

Youth Community Groups: 9am in The Harbor! For Sunday Read: Isaiah 7:7-17 Worship Service in the Sanctuary at 10:30am.

# **Pier 7: Sunday Nights**

This Sermon based small group is divided by girls and guys separately led by various adults by age groups. Meet from 4-4:45pm for rec games & then Bible Study from 4:45-6pm. Feel free to wear a mask.



Rocket Car Challenge: Sunday, October 4 All the action begins at 3pm! This is a great time to invite others to join in all the fun, food & friends!

# Mark Your Calendar for These Dates: Human Trafficking Walk: Saturday, October 10: Meet at 9:45am in the Church Foyer FBCTC High School Homecoming Dance: Saturday, October 24: 7pm in The Harbor Serve at the Fall Carnival: Wednesday, October 28 All Youth & Parent Retreat: Friday & Saturday, November 13-14 at Mt. Lebanon Camp FBCTC 5th Quarter after TCHS Game: Friday, December 4 DNow: March 25-28 FBCTC Jr./Sr. Prom: April 10 Mission TC: June 13-17 SonDays Youth Camp: July 11-16

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Wednesday, September 16, 2020



Meet at your school flag pole to pray! Everyone MUST wear a mask & MUST stand 6 ft apart!

The Colony High School: 7am Lakeview Middle School: 8am Griffin Middle School: 8:30am



LIFE: Wednesday's in The Harbor, 7pm

Join us for a time of games, worship and Bible Message. Remember you get LIFE Points for inviting others to attend, memorizing verses, bringing 2 non-perishable food items, playing the games & winning, & 80% attendance.



# Sour Grapes: 3 Truths of God's Grace Isaiah 5 (James Barfield)

# 1. God's grace is passionately demonstrated. (5:1-7)

1 Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. 2 He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. 3 And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vinevard.4 What more was there to do for my vinevard, that I have not one in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? 5 And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. 6 I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briers and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.7 For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry! - Isaiah 5:1-7

Vineyard = Israel and Judah

Dug/Cleared/Planted = God's Preparation

Watchtower = God's Protection

Wine Vat = God's Provision

Grapes = <u>Obedience</u> Righteousness – to do the right things. To follow God's commandments and to honor him. To be thankful for what God had done for them. (God expected good fruit from his vineyard) Wild Grapes = <u>Evil Actions</u> (wild grapes were sour and bitter. They weren't good for anything.)

# What went wrong?

...and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry! - Isaiah 5:7b Justice -> <u>bloodshed</u> mishpâţ -> miśpâch Righteousness -> <u>outcry</u> (cry of distress) tsedâqâh -> tsa'ăqâh

# 2. God's grace is <u>ruthlessly rejected</u>. (5:8-23)

### 6 Woes

Woe - An exclamation of judgement upon God's enemies.

### Woe #1 – <u>Greed</u>

Woe to those who join house to house, who add field to field, until there is no more room, and you are made to dwell alone in the midst of the land. -v8

#### Woe #2 - Intoxication

11 Woe to those who rise early in the morning, that they may run after strong drink, who tarry late into the evening as wine inflames them! 12 They have lyre and harp, tambourine and flute and wine at their feasts, but they do not regard the deeds of the Lord, or see the work of his hands. -v11-12

### Woe #3 - Arrogance

18 Woe to those who draw iniquity with cords of falsehood, who draw sin as with cart ropes, 19 who say: "Let him be quick, let him speed his work that we may see it; let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw near, and let it come, that we may know it!" - v18-19

#### Woe #4 - Perversion

Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!  $-\,v20$ 

### Woe #5 - Conceit

Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, and shrewd in their own sight! – v21

### Woe #6 - Injustice

22 Woe to those who are heroes at drinking wine, and valiant men in mixing strong drink, 23 who acquit the guilty for a bribe, and deprive the innocent of his right! -v22-23

# 3. God's grace is traumatically exhausted. (5:24-30)

24 Therefore, as the tongue of fire devours the stubble, and as dry grass sinks down in the flame, so their root will be as rottenness, and their blossom go up like dust; for they have rejected the law of the Lord of hosts, and have despised the word of the Holy One of Israel. 25 Therefore the anger of the Lord was kindled against his people, and he stretched out his hand against them and struck them, and the mountains quaked; and their corpses were as refuse in the midst of the stretched out still. – v24-25

# Think About It:

How does a chapter on judgment of a vineyard give us hope? As we look to the New Testament, we see that Jesus is the vine and we are the branches (John 15:1-5). Jesus said: "I am the true vine," -John 15:1a