

Prayer?

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

Year-End Giving.

To be sure you receive contribution credit for 2023, please have your giving to the Finance Office by the following times:

Online: By 11:59pm on December 31, 2023.

*The church offices will be closed between December 22nd and January 2nd, so please make prior arrangements for your year-end giving. If you have any questions or special considerations, please email the Finance Team at finance@eastcooperbaptist.com

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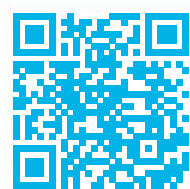
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Sermon Notes.

Speaker: Buster Brown, Senior Pastor

Message: A Way of Seeing

Text: Psalm 103:13-19

*"¹³As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.*

*¹⁴For he knows our frame;
he remembers that we are dust.*

*¹⁵As for man, his days are like grass;
he flourishes like a flower of the field;*

*¹⁶for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
and its place knows it no more.*

*¹⁷But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to
everlasting on those who fear him,*

*and his righteousness to children's children,
¹⁸to those who keep his covenant*

and remember to do his commandments.

*¹⁹The Lord has established his throne in the heavens,
and his kingdom rules over all." Psalm 103:13-19*

*"And I heard a voice from heaven saying, 'Write this: Blessed
are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.' 'Blessed
indeed,' says the Spirit, 'that they may rest from their labors,
for their deeds follow them!'" Revelation 14:13*

*"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ,
so that each one may receive what is due for what he has
done in the body, whether good or evil." 2 Corinthians 5:10*

*"They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be
generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for
themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they
may take hold of that which is truly life." 1 Timothy 6:18-19*

Various approaches to "seeing" the nature of life:

1. Anger.

*"Do not go gentle into that good night,
Old age should burn and rave at close of day;
Rage, rage against the dying of the light."
Dylan Thomas (1914-1953)*

2. The way of the disillusioned, "sensible man."

In this approach, the individual comes to believe that any hope of an eternal reality or eternal life is nonsensical. You give up the quest for having a life that is impactful and settle into a dull routine of a plotting 24-hour, daily existence.

3. Non-gospel nobility.

*"I'd rather think what the majority of survivors of
concentration camps have been experiencing may be
called 'survivor responsibility.' What they feel is a deep
sense of being responsible regarding the question of how
to make the best of each single opportunity that life may
offer them" Viktor Frankl, Facing the Transitoriness of
Human Existence*

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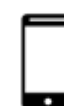
4. Living as called out stewards of the manifold grace of God.

"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy."

1 Peter 2:9-10

"But supposing infinite happiness really is there, waiting for us? Supposing one really can reach the rainbow's end? In that case it would be a pity to find out too late (a moment after death) that by our supposed 'common sense' we had stifled in ourselves the faculty of enjoying it." C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity, p. 136

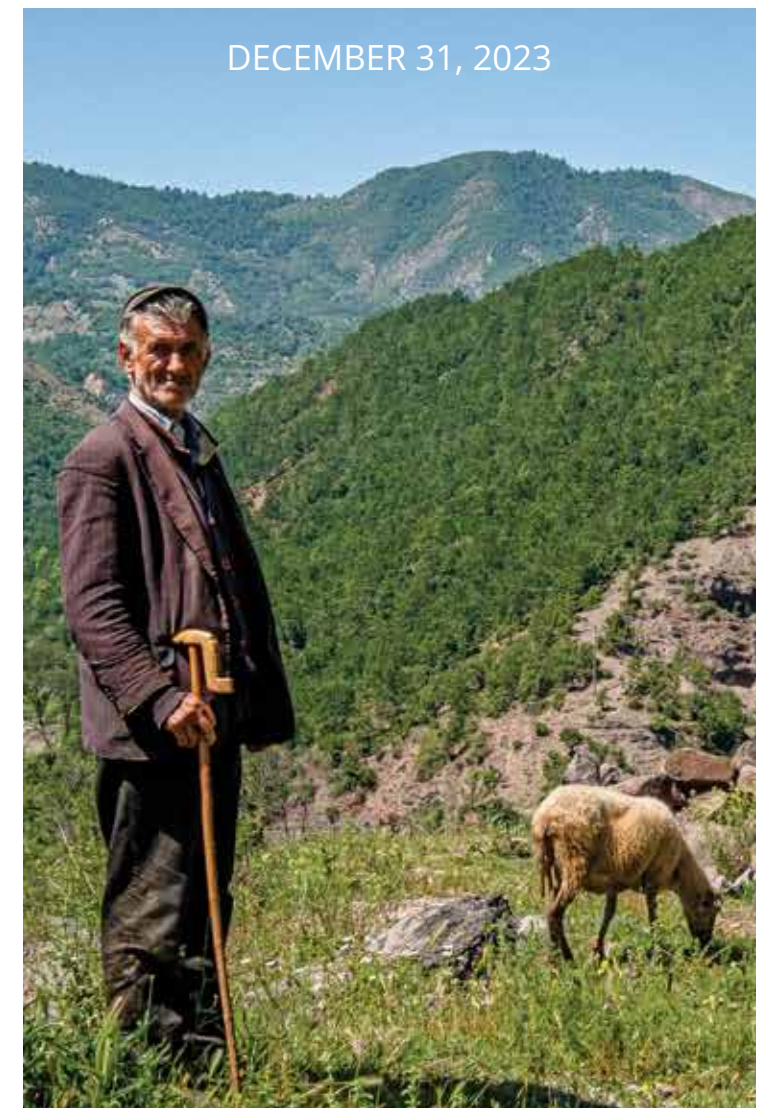
"I must take care, on the one hand, never to despise, or to be unthankful for, these earthly blessings, and on the other, never to mistake them for the something else of which they are only a kind of copy, or echo, or mirage. I must keep alive in myself the desire for my true country, which I shall not 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 country and to help others to do the same." C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity, p. 137



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DECEMBER 31, 2023



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CHURCH GOAL: \$625,000

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Sanctuary 9:30am & 11:00am
Contemporary Worship and Classes
Worship Center 9:30am & 11:00am

Ways to Give.

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Give via text by texting the word "GIVE" to 843-202-4848.

Get to Know.

Wayne McKinney



ELDER ON THE CLASSES TEAM

Wayne learned about Jesus from his mother and grandmother. At the age of 13, he repented and believed in Christ. Wayne has attended ECBC since 2017 and currently serves on the Welcome Team. In his free time, he enjoys golfing, fishing, and reading.

REFRESH

2024

LIVING GENEROUSLY
4 week series beginning in January

Refresh is a class that takes place every January! Each year this class will contain an update to our vision goals, reminders about our vision language, and some specific teaching geared towards this season of our church family's life. Refresh 2024 will be about Living Generously. We're asking all of our church members to commit to attending this four-week class.

Classes start January 7 in the East Cooper Gym and will be offered at both 9:30am and 11:00am on Sundays, and at 6:30pm on Wednesday evenings. We look forward to growing with you there!

To register, go to
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Upcoming.

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MISSION TRIPS INFO MEETING

Are you interested in going on a short-term trip this year? Come join us as we share about what trip opportunities are available and how you can participate! Meets Sunday, **January 14 at 12:15pm** in room B221 & 222.

PLAN TO ATTEND.



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Community Groups
Age & Stage Groups
Care Groups

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12.31.23

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

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