

# Prayer?

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

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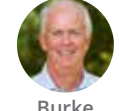
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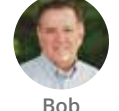
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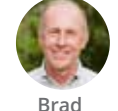
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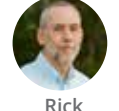
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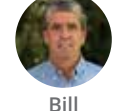
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Reed



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Bill  
Wilson

# Sermon.

**Speaker:** Buster Brown, Senior Pastor

**Today's Message:** The Pivotal Point of All History  
(The Inbreaking of the Kingdom of God)

**Today's Text:**

*"As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written,*

*'Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.'*

*Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come.'" Matthew 11:7-14*

In this passage, the Lord affirms that He is the Messiah and underscored the courage, conviction and rootedness of John the Baptist.

In the context of this passage, we note the following:

1. There will be troubles in the kingdom. (v.12)  
*"that the kingdom has suffered violence, probably indicates opposition from the religious establishment, and the violent take it by force probably refers to the actions of specific evil people like Herod Antipas, who had arrested John." ESV Study Bible, Footnote, Matthew 11:12*

**Deuteronomy 30:19-20:** *"I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."*

**Psalm 4:6-8:** *"There are many who say, 'Who will show us some good? Lift up the light of your face upon us, O Lord! You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound. In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety."*

**The 4 Ps:**

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.

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# Sermon.

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2. Because of the revelation of God in the flesh and His work on the cross for our sins, His bodily resurrection and the outpoured of the Holy Spirit "yet the one who is least in the kingdom of Heaven is greater than John the Baptist".
3. Because of the inbreaking of the kingdom we have the forgiveness of sins and immediate access to the presence of the Living God. We've experienced the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and have the assurance of the Hope of Heaven. (see John Owen vol 2, pp. 6,7,23; the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the Scripture.)

**QUESTIONS:**

1. How is living the Christian life often "sorrowful, yet always rejoicing" (2 Corinthians 6:10)?
2. Explain how brokenness in a fallen world can either "break us open to the reality of the Living God, or break us down in distress and despair.
3. How is our position/privilege immensely greater than even John the Baptist?

**NOTES:**



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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 4 at 12:15p** in the Gym. For more information, please contact Carol at [carolw@eastcooperbaptist.com](mailto: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 12

Equip•u Classes  
9:00a & 10:45a

MON

MAY 13

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

WED

MAY 15

Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal  
6:30-8:00p Choir Room

THU

MAY 16

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

FRI

MAY 17

Man2Man  
6:20a Gym

SAT

MAY 18

ReStart LinkedIn Workshop  
7:30a-1:00p B217  
New Members Class  
8:00a-1:00p D-Wing Choir Room  
Prime Time Adults Luncheon  
12:00-1:30p Multipurpose Room



Membership is a personal choice – a choice to enter into an extended family relationship with other believers in Jesus. We say “family” because we are committed to each other, and because we share a common identity and a common goal. Like family, we desire to be part of your journey. 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**



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## Events.

For detailed event information please go online.

**TODAY** 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**



**TODAY** 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** Maximizing your job search efforts using the most powerful tool out there today, LinkedIn. Come and learn how to freshen up your approach to the job search to get better returns on your time and energy! 7:30a-1:00p in B217. **REGISTER TODAY**



**MAY 18** You are invited for lunch with the Prime Time Adults. Lunch will be catered by our very own Chef Bob and there will also be a program. This is a great way to fellowship with others in this ministry. Contact Michelle for info: [micheller@eastcooperbaptist.com](mailto:micheller@eastcooperbaptist.com)



**MAY 24** We are so proud of our PCA senior class and their accomplishments. As we near the end of the school year, we want to invite you to the Class of 2019 Graduation at 6:00p in the Worship Center. **COME SUPPORT**



**JUN 2** If you are interested in being baptized, please register for a baptism date online. An ECBC pastor will then contact you to schedule an interview before your baptism date. Baptism is required for membership at ECBC. **REGISTER ONLINE**



**JUN 4/11/18/25** Over the course of the summer the Women's Ministry will be having three sessions studying two separate books. They will meet in a host home every Tuesday evening from 6:30-8:00p. **REGISTER ONLINE**



**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**



**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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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