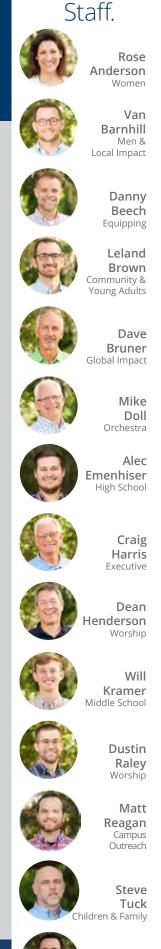
# Prayer?

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



# Sermon.

### Speaker: Buster Brown, Senior Pastor

Message: How to Live as Productive, Glad, Confident Stewards in the Grace of Christ

### Text: 1 Corinthians 3:10-19; Isaiah 40:31

"According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. 11 For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— 13 each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. 14 If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. 15 If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. 16 Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? 17 If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.18 Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. 19 For the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it is written, 'He catches the wise in their craftiness."" 1 Corinthians 3:10-19

"But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint." Isaiah 40:31

We experience the empowering presence of the Lord when we embrace the habits of grace (the *Centrality of Scripture*, *Christian Fellowship*, STEWARDSHIP OF LIFE, and the *Rhythms of the Holy Spirit*, as we live in an attitude of worship/prayer).

A steward manages e\_\_\_\_\_ resources.

How to Live in Such a Way That We Build on the Foundation with Gold, Silver, and Costly Stones

1. The foundation must always be s\_\_\_\_\_

### "My dear Wormwood,

The real trouble about the set your patient is living in is that it is merely Christian. They all have individual interests, of course, but the bond remains mere Christianity. What we want, if men become Christians at all, is to keep them in the state of mind I call 'Christianity And'. You know—Christianity and the Crisis, Christianity and the New Psychology, Christianity and the New Order, Christianity and Faith Healing, Christianity and Psychical Research, Christianity and Vegetarianism, Christianity and Spelling Reform. If they must be Christians let them at least be Christians with a difference. Substitute for the faith itself some Fashion with a Christian colouring. Work on their horror of the Same Old Thing....

Your affectionate uncle, SCREWTAPE"

CS Lewis, The Screwtape Letters



It is inevitable that the "add-ons" will become the focus of our attention unless we constantly return to the glory and wonder of the cross and the substitution of Jesus for our sins.

2. We should be c\_\_\_\_\_\_ as we build on this foundation (or keenly observant, watchful, attentive, searchingly considerate).

This careful living is in contrast to the arrogance of I Corinthians 3:18-19 and 4:6.

3. The Day will bring it to light.

"As Christ would have us to be certainly persuaded that there shall be a day of judgment, both to deter all men from sin; and for the greater c\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the godly in their a\_\_\_\_\_\_: so will He have that day u\_\_\_\_\_\_ to men, that they may shake off all carnal security, and be prepared to say, Come Lord Jesus, come quickly, Amen." Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 33:3

4. There will be rewards given to believers based upon their faithfulness. Some will have built on the glorious foundation with gold, silver, and costly stones, while others have built with wood, hay, and straw. (I Corinthians 3:13-15)

"...but likewise all persons that have lived upon earth shall appear before the tribunal of Christ, to give an account of their thoughts, words, and deeds; and to receive according to what they have done in the body, whether good or evil." Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 33:1

5. God will not be mocked. (Understand the critical importance of what we believe, teach, and live. I Corinthians 2:16-17)

ANSWER KEY: entrusted, supreme, careful, consolation, adversity

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Why were the Corinthians referred to as "fleshly" or "infants in Christ" who were "not ready for solid food"? (I Corinthians 3:1-2)
- 2. Do you believe it is inevitable that the "add-ons" will become the focus of our lives unless we constantly return to the glory and wonder of the cross?
- 3. What was Paul's fear? (Galatians 2:2, 4:11, Philippians 2:16, I Thessalonians 3:5)
- 4. How do we live today in light of that Day?
- 5. Who are some people in your life whose teaching and life application speaks of building with gold, silver, and costly stones? How can you express your thanksgiving toward them?

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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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Next Steps.

# 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 free luncheon is March 8 at 12:15p in the gym. For more information, please contact Carol at carolw@eastcooperbaptist.com.

# 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.

# 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

# Become a Member

Register online for our upcoming New Members Class on Saturday, March 14. 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.

# 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

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Tickets are on sale now. See you there!

**VISION PLANNING** 

Today, we will celebrate the past years of God's blessings

on ECBC and look toward the future by sharing with

you the vision planning process, we are currently going

through. Our hope in going through this process of

evaluation and planning is that we will learn how to

best help our people, our neighbors, and the nations

become mature followers of Jesus Christ. For more

information and to learn more about the process go to:

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# Upcoming. For detailed event information, please go online.

**FEB 16** All middle school parents are encouraged to come to the MSM parent meeting on February 16 after the second service in room B217/218 to discuss future steps. PLAN TO ATTEND.

FEB 21 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.** 

**FEB 23** If you are interested in being baptized, please register for a baptism date online. An ECBC pastor will then contact you to schedule an interview before your baptism date. Baptism is required for membership at ECBC. **REGISTER ONLINE.** 

FEB 28-MAR 1 The Global Impact Conference is a time when we, as a church, focus on Christ's Great Commission. For more information about our speaker, schedule, and to register, please go online. **REGISTER ONLINE.** 

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FEB 28 & 29 The Kids Mission Festival goes alongside our Global Impact Conference. This year we will be focusing on the country of Colombia. Your kids will love being a part of this. **REGISTER ONLINE.** 

**JUN 10-22** Our partners are having a retreat in Cyprus, and they need volunteers to help out with childcare (ages 0-4) and security. Deadline to apply is March 15. APPLY ONLINE.



JUN 26 - JUL 4 Join our partner, Joy, in ministering to immigrants from around the world. You will work alongside Joy to provide citizenship classes, teach English, tutor, and lead

Bible clubs. Deadline to apply is April 8.

**APPLY ONLINE.** 



JUL 5-15 This team will strive to be an enouragement to the IMB team while serving the community through practical needs and sharing the truth. Deadline to apply is March 16. APPLY ONLINE.



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