

Prayer?

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Sermon.

Speaker: Buster Brown, *Senior Pastor*

Today's Message: Human Flourishing??/Thriving

Today's Text: Matthew 12:46-50, Mark 3:21, Luke 14:26-27

"While he was still speaking to the people, behold, his mother and his brothers stood outside, asking to speak to him. But he replied to the man who told him, 'Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?' And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.'" Matthew 12:46-50

"And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, 'He is out of his mind.'" Mark 3:21

"If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." Luke 14:26-27

In the midst of conflictual dialogues with the Pharisees (the "purity party" of Judaism who were commending themselves to one another and earning right standing with God) the Lord speaks of ultimate allegiance in light of the FAMILY.

"God has ordained the family as the foundational institution of human society. It is composed of persons related to one another by marriage, blood, or adoption...

The husband and wife are of equal worth before God, since both are created in God's image. The marriage relationship models the way God relates to His people. A husband is to love his wife as Christ loved the church. He has the God-given responsibility to provide for, to protect, and to lead his family. A wife is to submit herself graciously to the servant leadership of her husband even as the church willingly submits to the headship of Christ. She, being in the image of God as is her husband and thus equal to him, has the God-given responsibility to respect her husband and to serve as his helper in managing the household and nurturing the next generation."

Baptist Faith and Message, Family

"The natural loves are not self-sufficient. Something else, at first vaguely described as 'decency and common sense', but later revealed as goodness, and finally as the whole Christian life in one particular relation, must come to the help of the mere feeling if the feeling is to be kept sweet. To say this is not to belittle the natural loves but to indicate where their real glory lies. It is no disparagement to a garden to say that it will not fence and weed itself nor burn its own fruit trees, nor roll and cut its own lawns. A garden is a good thain but that is not the sort of goodness it has. It will remain a garden, as distinct from a wilderness, only if someone does all these things to it."

CS Lewis, The Four Loves

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HUMAN FLOURISHING?

1. In God there is no hunger that needs to be filled, only plenteousness that desires to give.

"All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men." John 1:3-4

2. The way to experience human flourishing is through joyful obedience which inexorably or unquestionably underscores the supremacy of the Lordship of Jesus Christ on an hourly or daily basis.

"How sweet all at once it was for me to be rid of those fruitless joys which I had once feared to lose!...You drove them from me, you are the true, the sovereign joy. You drove them from me and took their place, you who are sweeter than all pleasure, though not to flesh and blood, you who outshine all light, yet are hidden deeper than any secret in our hearts, you who surpass all honor, though not in the eyes of men who see all honor in themselves...O Lord my God, my Light, my Wealth, and my Salvation." Augustine, Confessions. IX, 1

"For when God rules in a human heart, though He may sometimes have to remove certain of its native authorities altogether, He often continues others in their offices and, by subjecting their authority to His, gives it for the first time a firm basis. Emerson has said, "When half-gods go, the gods arrive." That is a very doubtful maxim. Better say, "When God arrives (and only then) the half-gods can remain." Left to themselves they either vanish or become demons. Only in His name can they with beauty and security "wield their little tridents". The rebellious slogan, "All for love" is really love's death warrant (date of execution, for the moment, left blank)." CS Lewis, The Four Loves

3. Flourishing will happen as we understand the human heart is an idol-making factory.

THE BIBLICAL WAY TO WITHSTAND THE WORLD, THE FLESH AND THE DEVIL

"Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called 'today,' that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin." Hebrews 3:12-13

Human flourishing and movement into the light of Christ occurs by understanding ultimate allegiance in the context of relationship in the church.



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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 11 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, **August 17**. 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

JUN 30

Equip•u Classes
9:00a & 10:45a
Constitution Q&A Sessions
10:15a & 12:15p Gym

TUE

JUL 2

Women's Book Club
6:30p Host Home

WED

JUL 3

College Group Cookout
6:00p Host Home

THU & FRI

JUL 4-5

Thailand Mission Trip
July 4 - July 14
Church Office Closed
July 4 & July 5

PRAY FOR CZECH REPUBLIC June 27 - July 8

- Travel safety, health, and no injuries at camp
- Gospel clarity in relationships and teaching time
- The church in Sumperk, Czech Republic as they follow up with the students and families.

PRAY FOR THAILAND July 4 - July 14

- God will cause many to register for the English classes
- That they will clearly hear and understand the gospel and many will receive it with joy
- God will open doors for us to share with taxi drivers, shopkeepers, hotel staff and many others we meet

PRAY FOR Mexico July 7 - July 12

- That our team will have travel safety, good health, humility, and servant hearts open to see the Lord at work in and through us
- That we will be able to connect well with the people we meet despite the language barrier
- That the church planting teams and missionaries who are in the village long-term will be able to build upon the connections that we make while we are there in order to share the gospel and develop a healthy church in this community

PRAY FOR CHARLESTON July 13 - July 20

MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSIONS

- OUR STUDENTS TO COME OUT OF THEIR COMFORT ZONES
- FOR THE SPANISH SPEAKING COMMUNITY TO HAVE OPEN HEARTS TO WHAT WE WILL BE TEACHING
- BOLDNESS TO SHARE THE GOSPEL WITH THE CHILDREN WE ENCOUNTER



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NOTICE: Church Conference, July 7

We will be voting on changes to our constitution on July 7. These changes have to do with Elders and their terms of service. Complete details of proposed constitutional changes are available online.



Upcoming.

For detailed event information please go online.

WEDNESDAYS All college students who are in town this summer are invited to the college community group on Wednesdays. This week our group will be having a cookout at 6:00pm! Please email for more info. ryne.taylor@campusoutreach.org



JUL 2, 9, 16, & 23 Join our July Women's Book Club that will meet at a home on Daniel Island! We will be studying the book "The Walk: Steps for New and Renewed Followers of Jesus" by Stephen Smallman. REGISTER ONLINE



JUL 9 Join us on the first Tuesday evening of each month for prayer. We will be praying for our church, community, nation, and the world. SEE YOU THERE



JUL 26 We want to partner with parents who are fostering or adopting children or who 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 ONLINE



JUL 30 This special event is for mothers and daughters from kindergarten to adult, including grandmothers, aunts, spiritual mothers, and daughters-in-law. REGISTER ONLINE



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.

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

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Spouse

Birthdate

Spouse Birthdate

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State

Zip

Mobile

Spouse Mobile

Email

Spouse Email

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