

## Prayer?

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

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## Sermon Notes.

**Speaker:** Buster Brown, Senior Pastor  
**Message:** Those Who Foster a Hope Orientation  
**Text:** Colossians 1:7-8; 4:12

*"<sup>7</sup>You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, <sup>8</sup>and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.  
<sup>12</sup>Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured." Colossians 1:7-8; 4:12*

Epaphras is the leader of the church in Colossae and traveled to be with Paul to discuss issues regarding the church at Colossae (a church that Paul had not visited). Epaphras ends up sharing a prison experience with Paul in Rome.

Thanksgiving is deep gratitude that flows from the heart as you consider the goodness and greatness of the triune God in the past.

Hope is the certainty that our future mercies are not only adequate but inexhaustible because of: the Abba Father's love for his children, the crucifixion, resurrection, and reigning power of God the Son, and the application of these truths to our hearts by the power of the Holy Spirit.

### Profile of an individual who lives with and fosters hope:

1. Community: Beloved fellow servant (v. 7).  
Epaphrus was in rich community with other believers (Colossians 4). These believers spurred him on to love and good works, and a life of faith.

2. Calling: he was a fellow servant.  
*"And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake." 2 Corinthians 4:3-5*

*"The real test of being in the presence of God is if you forget about yourself all together or you see yourself as a small dirty object. It is better to forget about yourself all together." C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity, 3-8*

3. Character: a trust-worthy (faithful) person.  
*"Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful." 1 Corinthians 4:2*  
*"And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people, who will also be qualified to teach others." 2 Timothy 2:2*

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4. The focus of his life and ministry: their maturation and growth in faith (v. 12).

*"Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me."*  
Colossians 1:28-29

*"If we don't let the cynicism and despair of the surrounding culture seep into our hearts and sour us—if we simply go about doing the things Scripture calls us to do, making melody in our hearts (Ephesians 5:19) with gratitude for a sure and certain hope in the resurrection—imagine how weird we will look." Tim Keller, Tim Keller Shares the Secret Gritty Hope (TGC.org)*



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# 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

Spouse

Birthdate    Spouse Birthdate

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

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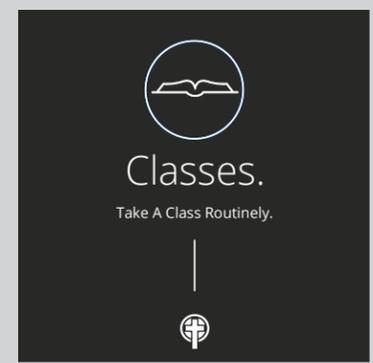
## Upcoming.

### TAKE A CLASS

We have classes coming up for you to get involved in:

*The Gospel of Mark* runs now through May 19, *Leadership Class* begins March 10.

### PLAN TO ATTEND.



### CITY SERVE

Join us on March 23 from 8:00am-2:00pm to serve our city. We will be serving with our local partners to help bless them with various needs at their different locations. Meet us in the gym for breakfast before teams head to their serve sites.

### REGISTER ONLINE.



### CONNECT CAMPS

Connect Camps is a one-week, day camp filled with non-stop fun, engaging activities, daily faith-based lessons, and the chance to make lasting friendships. Runs from June 10-14. Scholarships are available online.

### REGISTER TODAY.



### SERVE VULNERABLE CHILDREN

From protecting the unborn to supporting those in crisis, we invite you to serve with one of our local outreach partners: Lifeline Children's Services & Lowcountry Pregnancy Center.

### SIGN UP TODAY!



## Celebrate With Us.

For more information, please go online.



Good Friday • March 29  
7:00pm in the Sanctuary

Join us on Good Friday as we come together for a special service in honor of the work Christ our King did for us on the cross. During this service, we will be taking communion together. Children of all ages worship with parents.



Easter Sunday • March 31  
Contemporary & Traditional Services at Both 9:30 & 11:00am

You are invited to celebrate our Risen Savior on Easter Sunday at East Cooper! Services will be in both the Worship Center and Sanctuary at both hours. The Nursery Hallway for birth through 2 years will be open at both hours. All other ages are invited to worship with their parents. We look forward to celebrating with you!

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# Welcome.



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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.

**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.



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## Get to Know.

### Dave Bruner



#### MISSIONS PASTOR ON STAFF

Dave grew up in Kathmandu, Nepal. Ten years into his naval career, the Lord revealed to Dave that although he knew the Gospel from an early age, he was not truly following Jesus. At this time, he asked the Lord to change his heart and surrendered his life to Christ. He joined the ECBC staff in 2002. Dave is married to Ceil. A few of his favorite things are playing tennis and spending time with his granddaughter, Ruth.