

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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We'd love to get to know you!

SCAN DIGITAL CONNECT CARD



Sermon Notes.

Speaker: Buster Brown, Senior Pastor

Message: How to Celebrate Christmas on December 25/ March 25/June 25/September 25 (Go!)

Text: Matthew 28:18-19a

"And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,'" Matthew 28:18-19a

(The Resurrected Christ) said "all authority is given to me in heaven and on earth go you therefore and teach all nations..."

Redemptive History vs. Absurdity/Meaningless

Creation: *"In the beginning God created the heavens and earth..." Genesis 1:1 "and God saw everything that he had made, and behold it was very good." Genesis 1:31*

Fall: *"Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned." Romans 5:2*

Promise: *"But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed." Isaiah 53:5*

"But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days." Micah 5:2

Fulfillment: *"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth." John 1:14*

Redemption: *"For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures," 1 Corinthians 15:3-4*

Restoration: We live in the "ALREADY BUT NOT YET."

ABSURDITY

"I am well aware that the higher liberty, that freedom to be, which alone can serve as a basis for truth, does not exist. Death is there as the only reality. . .What freedom can exist in the fullest sense without assurance of eternity?" Albert Camus, The Myth of Sisyphus

"By strict accounting of cosmic abundances, our planet and the life we find here amount to essentially zero, insignificant, a small speck of blue and green suspended in an ocean of night, a tiny bit of rock and water orbiting just another star." Paul Sutter, The Emptiness of the Universe Gives Our Lives Meaning (New York Times, November 3, 2024)

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"And what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet." Ephesians 1:19-22a

Go! To the neighborhoods, nations, next generation.

Living with expectation as the reigning Christ who empowers us by the Holy Spirit.

RESOLVE

"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain." 1 Corinthians 15:58

"So shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it." Isaiah 55:11

"Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls." James 1:21

KEY THEMES

- Risk-Taking
- "What have you got to lose?"
- "Don't bring a knife to a gunfight."
- "Keep a stiff upper lip." vs. "Expect great things, attempt great things." William Carey (1761-1834)

"First, if he claims to be God and yet in fact is not, he has to be a madman or a lunatic. Second, if he is neither God nor a lunatic, he has to be a liar, deceiving others by his lie. Third, if he is neither of these, he must be God. You can only choose one of the three possibilities. If you do not believe that he is God, you have to consider him a madman. If you cannot take him for either of the two, you have to take him for a liar. There is no need for us to prove if Jesus of Nazareth is God or not. All we have to do is find out if He is a lunatic or a liar. If He is neither, He must be the Son of God." C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

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DECEMBER 8, 2024



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DECEMBER - JANUARY



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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.



Nikki Alexander

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT ON STAFF

Nikki is from Charleston, SC. She came to know Jesus when she was twelve years old while spending the summer with her aunt, who shared the gospel with her and invited her to church. Nikki joined the ECBC staff in 2012. She is married to David and they have two children, Jacob and Colleen. She enjoys organizing, decorating, and reading.

2025

REFRESH

PURSUING UNITY

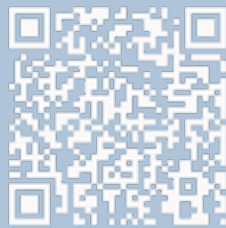
4 WEEK SERIES BEGINNING IN JANUARY

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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CHURCH GOAL: \$650,000

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CHRISTMAS CONCERT

You are invited to our 2024 Christmas concert, "King of Love," featuring the East Cooper Baptist Choir, Orchestra, and Worship Band.

December 13 at 7:00pm & December 14 at 4:00pm.

GET TICKETS ONLINE.



eastcooperbaptist.com/events

ITALY MISSION TRIP

Join a group of women led by Rose Anderson to work with our partners, Steve and April Brown in Palermo on May 9-17.

APPLY ONLINE.



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SERVE THE SOJOURNER

Engage the nations that God is bringing to the tri-county area through hospitality and care for the sojourner. We partner with Nations2Neighbors to serve and share the gospel with refugees in our area.

SIGN UP TODAY.



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Financial Update.

Giving Year-to-date \$ 1,992,752 (fiscal year:
Budget Required \$ 1,948,020 August 1, 2024-July 31, 2025)

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12.8.24

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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