

# *Let His Love Flow*

*Dr. Edwin M. Cooper, Jr*

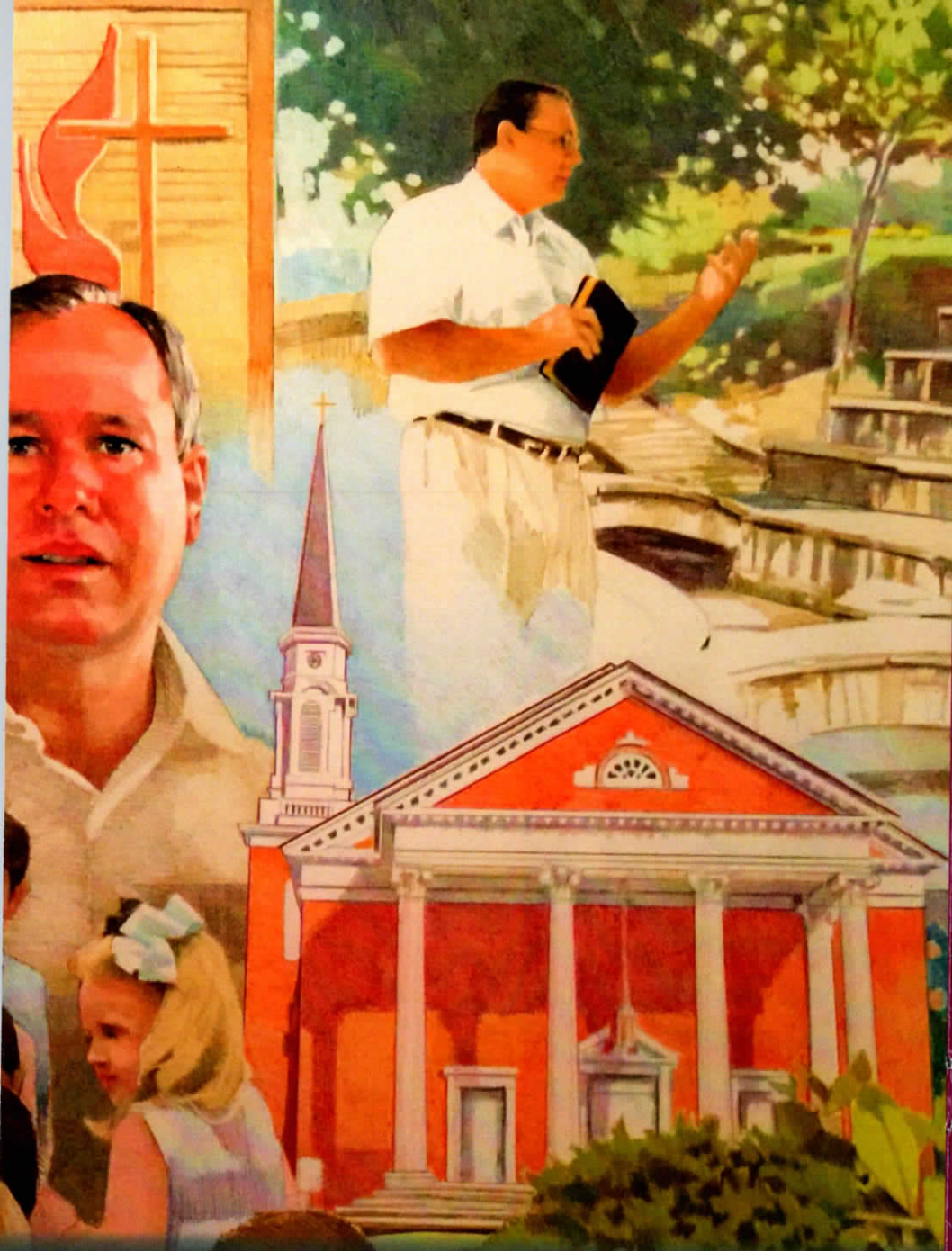


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I had the privilege of preaching the South Georgia Conference's Winter Camp Meeting at Epworth-by-the-Sea in February of 2015. The theme for the camp meeting was "Knowing and Growing." This theme focused upon the importance of teaching in the making of disciples.

Those sermons form the basis for this small book. It is my prayer that from this study you will renew your commitment to discipleship and face your fears. We live in a frightening world and are called to not be afraid by our Lord Jesus. It is only by His Holy Spirit leading us that we can call a world in chaos back to the One who created it. We are His witnesses and the lamp stands in this dark world for His Light. Let us be going about our Lord's business.





# WHAT DO YOU KNOW FOR SURE?

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Rev. Dr. Edwin M. Cooper Jr. is the senior minister of St. Paul United Methodist Church in Columbus, Georgia. He has also written *A Month of Sundays* about his travels in the Holy Land. Rev. Cooper has served in the South Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church for twenty-nine years. This book came from his conviction that a word fitly spoken at the funeral or memorial service can prepare the family for their continuing journey. Five years ago the decision was made to write this book. The examples of eulogies are

actual eulogies delivered between 1998 and 2003. The last names have been removed, not to disguise the deceased from friends, but to protect the families from strangers. This book is a primer for those called to the craft of writing eulogies.

There is another purpose in writing this book. The book, *Plutarch's Lives*, written in Roman times is an ancient attempt to reveal the common lives of his time to the future generations by writing concise biographies. The play, *Our Town*, by Thornton Wilder is a modern attempt to reveal the common lives of his time to future generations by walking through the cemetery and reading the epitaphs and commenting upon the interplay of the lives represented here.

*When You Have the Final Word* is a contemporaneous attempt to reveal in the eulogy format the essence of our common life to the present generation by gathering up and interpreting the life of the deceased. While a book or a play can be rewritten many times and allowed to mature over time, a eulogy has to be prepared and delivered within 48 hours of the death event. Books and plays are to eulogies what oil paintings are to photography. The instantaneous snapshot may not be as beautiful as the oil painting, but it captures more reality. Given time, eulogies can always be improved upon, but more time is the one luxury that the eulogist will never have. These fifty two eulogies are snapshots, taken in a moment, that reveal the lessons of a lifetime.



*When You Have  
The Final Word....*

**THE ART OF THE EULOGY**

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# A HEART-TO-HEART WITH OUR FATHER ABOUT WHO WE ARE



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## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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Rev. Cooper is a retired United Methodist minister who has served the South Georgia Conference for forty-five years. His greatest joy is in seeing the light come on in the eyes of those seeking Truth and finding it in the One who is Truth:

Jesus Christ.

He lives in Upatoi, Georgia with his wife, Sheila. They have two grown children, Edwin III and Charlotte who is married to Jason McDonald, as well as two granddaughters, Ellison Kate and Emerson Katheryn.

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— IS THERE ANY —  
**LIGHT?**

REFLECTIONS UPON JESUS CHRIST, THE ONLY TRUE LIGHT

THE LESSONS  
EDWIN M. COOPER, JR.

**A HEART-TO-HEART WITH OUR FATHER  
ABOUT WHO WE ARE**

*The Rev. Dr. Edwin M. "Buddy" Cooper Jr.*

The content of this book was delivered as an oral presentation.  
I have chosen to continue using the immediacy of the spoken word.  
The flow of the words has been favored over grammatical correctness.

This allows you to overheard the lessons.

This is not just a report of what was said.

I have tried to capture how it was said on Friday mornings.  
The lessons were prepared to be heard and only now are offered to be read.  
Preferably, read out loud.

We have been taught to pray to 'Our Father'.  
We are twice blessed: We are the children of our Heavenly Father.  
And we are the brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ.  
Therefore, we are addressed as children and as siblings.

Life is not passing you by.

You have not been misplaced,  
Lost, or damaged beyond repair.

If you only knew,

You are the object of Our Father's love.  
Our Father does not give up His children.

It is time you had a 'heart to heart'  
With our Father.

# WHAT ABOUT US?



Reverend Dr. Edwin M. "Buddy" Cooper Jr.



Life is a journey with a destination. It is a journey from being a descendent to being an ancestor. We only have our lifetime to make this transition.

"Are we there yet?" is the cry of one not fully enjoying the trip.

We are, like mountain climbers, clinging to the slopes and calling out to one another. As we climb, we need assurance that we are not alone. We need encouragement from those climbing with us.

My hope is to deliver a measure of guidance and wisdom to those accepting the challenge to become ancestors within their lifetime.

God bless you on your journey toward being dependable is my prayer.

Dr. Cooper is the senior minister of St. Paul United Methodist Church in Columbus, Georgia. He is a graduate of Emory University's Candler School of Theology.





# BECOMING ANCESTORS

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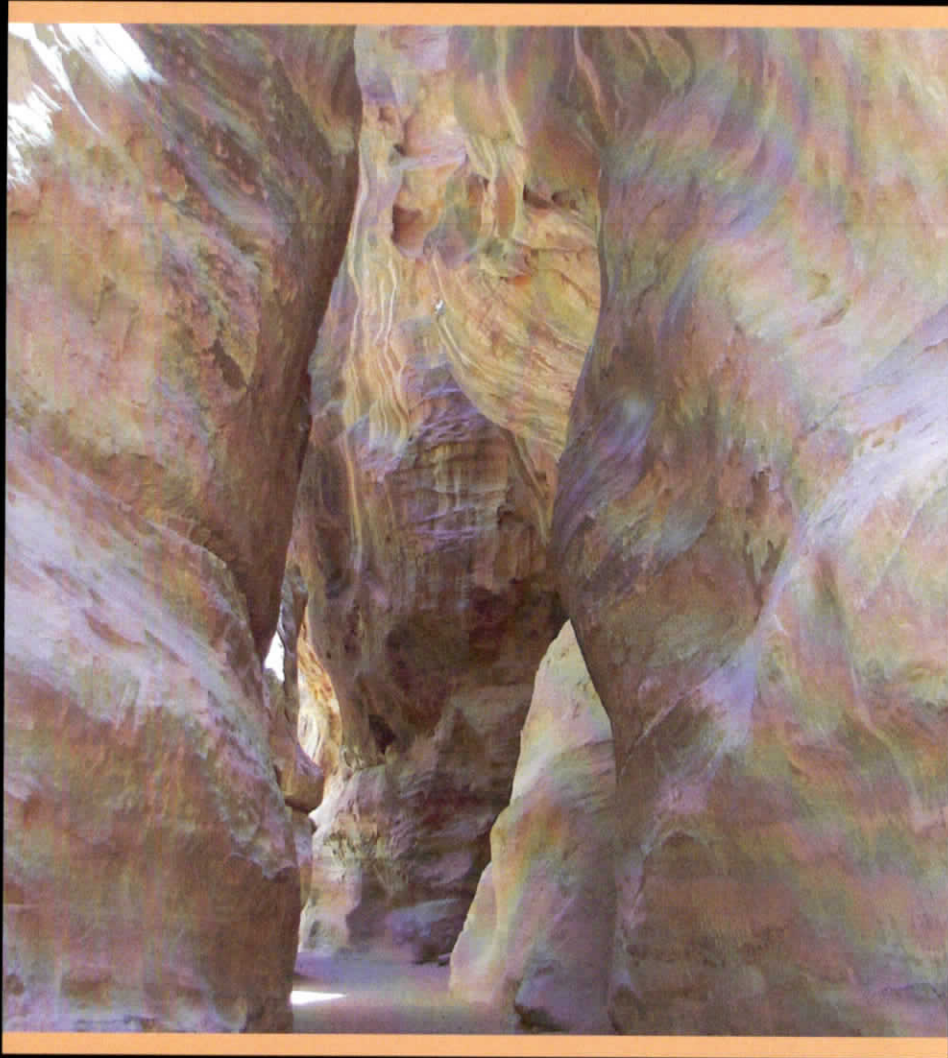
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THE END OF THINGS...  
*life's final acts.*



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## THE END OF THINGS: LIFE'S FINAL ACTS

It is possible to see the world and humanity through wise eyes. The panic of living beyond this moment in fear of some coming event steals from us the only life we have: this present moment.

It has been said, "If you don't know where you're going you'll either end up some place else or you will not know when you have arrived!" Either situation is represented as being lost in the moment. In life things not only "fall apart"; they also "end." This keeps life sane and refutes the belief of some that "life is just one thing after another and then you die." Life is not lifeless by definition.

All timeless moments cannot be relived. All retreats into the past to reclaim a time that was, end in ashes. Being fully alive in this moment is the only way God has revealed in His Word for creating memories of being truly alive.

The clock lies. It will not be three o'clock again tomorrow. Three o'clock yesterday never returns. The hourglass is a better representative of time. We live this moment but once, and what we learn from the experience informs all moments to come; but that a moment gone is gone forever is profound truth.

As you read *The End of Things*, I hope it refreshes your life in the present moment. It was written to encourage you to live before the end of things and before the curtain comes down on the final acts of our lives. We are meant to be, not just become in our lifetime.



who are we?

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