

Prayer?

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

Name

Confidential for Pastors only

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS & GREENERY

The church is now accepting donations in honor or memory of a loved one for poinsettias and greenery to decorate our church for Christmas. Please complete today's tear-off and include a check for \$15 per donation.

In Honor Of: _____

In Memory Of: _____



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Sermon.

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Today's Message: Between Two Worlds: The Hope of Heaven

Today's Text: 1 Timothy 1:18-20

"If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory." Colossians 3:1-4

Paul is combatting the hyper-spiritualists or uber-spiritualists who downgraded the sufficiency and the work of Christ. These false teachers told the young church at Colossae that their acceptance before God was determined by a harsh treatment of the body, angelic mediators or guides, and personal visions. But the end result of this type of "spirituality" was losing connection with "the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God." Colossians 2:19

In this section, Paul tells the church how they can continuously defeat the paralyzing effects of sin. This involves understanding our union with Christ and the hope of heaven.

"It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world (heaven) that they have become so ineffective in this. Aim at Heaven and you will get earth 'thrown in'; aim at earth and you will get neither...Most of us find it very difficult to want 'Heaven' at all-except in so far as 'Heaven' means meeting again our friends who have died. One reason for this difficulty is that we have not been trained: our whole education tends to fix our minds on this world. Another reason is that when the real want for Heaven is present in us, we do not recognize it. Most people, if they had really learned to look into their own hearts, would know that they do want, and want acutely, something that cannot be had in this world." C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity, 3-10

"When they need to stop acting as if Heaven were a myth, and an impossible dream, a relentlessly dull meeting, or an unimportant distraction from real life, we need to seek Heaven for what it is: the realm we're made for. If we do, we will embrace it with contagious joy, excitement, and anticipation...Anticipating Heaven doesn't eliminate pain, but it lessens it and puts it in perspective. Meditating on Heaven is a great pain reliever. It reminds us that suffering and death they are but a gateway to eternal life and unending joy." Randy Alcorn, Heaven, pg. 459-460

"We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ... for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath." Thessalonians 1:3, 9-10, NIV

Personal Longing and the Hope of Heaven:

1. The Fool's Way - He puts the blame on the things themselves. He goes on all his life thinking that if only he tried another woman, or went for a more expensive holiday, (continued >>)

Sermon.

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or whatever it is, then, this time, he really would catch the mysterious something we are all after. Most of the bored, discontented, rich people in the world are of this type. They spend their whole lives trotting from woman to woman (through the divorce courts), from continent to continent, from hobby to hobby, always thinking that the latest is "the Real Thing" at last, and always disappointed.

2. The Way of the Disillusioned "Sensible Man" - He soon decides that the whole thing was moonshine. "Of course," he says, "one feels like that when one's young. But by the time you get to my age you've given up chasing the rainbow's end." And so, he settles down and learns not to expect too much and represses the part of himself which used to, as he would say, "cry for the moon." This is, of course, a much better way than the first, and makes a man much happier, and less of a nuisance to society. It tends to make him a prig (he is apt to be rather superior towards what he calls "adolescents"), but, on the whole, he rubs along fairly comfortably.
3. The Christian Way - If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world. If none of my earthly pleasures satisfy it, that does not prove that the universe is a fraud. Probably earthly pleasures were never meant to satisfy it, but only to arouse it, to suggest the real thing. If that is so, I must take care, on the one hand, never to despise, or be unthankful for, these earthly blessings, and on the other; never to mistake them for the something else of which they are only a kind of copy, or echo, or mirage. I must keep alive in myself the desire for my true country, which I shall not find till after death; I must never let it get snowed under or turned aside; I must make it the main object of life to press on to that other country and to help others to do the same. Mere Christianity 3-10

"God is the highest good of the reasonable creature. The enjoyment of him is our proper; and is the only happiness with which our souls can be satisfied. To go to heaven, fully to enjoy God, is infinitely better than the most pleasant accommodations here. Better than fathers and mothers, husbands, wives, or children, or the company of any, or all earthly friends. These are but shadows; but the enjoyment of God is the substance. These are but scattered beams; but God is the sun. These are but streams; but God is the fountain. These are but drops, but God is the ocean."

The Works of Jonathan Edwards

Issues regarding Heaven:

1. What is Heaven like?
2. Heaven/sanctification and the expectation gap this side of eternity.
3. "Don't let it get snowed under or turned aside."

Biblical verses to meditate & memorize for the month of November:

"He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit." Titus 3:5

"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." Galatians 2:2

For discussion questions for this sermon, please go online.

NOVEMBER 12, 2017



GOOD
NEWS.
GREAT
JOY.

Collection Week, November 12-19



"Equipping people to pursue Jesus Christ passionately as they impact the culture"

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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 Bible Classes
Sanctuary 9:00a & 10:45a
Contemporary Worship / Sunday Bible 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 **January 14 at 12:30p** in the Welcome Center. 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 pickup 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.

4. Become a Member

Register online for our upcoming New Members Class on **January 27, 2018**. 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 at East Cooper Baptist believe.

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.

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

NOV
12

Equip•u Classes
9:00a & 10:45a
Operation Christmas Child
Drop boxes off in Welcome Ctr.
High School D-Groups
5:00-7:00p Off Campus

MON

NOV
13

Lifeline Fostercare Training
6:00-8:30p B214
Families Count Class
6:00-9:00p Annex
Reengage Marriage Program
6:30-8:30p Choir Room D-wing

TUE

NOV
14

Womens Bible Study
9:30-11:30a Worship Center
Women at the Well
6:30-8:30p Gym

WED

NOV
15

WAM
5:30-6:30p A-Wing Classrooms
Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal
6:30-8:00p Choir Room
MSM T4:12
6:30-8:00p Annex
Womens Bible Study
6:30-8:00p B218/219

THU

NOV
16

Womens Bible Study
Choir Room D-wing
Young Adults Chili Cook-off
6:00-9:00p Leland & Sarah's house

FRI

NOV
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Man2Man
6:20a Gym
FAM & Friends Fun Night
5:30-8:30p Gym

SAT

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18

Mount Pleasant Tree Lighting
6:00-8:00p Towne Centre at Belk

THIS MONTH: PRISON & TRANSITION

Throughout the month of November, we are featuring all of our local ministries that help with prison & transition. For example, the High Touch Ministry focuses on enrolling state correctional and county detention center inmates in a fifteen-month, seven-series correspondence Bible study. Stop by the kiosk in the Welcome Center for more information.

HIGH TOUCH MINISTRY **FRESH START VISION** **NEXT STEPS OF SC** **SHIELD MINISTRY**

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Upcoming Events.

For detailed event information please go online.

TODAY Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes and the good news of God's love. Drop off all filled shoeboxes the week of November 12-19 in Welcome Center!



TODAY Does your marriage need refreshment? Reengage is a marriage enrichment program that meets every Monday night from 6:30-8:30p. The program is designed for any couple to jump in and start improving their marriage at any time. Stop by the kiosk in the Welcome Center today for info.



NOV 14 All women are invited to join us for this encouraging event to grow closer to the Lord and get to know each other better. Dessert, coffee, and tea will be provided. Childcare is available if you register by November 12 at noon. **REGISTER TODAY**



NOV 17 The FAM & Friends Ministries 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 NOW**



NOV 18 For the 6th year in a row, our orchestra will lead the Mount Pleasant Christmas Tree Lighting. This year it will be held at Belk in Towne Centre. Activities include live music, a laser light show, giveaways, and the Christmas tree lighting from 6:00-8:00p.



DEC 1 & 2 Order your tickets today for this year's Christmas Concert, My Eternal King! Our choir, orchestra, and worship band will be joined by the CSU Choir. The concert is free but you need a ticket for admission. **GET TICKETS ONLINE**



NOV 26 With the delivery of a gift, Angel Tree boys and girls hear the free gift of salvation and feel the love of their incarcerated parents. Make sure to pick up Angel Tree tags on Sundays, November 26 & December 3! Presents are due back on December 10.



DEC 9 Our Foster and Adoption Ministry is having a Christmas party for the boys at Eagle Harbor Ranch. We need people who can serve in the following ways: be a mentor, donate a \$25 card gift card, set up or clean up or help with crafts. **SIGN UP 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.

11.12.17

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:

☐ 9:00am ☐ 10:45am

☐ I am a first time guest

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Preferred method of contact:

☐ Call ☐ Text ☐ Email

Interested in the following:

- ☐ Become a Christian
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☐ Request a personal visit
☐ Subscribe to newsletter
☐ Join a Community Group
☐ Other