

# Prayer?

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

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# Sermon Notes.

**Speaker:** Leland Brown, Equipping Pastor

**Message:** A Song in the Dark

**Text:** Psalm 23

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- 4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

## Psalm 23

### The Shepherd...

- is the Lord Jesus Christ (John 10)

*"He who does not disdain to stoop so low for our sake, must bear a singularly strong affection towards us...But it should be observed, that God is a shepherd only to those who, touched with a sense of their own weakness and poverty, feel their need of his protection, and who willingly abide in his sheepfold, and surrender themselves to be governed by him."* Calvin's Commentaries, Psalm 23.

### ...leads in the wild (vv.2-3)

- to rest
- in righteousness

### ...comforts in the dark (v.4)

- with his presence
- with his rod, and his staff (!!!)

*"I am afraid that all the grace that I have got of my comfortable and easy times and happy hours, might almost lie on a penny. But the good that I have received from my sorrows, and pains, and griefs, is altogether incalculable... Affliction is the best bit of furniture in my house. It is the best book in a minister's library."* Charles Spurgeon

### ...blesses in the battle (v.5)

- in the presence of enemies
- with overwhelming abundance

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# Sermon.

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*"I've found scores of men and women who have had similar moments of terror at looking behind the veil of their own temptations...there is something wild out there, and something wild in here."* Russell Moore, *Tempted and Tried*

...until he leads us safely home (v.6).

## QUESTIONS:

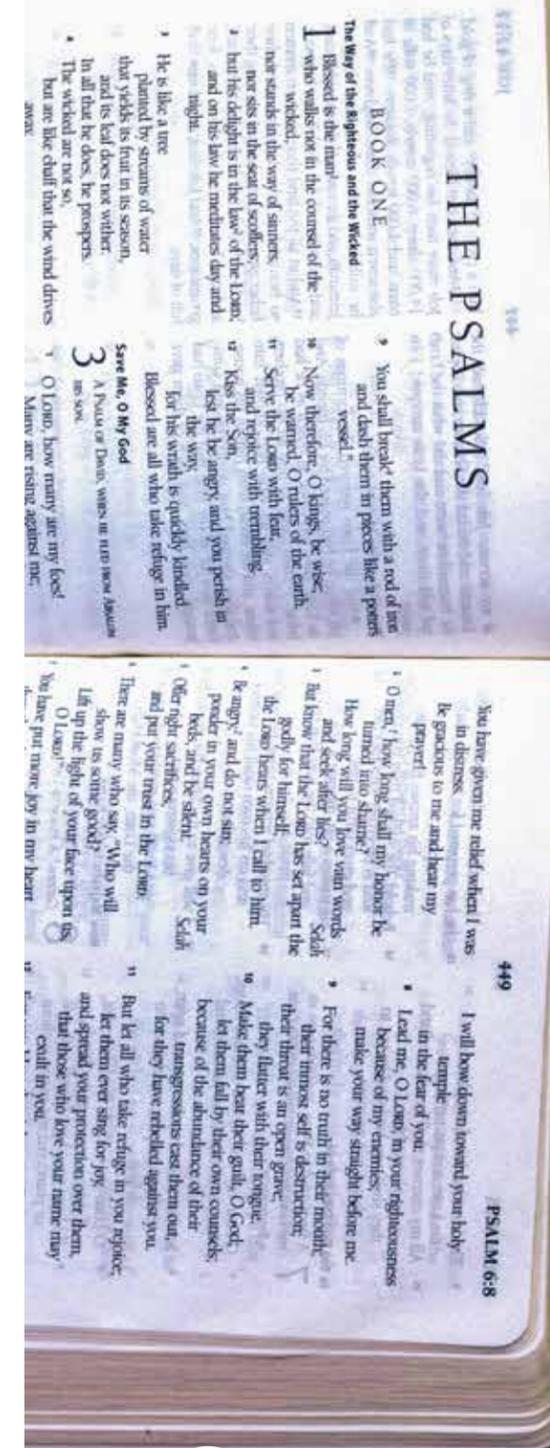
1. Why is the wilderness setting significant for understanding Psalm 23? What does it tell us about the way in which God leads, comforts, and provides?
2. What are ways in which you have doubted the Lord's leadership, presence, or provision for you? Have there been any specific things that have happened to shake your confidence in his goodness towards you?
3. How do we experience the Lord's leadership, comfort, and provision when we can't see/feel it? How will you seek to experience his provision for you this week?
4. What is one thing you would change or do this week if you were fully confident that you will not lack? What is your first step towards change?



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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 blue name-tag and let us answer any questions you may have. Thanks for being our guest.

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**Traditional Worship**  
Sanctuary 9:30am & 11:00am

**Contemporary Worship**  
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.

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## Get to Know.

# Thomas Grooms



### ELDER ON THE NEXT GEN TEAM

Thomas understood his need for salvation through faith in Jesus at a young age through the influence of his family and local church. He has attended ECBC for 17 years and currently serves as a Man2Man leader and in the Kid's Ministry. In his free time, Thomas enjoys being outdoors with his family and traveling.



## Groups.

Connect To A Group Consistently.

### CONNECT IN A GROUP

Groups are the primary place for finding community! Getting connected to a group provides a place to grow in your relationship with Jesus and be encouraged to pursue him. We offer many different groups, from age and stage to groups that help you through some of life's most challenging experiences.

**GRANDMOTHERS IN PRAYER** - Tuesdays at 8:00am

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** - Tuesdays at 9:30am

**COLLEGE GROUP** - Wednesdays at 6:30pm

**WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB** - Wednesdays at 6:30pm

**RE|ENGAGE** - Begins August 10 at 6:30pm  
(registration closes July 4)

**MAN2MAN** - Begins September 9 at 6:20am

**COMMUNITY GROUPS** - Begins the week of September 11

**GRIEFSHARE** - Begins September 11 at 11:00am

**DIVORCECARE** - Begins September 14 at 6:30pm

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The 2022-2023 Budget has been approved by 97%

## Upcoming.

### CONNECT CAMPS

Connect Camps is a one-week, day camp filled with non-stop fun and daily faith-based lessons. Runs from **June 27-July 1**. Scholarships are available online. We also need volunteers to help serve our kids.



REGISTER TODAY.

### SUMMER CLASSES

We have a variety of classes available to you throughout the summer. *Apologetics in a Post-Christian Age* runs through June, *Healthy Habits of the Faith and Foundations for the Christian Life* both start **July 10**.



PLAN TO ATTEND!

### PRAYER MEETING

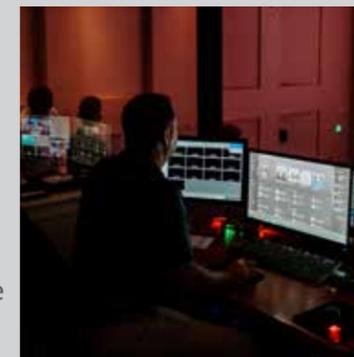
We would love to have you join us on the second Tuesday evening of this next month for a time of prayer in our Sanctuary from 6:00-6:30pm on **July 12**.



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9:30am  11:00am

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Birthdate    Spouse Birthdate

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State  Zip

Mobile

Spouse Mobile

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Preferred method of contact:

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