

Prayer?

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Sermon.

Speaker: Matt Reagan, Campus Outreach Director

Message: Living for Things Unseen

Text: 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 - God is the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort - the point of the letter is to be comforted by Him in afflictions (all afflictions).

- "the look on his face and the tone of his voice." - P.D. Tripp
- If God offers comfort, we need not look for it elsewhere.

"So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal." 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

What are Paul and his crew tempted to lose heart (faint) in doing?

- vs. 13 - "...we also believe, and so we also speak..."
- Ch. 2, vs. 14-16 - spreading the fragrance of the knowledge of Christ everywhere.

Why don't they lose heart?

1. Because God mercifully gave them this ministry - vs. 1

- It's too good. - Ch. 3, vs. 12
- It's working. - vs. 14-15

2. Because their inner self is being renewed day by day

- Outer self is wasting away
- Aging?- vs. 8-12
- It is being renewed by the hope of eternal glory.
- Their afflictions prepare this glory for them.
Romans 8:18
◦ They consider the afflictions light and momentary.

- *"PIPPIN: I didn't think it would end this way.
GANDALF: End? No, the journey doesn't end here. Death is just another path, one that we all must take. The grey rain-curtain of this world rolls back, and all turns to silver glass, and then you see it.*

PIPPIN: What? Gandalf? See what?

GANDALF: White shores, and beyond, a far green country under a swift sunrise.

PIPPIN: Well, that isn't so bad.

GANDALF: No. No, it isn't."

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- *"It is written that we shall 'stand before' Him, shall appear, shall be inspected. The promise of glory is the promise, almost incredible and only possible by the work of Christ, that some of us, that any of us who really chooses, shall actually survive that examination, shall find approval, shall please God. To please God...to be a real ingredient in the divine happiness...to be loved by God, not merely pitied, but delighted in as an artist delights in his work or a father in a son—it seems impossible, a weight or burden of glory which our thoughts can hardly sustain. But so it is."*
C.S. Lewis, "The Weight of Glory"

- This is REAL. - morning by morning

What are the things that are seen that we do not look to?

1. The physical body/health.
2. Social status.

Practical application questions:

1. How will you focus on unseen things tomorrow?
2. With whom will you riskily speak this week?

For discussion:

1. What truths consistently renew your inner self?
2. What afflictions do you currently carry? Do you consider them light and momentary? How do you bring them to the God of all comfort?
3. How would your life change if you more fully embraced the reality of the unseen?
4. Are we called to speak with Paul's boldness? His consistency? Why or why not?



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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 anyone with a blue name-tag and let us answer any questions you may have. Thanks for being our guest.

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Traditional Worship / Sunday Classes
Sanctuary 9:30a & 11:00a
Contemporary Worship / Sunday Classes
Worship Center 9:30a & 11:00a

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.



Give in-person by dropping your gift in any giving box located throughout the church.

Give online by visiting our website at: eastcooperbaptist.com/give.



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

COVID-19 Update.



The Delta Variant has declined in our area, therefore, the leadership voted this past Monday to move to mask optional effective November 1. We appreciate your kindness and consideration as we navigate this season.

We encourage you to be praying for the medical staff in our community as they navigate this season's challenges due to COVID-19.



Renew Class.

For detailed information, please go online.



BEGINNING JANUARY 9

We are looking forward to 2022 and a new season of our church's life with great joy and excitement. We've also just completed a season of vision planning, where we have prayerfully sought the Lord's direction for our church's life in the next season, and are excited to share this with you and have you be a part of it.

We are asking everybody in the East Cooper family to join us for a 4-part class on the Sunday mornings of this coming January called Renew. This class will be offered at both worship hours and will explore the Bible's instruction about the local church, your calling as a church member, and our church's unique goals and vision as we seek to do all we can to help broken people treasure Jesus.

Renew classes will be on Sunday mornings during both the 9:30 and 11:00am worship hours. The dates for the classes are January 9, 16, 23, and 30 in the East Cooper Gym. For people who volunteer on Sundays, Renew will also be offered on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm.

Sign Up Today!

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Upcoming.

For detailed event information, please go online.
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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Help fill a shoebox this Christmas season for a boy or girl in need. We encourage you to use reusable plastic boxes. Today is the last day to drop off your box(es)!

DROP OFF IN THE WELCOME CENTER.



ANGEL TREE

This year, Angel Trees will be set up in multiple locations around the church. Pick up a tag and help a local child whose parent is in prison. Tags will be available **TODAY**. Gifts are due back by December 5.

PICK UP A TAG.



NURSERY NEXT WEEK

Next Sunday, following Thanksgiving, we will have our Nursery available for parents at 9:30 & 11:00am. We encourage kids of all ages to worship with their parents!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Reserve your spot for our Christmas concert featuring the ECBC Choir, Orchestra, & Worship Band. This year, we will be holding a concert on **December 3** at 7:00pm and two concerts on **December 4** at 4:00pm & 7:00pm!

REGISTER ONLINE.



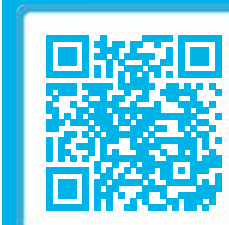
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Hello.

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:

9:30a 11:00a

I am a first time guest

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