



### **LIFE: Wednesdays at 7pm in The Harbor**

Come for a time of worship through music and the study God's Word together.  
Invite your friends!

### **Joy Retirees' Luncheon: Monday, August 9 at 11am!**

Come & help serve at the lunch and visit with the senior adults.

### **New Members Class: Sunday, August 29 at 9am!**



### **Saturday, September 11**

This is for anyone in high school. Pictures at 5pm; Supper at 5:45pm; Dance from 7:30-10:30pm



This retreat is for all youth and parents on October 29-30. We plan to leave that Friday at 5pm and return on Saturday at 10pm. You can still attend even if a parent doesn't come. Friends are welcome!



### **Youth Community Groups: 9am in The Harbor!**

For Sunday Read: Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

**Worship Service in the Sanctuary at 10:30am.**



### **Help Serve at Prairie Estates Senior Living in Frisco**

The first Sunday of the month, so TODAY at 2:00pm! Help is needed with music, leading playing, etc. You can also help by just visiting with those staying at Prairie Estates. Contact Scott Montgomery at 214-642-5800 to help.



Thanks to all of you who helped to serve in so many different ways at Vacation Bible School last week. Continue to pray for God to work in the hearts of the children that attended!



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# **Vision**

**Sunday,  
August 1, 2021**



**JAMES 4:10**

# **JUST PRAY**

## **SEE YOU AT THE POLE™**

**SEPTEMBER 22, 2021**

### **Wednesday, September 22**

**Meet at your school flagpole. If you are homeschooled you are welcome to join us at one of The Colony schools to pray.**

The Colony High School: Meet from 7-7:50am

Lakeview Middle School: Meet from 8-8:20am

Griffin Middle School: Meet from 8:30-8:50am

Invite others to join you in praying!



day 1  
**ECCLESIASTES**  
**3:1-8**

**DWELL**

There are very few guarantees in life, but it is certain that each of us will experience both moments of joy and sorrow, as well as both gains and losses, endings and beginnings. The Teacher takes this moment to reflect on the seasons of life. None of us will live forever, and knowing that, most of us do our best to seek out joy and avoid discomfort. However, as the Teacher points out, there is a place for even the unpleasant moments.

← Look back to Ecclesiastes 2:24-26. How do these two sections relate to each other?

→ Choose one of the pairs of opposites and write about how you have seen them happen in your own life.

**MEMORIZE**

Place a bookmark in your Bible at Ecclesiastes 3:11, or save it on the web as a bookmark on your phone or computer. Read this verse in the morning and night each day.

**PRAY**

Say a prayer thanking God for working through all circumstances, no matter what season we are in.

day 2  
**ECCLESIASTES**  
**3:9-13**

**DWELL**

We all have moments that we wish would last forever, like that fun vacation that couldn't get here soon enough. We wait what feels like forever for these moments to arrive, but when they finally do, they are usually over much too soon. We want the work we do to have a lasting impact, too, but we can be disappointed when people forget about the great story we told or don't care as much as we do about the project we worked super hard on. Nothing in this life lasts forever, and that can be frustrating. But even when we don't understand why God created the universe the way He did, or why He created us to experience time this way, we can trust that He has given us good gifts on this earth to enjoy in the time He has given us.

↓ What does it mean that God placed eternity in our hearts?

↪ What can we learn from these verses about how to praise God through the good and the bad?

**MEMORIZE**

Write Ecclesiastes 3:11 on a slip of paper or note card and tape it to a book or binder where you'll see it often throughout your week.

**PRAY**

Praise God for being eternal and outside time—able to see all the things that we can't yet see.

day 3  
**ECCLESIASTES**  
**3:14-15**

**DWELL**

Unlike human works, which are temporary and destined to fall apart or be forgotten, God's works will last forever. Humans can't improve on God's works, or make them any less wonderful. This is great news. God doesn't measure our worth based on what we accomplish here on earth—He loves us because He created us as part of His perfect creation. What's more, God cares deeply about justice, as we learned through our study of Job. Whatever happens in this life, we can trust that God will make it right in His perfect timing.

↻ What does it mean to be in awe of God?

↔ How can living in awe of God change our attitude toward work, or the way we interact with other people?

**MEMORIZE**

Break Ecclesiastes 3:11 into 3-5 smaller parts and try to recite a different part to yourself from memory throughout each day.

**PRAY**

Thank God that even though our work here on Earth is temporary, He has made it meaningful.

day 4  
**ECCLESIASTES**  
**3:16-17**

**DWELL**

↻ What is the "place of judgment" and the "place of righteousness" (v. 16)?

↑ How can these verses give you comfort when you see injustice and suffering in the world?

Although God's justice is perfect, human justice is not. The Teacher reflected that when he looked at the courts of law, where justice should be greatest and systems of oppression should be challenged and corrected, all he saw was more corruption. But he reminded himself that God promised to judge all things in His own perfect timing. This does not mean that human justice is useless—as followers of Christ, we should care deeply about the oppression and suffering of others, and work to correct it when we can. However, when we see human systems of justice fail, we should remember that God's justice is unfailing.

**MEMORIZE**

Find a recording of Ecclesiastes 3:11 online, or record yourself reading it. Listen to it at least once a day.

**PRAY**

Pray that God would comfort those who are suffering and persecuted around the world.

day 5  
**1 PETER**  
**1:3-7**

**DWELL**

Suffering is an unavoidable part of life. Most of us do our best to not suffer, but often it is out of our control—unexpected hardships are not always things we can avoid. We learned in Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 that there is a time for everything, including sorrow and grief. But Peter tells us even these times of trial can be used for the glory of God. When we undergo trials, enduring through these difficulties builds our character, and that character strengthens our faith. When our faith is strengthened like this, it brings glory and praise to God.

← How does going through trials and hardship increase our faith? What does that look like?

↻ How can we use these verses to pray for ourselves and for others in our life who are hurting or going through difficult times?

**MEMORIZE**

Draw Ecclesiastes 3:11 on a piece of paper using colored pencils or markers, using a different color for the most important words and phrases. Hang it in your room or locker.

**PRAY**

Thank God for the inheritance He has prepared for us, which is "imperishable, undefiled, and unfading" (v. 4).