, good health, humility, and servant hearts open to see the Lord at work in and through us
- For opportunities to interact with people in the community and boldness to share the gospel with the children and families we meet
- That the ongoing efforts (of this church to reach their city with the gospel) will be fruitful

June 21 - July 2

PRAY FOR
SOUTHEAST INDONESIA

- Local native Christians to be encouraged by extra support during this time
- The team to impact locals that have never heard about God
- The team leaders to share the gospel clearly with local people



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NOTICE: Church Conference, July 7

We will be voting on changes to our constitution on July 7. These changes have to do with Elders and their terms of service. Complete details of proposed constitutional changes will be made available online and Q&A sessions available Sunday, June 30.

Upcoming.

For detailed event information please go online.

TODAY 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 AT A KIOSK**



TODAY We are collecting men's summer clothing for the homeless of downtown Charleston to be distributed through the Hot Dog Ministry. Go online for specific needs. **Please place donations in the ECBC trailer by the Annex entrance.**



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**



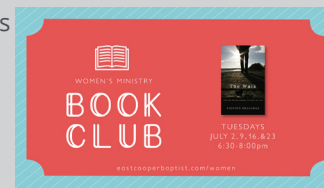
JUN 17 & 19 Featuring intimate interviews with survivors and family members, **EMANUEL** documentary is a poignant story of justice and faith, love and hate, examining the healing power of forgiveness. It will be in movie theaters across the country for two nights only. **MORE INFO ONLINE**



JUN 24-28 Whether you like soccer, science, or anything in between, there is something for everyone at WinShape Camps for Communities! Come be a part of this incredible adventure where we combine sports, recreation, arts, Bible study and worship into one incredible week. **REGISTER ONLINE**



JUL 2, 9, 16, & 23 Join our July Women's Book Club that will meet at a home on Daniel Island! We will be studying the book "The Walk: Steps for New and Renewed Followers of Jesus" by Stephen Smallman. **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.

06.16.19

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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- Join the Church
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- Join a Community Group
- Other