

Prayer?

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

Year-End Giving.

To be sure you receive contribution credit for 2024, please have your giving to the church by the following times:

Offering: Dropped in the giving boxes on or before Sunday, December 29, 2024.

Postal Mail: Postmarked by USPS by December 31, 2024 (any mail postmarked in 2025 must be credited to 2025)

Online: By 11:59pm on December 31, 2024.

Hand-delivered: By Friday, December 20 at noon.

*The church offices will be closed from December 23 to January 1 so please make prior arrangements for your year-end giving. If you have any questions or special considerations, please email the Finance Team at finance@eastcooperbaptist.com

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Sermon Notes.

Speaker: Buster Brown, Senior Pastor

Message: The Mighty Warrior King
Who Is in Our Midst

Text: Zephaniah 3:14-20

"¹⁴Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! ¹⁵The Lord has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. ¹⁶On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: 'Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. ¹⁷The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. ¹⁸I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival, so that you will no longer suffer reproach. ¹⁹Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. ²⁰At that time I will bring you in, at the time when I gather you together; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes,' says the Lord." Zephaniah 3:14-20

Real and substantial healing (but not perfect) continually occurs in the life of the believer as we experience God as a mighty warrior who is in our midst. He is the one who takes away our sins and clears away our enemies while securing our future.

1. The day of His visitation ("in our midst", v. 15b & 17a).

"And he began to say to them, 'Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'" Luke 4:21

"Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour?' But for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven: 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out." John 12:27-28, 31

"The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil." 1 John 3:8b

2. Judgements are "taken away" and enemies are "cleared."

New City Catechism Question 25
Q. Does Christ's death mean all our sins can be forgiven?

A. Yes, because Christ's death on the cross fully paid the penalty for our sin, God graciously imputes Christ's righteousness to us as if it were our own and will remember our sins no more.

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New City Catechism Question 26
Q. What else does Christ's death redeem?

A. Christ's death is the beginning of the redemption and renewal of every part of fallen creation, as he powerfully directs all things for his own glory and creation's good.

And what does this Mighty Warrior King do?

3. Our response:

- Rejoicing (v. 14).
- We fear no evil tidings (Romans 8:1, 31-34).
- A non despairing, non cynical approach to living; "let not your hands grow weak."

"There is nothing noble about staying in the pit of despair... healthy depression is an intersection, not a highway; gateway, not pathway. We must go there. But we dare not stay there."
Gavin Ortlund, Deeper

"The alternatives are not between being perfect or being nothing. Just as people smash marriages because they are looking for what is romantically and sexually perfect and in this poor world do not find it, so human beings often smash what could have been possible in a true church or true Christian group. It is not just the 'they' involved who are not yet perfect, but the 'I' is not yet perfect either. In the absence of present perfection, Christians are to help each other on to increasingly substantial healing on the basis of the finished work of Christ. This is our calling."

Francis Schaefer, True Spirituality

APPLICATION:

*"No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found..."*
Isaac Watts, Joy to the World

1. We always begin and end with the Lord, who nourishes/quiets us with His love (the finished work of Jesus on the cross for our sins).
2. We respond with rejoicing.
3. We groan while we live in the "almost but not yet"; but our groaning always involves hope.
4. We are thankful for the appetizers of grace with the knowledge that the glorious main course awaits (eternal heaven).

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DECEMBER 22, 2024



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DECEMBER - JANUARY



 EAST COOPER
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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 & 11:00am
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.



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

Get to Know.

James Lieurance



MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT ON STAFF

James is from Melbourne Beach, Florida. After the birth of his first child, James felt a need for the Lord's help and joined a Bible study. It was then that he made a commitment to follow Jesus. He joined the East Cooper staff in 2023. James is married to Teresa and they have two children, Kevin and Ashley. In his free time, he enjoys watching movies with his family and taking his grandkids to the waterpark.

2025

REFRESH

PURSUING UNITY

4 WEEK SERIES BEGINNING IN JANUARY

Refresh is a yearly class for all East Cooper Baptist members that includes new content each year. This year, we will be talking about Pursuing Unity. This class will also contain an update to our vision goals and reminders about our vision language. We look forward to growing with you there!

Refresh classes will be on Sunday mornings during both the 9:30 and 11:00am worship hours. It will also be offered at 6:30pm on Wednesdays.

The dates for the classes are January 5, 12, 19, and 26 in the East Cooper Gym.

For more information and to register, go to eastcooperbaptist.com/refresh or scan the QR code



Upcoming.

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100% of your gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering support International Mission Board (IMB) missionaries.

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CHRISTMAS EVE

We invite you to take time this Christmas Eve to come delight in the joy, peace, hope, and love of Jesus! Our Christmas Eve services will be held in the Sanctuary at 4:00 & 5:30pm. Kids of all ages attend services with parents.

PLAN TO ATTEND.



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COMBINED SERVICES IN THE SANCTUARY

We will have combined services at 9:30 and 11:00am in the Sanctuary on **December 29**. The Nursery and Preschool Hallways will be open. We invite other ages to worship with parents.

SEE YOU THERE.



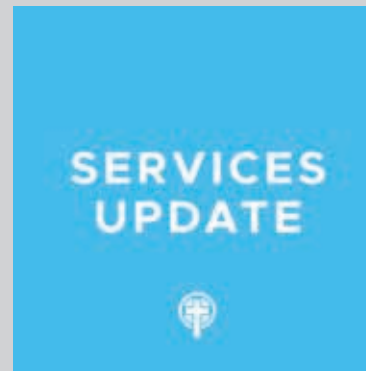
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SERVICES UPDATE

Beginning **January 5**, we will update our services schedule:

- Traditional
9:30am, Sanctuary
- Contemporary
9:30 & 11:00am, Worship Center
- Website Livestream
9:30am

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12.22.24

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

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Address

City

State

Zip

Mobile

Spouse Mobile

Email

Spouse Email

Preferred method of contact:

Call Text Email

Interested in the following:

- Become a Christian
- Join the Church
- Meet with a Pastor
- Subscribe to newsletter
- Other