

Prayer?

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

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Sermon.

Speaker: Pastor Buster Brown

Today's Message: The Pleasure Matrix

Today's Text: Ecclesiastes 3:9-15

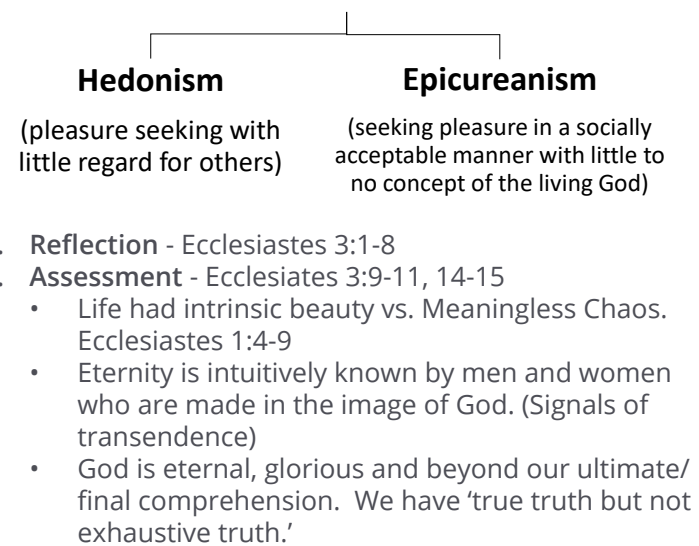
"What gain has the worker from his toil? I have seen the business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. I perceived that there is nothing better for them than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live; also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil—this is God's gift to man."

I perceived that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it. God has done it, so that people fear before him. That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already has been; and God seeks what has been driven away." Ecclesiastes 3:9-15

Solomon moves from a bleak philosophy of smoke and mist (vanity of vanities) to an episodic moment of clear thinking and Biblical sanity.

Smoke & Mist/Vanity

(Living only Under the Sun)



"The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law."
Deuteronomy 29:29

"And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as

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Sermon.

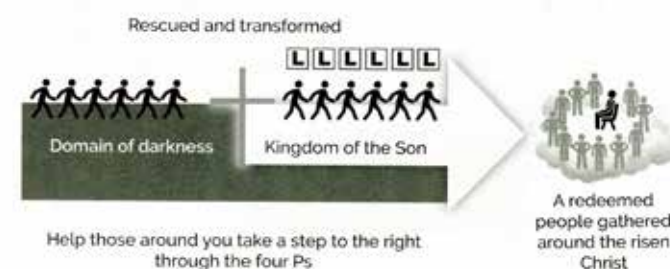
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Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."
2 Corinthians 4:3-6

The Contemplation of God > Wonder and 'Smallness' > Matthew 13:16-17, Romans 12:1

3. Resolve

- Be joyful
- Do good (Galatians 6:9-10, Matthew 25:40, John 13:14-17)
- Embrace Life



Discussion Questions:

- What is creeping epicureanism?
- Mention some "signals of transcendence".
- What is the atheistic world view of Whittaker Chambers as recounted in his book, Witness? ("...at that moment the finger of God was laid on my forehead.")
- How does the contemplation of the wonder of God lead to "smallness" (humility)?
- How was humility interwoven in the fruit of the Spirit? Galatians 5:22-23
- How can we embrace life in the midst of complexity, disappointment and aging?



Your mobile devices are welcome! After the service we encourage you to share pieces of the sermon or worship on social media that you think others will find encouraging. Tag ECBC using #ecbccharleston.

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SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

ECCLESIASTES
REFRAMING WORTH



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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 **October 7 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, **October 20th**. 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

SEP 30

Equip•u Classes
9:00a & 10:45a
HSM D-Groups
5:30-7:30p Host Homes
Charleston Wind Symphony
3:00p Sanctuary

MON

OCT 1

Reengage Marriage Program
6:30-8:30p D-Wing Choir Room

TUE

OCT 2

Women's Bible Study
9:30-11:30a Worship Center
Churchwide Prayer Meeting
6:30p Welcome Center
Worship Band Rehearsal
6:30p Worship Center
Elders Meeting
7:15p D-Wing Choir Room
Deacons Meeting
7:15p Annex

WED

OCT 3

WAM
6:30-8:00p A-Wing Classrooms
Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal
6:30-8:00p Choir Room
MSM Dive Teams
6:30-8:00p Annex
Women's Bible Study
6:30-8:00p B218/B219

THU

OCT 4

Women's Morning Devotional
6:30-7:30a Welcome Center
Women's Marriage Study
9:30-11:30a D-Wing Choir Room
Young Adults Connect
7:00p Annex

FRI

OCT 5

Man2Man
6:20a Gym
CO Fall Retreat
Friday-Sunday, Savannah, GA

THIS MONTH: FOSTER & ADOPTION

FEATURED MINISTRIES

Throughout the month of September we are featuring all of our local ministries in the area of foster and adoption. This includes ministries helping with prevention, intervention, and restoration. In the Welcome Center you can find information on these ministries we partner with:



YOUR COFFEE DONATIONS HELP SUPPORT THESE MINISTRIES.



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Upcoming.

For detailed event information please go online.

TODAY In an effort to assist in relief and recovery efforts for those in areas impacted by Hurricane Florence, we are asking for people to purchase \$50 gift cards from retailers. Also, there are opportunities to volunteer. Go online for more info.



TODAY Are you looking for a place to serve and use your God-given gifts? One area we need your help is the Media Ministry! We need volunteers to operation cameras and help with audio needs. Go online today to find information and volunteer.



TODAY The Charleston Wind Symphony Concert will perform at 3:00p in the Sanctuary. General admission is \$10, \$5 for students. We are honored to have 8 of our orchestra members be a part. Tickets available at the door.



OCT 1 The Women's Alcohol Support Group named *Sophron* is a group for those seeking freedom from alcohol/drug addiction/dependency. Registration and location information is given by emailing Rose directly at: rosea@eastcooperbaptist.com.



OCT 2 A monthly gathering for our church to come together to pray. Join us at 6:30p in the Welcome Center. We will be praying for our church, community, nation, and the world. Please make plans to attend. Nursery is provided. **SEE YOU THERE**



OCT 7 Come get to know us better at our next Guest Luncheon. Meet a few of our pastors and church members while enjoying a great meal. The lunch is free and held in the Gym after the second service. **SEE YOU THERE**



OCT 20 In this class you will learn more about what we believe as a church, ways that you can be more involved, and how you can become a member. This is a great way to get to know other people at ECBC. Childcare is available. **REGISTER TODAY**



OCT 26 SAVE THE DATE for our annual Fall Festival! At this community outreach you'll find trunk-or-treating, music, and tons of fun. Plan to come with your family or group of friends and decorate your car. **REGISTER YOUR CAR TODAY**



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.

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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

Name

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City

State

Zip

Mobile

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Email

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Preferred method of contact:

Call Text Email

Interested in the following:

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