

Prayer?

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Worship



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Children & Family



JD Zubia
PCA Headmaster

Sermon.

Speaker: Buster Brown, *Senior Pastor*

Today's Message: Strength for the Journey
(Living in Light of Eternity)

Today's Text: Matthew 13:24-43

"He put another parable before them, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, 'Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

He put another parable before them, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable. 'The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened.'

All these things Jesus said to the crowds in parables; indeed, he said nothing to them without a parable. This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet: 'I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world.'

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.'"

These parables underscore the eternal nature of the kingdom of God. They should elicit a response of patient, consistent, and grace-filled embrace in the life of a disciple of Christ.

The Eternal Perspective
(Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43)

1. Two sowers: The Son of Man and the devil (enemy).
2. Results: Sons of the kingdom vs. sons of the evil one.
3. Two reactions: Pull up the weeds (uninformed zeal) vs. patience (wisdom) (v. 28-30)
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Sermon.

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New City Catechism, Question 52

Q: What hope does everlasting life hold for us?

A: It reminds us that this present fallen world is not all there is; soon we will live with and enjoy God forever in the new city, in the new heaven and the new earth, where we will be fully and forever freed from all sin and will inhabit renewed, resurrection bodies in a renewed, restored creation.

Westminster Confession 33/3

As Christ would have us to be certainly persuaded that there shall be a day of judgment, both to DETER all men from sin; and for the GREATER CONSOLATION of the godly in their adversity: so will he have that day unknown to men, that they may shake off all CARNAL SECURITY, and be always watchful, because they know not at what hour the Lord will come; and may be ever prepared to say, Come Lord Jesus, come quickly, Amen.

Strength for the Journey
(Matthew 13:31-33)

QUESTIONS

1. Why did the disciples need encouragement in their context (the battle)? Why do believers need strength today?
2. Why does the eternity of the kingdom/hope of heaven lead to the "greater consolation" for Christians? (see Westminster Confession 33/3)
3. How can we show a zeal that is ungoverned/uninformed by the reality of Christ?
4. How does the knowledge of mankind made in the image of God lead to a unifying principle in our treatment of others?
5. In light of eternity and the growing kingdom: WHO ARE YOUR THREE?



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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.

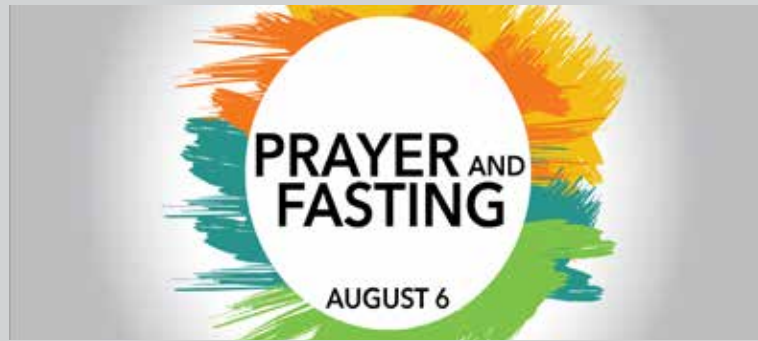
5. Serve in equip•them

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.



Buster is calling the church to a day of prayer and fasting from dinner on Monday night to dinner on Tuesday night. We will be praying for the next generation and end this time praying together at 6:30p in the Sanctuary. Please make plans to attend. Nursery is provided.

PLEASE BE PRAYING FOR

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

- Pray that our church will have a love for the next generation that will lead to godly action at home and at church.
- Pray for wisdom for our children's ministry leaders as they plan for the new ministry year beginning Sunday, Sept. 1.
- Pray that we will be able to acquire all the ministry volunteers we need to share the love of Jesus with the children of our church.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

- Pray for our rising 6th graders as they transition into the MSM, that they would adjust well and would get plugged into all that we do as a ministry.
- Pray for our leaders and volunteers, that we would continue to faithfully proclaim Christ to our students and that we would have strength, energy, and wisdom for this upcoming year.
- Pray that through the preaching of God's word and the power of the Holy Spirit our students would come to know Christ at an early age and would continue to walk in the faith for the rest of their lives.

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

- Pray for our students: that as they begin a new school year, they would demonstrate their faith in Christ through the way they talk to and interact with their peers.
- Pray for our parents: that we as a ministry would partner well with them as they seek to disciple their sons and daughter to grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ.
- Pray for the HSM: that as we interview and select a new High School Director we would look to the Lord for wisdom and discernment.

PALMETTO CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

- Pray for our Administrators, Teachers, and Staff that God would grant them wisdom to lead PCA through the Holy Spirit's guidance.
- Pray for our parents, that they would provide a home that models godly marriage, a commitment to a church community, and parenting based on Biblical principles.
- Pray for our students, that they would eagerly embrace the gospel and pursue Christ passionately so they can use their knowledge and spiritual gifts to impact the culture.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- Pray for our teachers and that they would be provided strength and encouragement as they mentor and educate our children.
- Pray for our parents, that they would provide a home that models godly marriage, a commitment to a church community, and parenting based on Biblical principles.
- Pray for our students, that as they begin a new school year, they would demonstrate their faith in Christ through the way they talk to and interact with their peers.

HOMESCHOOL

- Pray for homeschool parents to not feel overwhelmed beginning a new year and teaching plans.
- Pray that God will encourage them as they teach their children and that they can teach the Bible and the gospel clearly.
- Pray that their children will love learning and be respectful and receptive to their parent's teachings.

CAMPUS OUTREACH

- Pray that our students who attended this summer's Leadership Project would walk with Christ and gain a vision for the campus in August.
- Pray that God would give our student leaders boldness and compassion for incoming freshmen this fall.
- Pray for our staff team to lean into God's grace as some make a transition or enter into new roles.

Upcoming.

For detailed event information please go online.

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REGISTER ONLINE

WEEK OF SEPT 8 An authentic biblical community provides the place where we can grow, learn, and serve as we seek to know Jesus. For us, these communities are built around small groups. You can find a list of open groups on our website.



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Financial Update.

Giving Year-to-date	\$ 5,688,194
Ministry Expenses	\$ 5,254,902
	<i>(fiscal year August 1, 2018-July 31, 2019)</i>



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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

Spouse

Birthdate

Spouse Birthdate

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City

State

Zip

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

Please complete the perforated section and place in the offering plate or bring by the Welcome Center.

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