

Prayer?

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

Elder Nominations.

___ Yes, I am a member of ECBC in good standing and, after prayerful consideration, would like to nominate the following men for the office of Elder. Unsigned or illegible nominations are not valid.

Elder Nomination(s):

Member Signature:

Member Printed Name:

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Elders.



Frank Pettersen
Elder Chairman



Jeff
Armfield



Scott
Broome



Buster
Brown



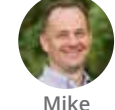
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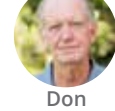
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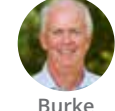
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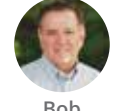
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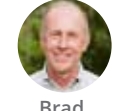
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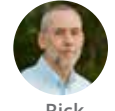
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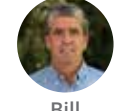
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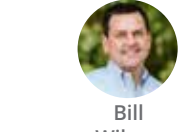
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Rick
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Bill
Watson, Jr.



Bill
Wilson

Sermon.

Speaker: Buster Brown, Senior Pastor

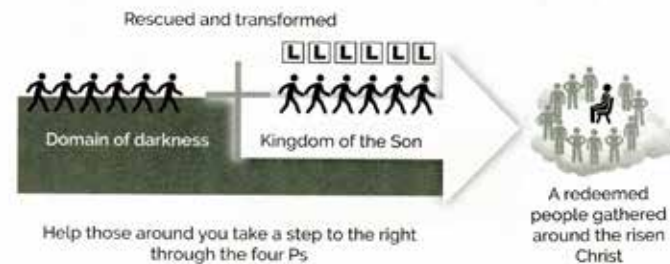
Today's Message: Further into the Light

Today's Text: Matthew 8:18-22

"Now when Jesus saw a crowd around him, he gave orders to go over to the other side. 19 And a scribe came up and said to him, 'Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go.' And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' Another of the disciples said to him, 'Lord, let me first go and bury my father.' And Jesus said to him, 'Follow me, and leave the dead to bury their own dead.'" Matthew 8:18-22

"Or how can someone enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? Then indeed he may plunder his house." Matthew 12:29

We participate in the conquest of the forces of evil when we go forward in faith in obedience to Jesus Christ. As we do so, we continuously take a step further into the light of the reality of Christ.



1. **PROCLAMATION** of the gospel of grace in multiple ways.
2. **PRAYERFUL** dependence on the Holy Spirit.
3. **PEOPLE** are God's fellow workers.
4. **PERSEVERANCE** step by step.

SEEKER/DISCIPLE #1: verses 18-20

1. In following Christ there will be joy, purpose and hope, as well as h_____ and s_____.
2. The Biblical appeal to denial/hardship is always the door to f_____ and l_____.

THE APPEAL TO DESIRE...

"For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness. For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly. O Lord of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!" Psalm 84:10-12

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Sermon.

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"Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— 3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good." 1 Peter 2:2-3

"It is to be feared that the most of us know not how much of glory may be in present grace, nor how much of heaven may be attained in holiness on the earth. This pursued in a due manner is continually transforming the soul into the likeness of God. Much of the glory of heaven may dwell in a simple cottage and poor persons, even under rags, may be very like unto God." John Owen, The Collective Works of John Owen, Vol. 2., pg. 583

3. We are not home yet. (1 Peter 2:11, Phil 3:20)

SEEKER/DISCIPLE #2: verses 21-22

1. "Not now." (Smoke screen approach.)
2. Following Christ concerns u_____ l_____.

"Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. 38 And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. 39 Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." Matthew 10:37-39

ANSWER KEY: hardship, sacrifice, flourishing, life, ultimate, loyalty

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What is the Biblical appeal to joy, purpose and fulfillment (or the appeal to desire)?
2. Why does the command to self-denial (Luke 9:23) open the door to true "shalom" or flourishing?
3. What does the following statement mean: "There is joy in the journey, and at the journey's end."?
4. How can legitimate concerns (i.e. commitment to family, job, etc.) often cloud our relationship with the Lord?
5. How do we evidence a "wartime mentality" attitude?



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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 **March 10 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, **March 16**. 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

FEB 10

Equip•u Classes
9:00a & 10:45a
HSM D-Groups
5:30-7:30p 9th & 10th Grade

MON

FEB 11

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

TUE

FEB 12

Worship Band Rehearsal
6:30p Worship Center

WED

FEB 13

Wild Game Banquet
6:00p Worship Center & Gym

FRI

FEB 15

Man2Man
6:20a Gym
FAM & Friends Fun Night
5:30-8:30p Gym



FEB 13 All men are invited to our Wild Game Banquet where there will be prizes, bluegrass, and lots of barbecue. This year's speaker is Scott Linebrink, MLB Pitcher from 2000-2012. Gym tickets are still available online. **REGISTER TODAY**



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Upcoming.

For detailed event information please go online.

TODAY Elders play an important role in our church. As such, we ask members to prayerfully consider and complete the bulletin tear-off, based on your knowledge of a nominee's qualifications for the office of Elder at ECBC. **TODAY** is the last day to submit nominees for Elders.



TODAY Equip•them is the serving arm for Sunday morning ministries. We have many opportunities to serve. The Children's Ministry is a vital ministry and one that is in need of volunteers. Go online today and start serving.



FEB 15 The FAM & Friends Ministries want to partner with parents who are fostering or adopting children or 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. **REGISTER NOW**



FEB 22-24 The Kids Mission Festival goes alongside our Global Impact Conference. This year we will be focusing on refugees from several countries. Your kids will love being apart of this and it's a great way to start teaching your children about the great commission! **REGISTER NOW**



FEB 22-24 The Global Impact Conference is a time when we, as a church, focus on Christ's Great Commission, to make disciples of all nations. For more information about our speaker, schedule and to register please go online. **REGISTER TODAY**



MAR 15 & 16 On a weekend set aside for just time with dads and their sons, we will spend time camping, kayaking, or shooting clay/paper targets, and having fun! Join us to spend quality time with your son and to get to know other dads and sons from ECBC! **REGISTER ONLINE**



MAR 8 & 9 Join us for this year's Women's Conference, "Treasures in the Darkness," with our speaker RoxAnne Cox. RoxAnne will be sharing about the "gift" of pain and how she has found treasures in adversity. Registration closes March 1. **REGISTER ONLINE**



MAR 16 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**



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. 02.10.19

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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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