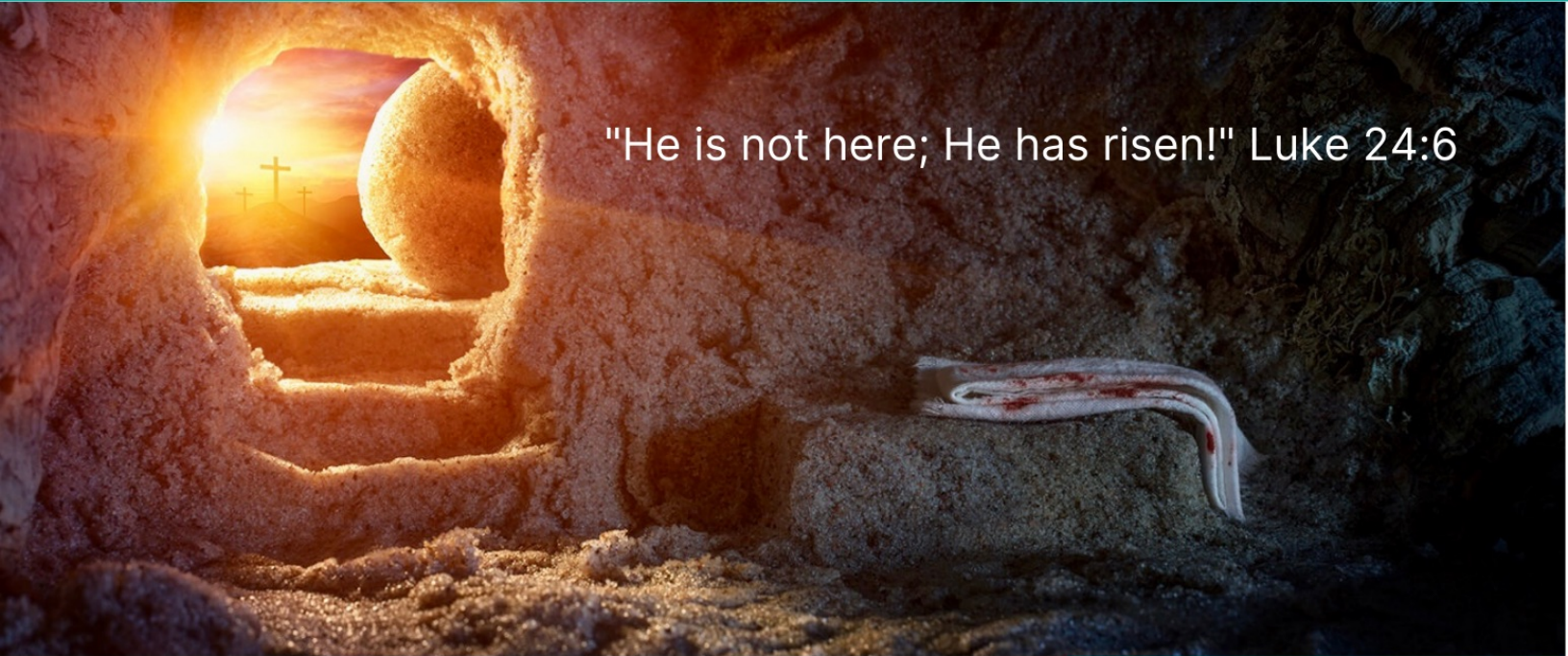




ON THE HORIZON



"He is not here; He has risen!" Luke 24:6

A Letter From the Pastor

BY JOHN STRADER

April is here! That means Texas wildflowers, baseball, and of course this year, Easter!! This year we are taking a look at Jesus, the life giving Spirit, as he is referred to in 1 Corinthians 15:45.

It feels like darkness, death, and despair are running rampant these days. Sometimes we forget the life that Jesus gives that overcomes darkness with light, death with life, and despair with hope!

I am praying that we are all awakened to life by Jesus this spring season and walk in the life Jesus gives us every day!

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CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

Sunday Funday CHILDREN'S CHURCH THEME: PUZZLED

We can't always see the bigger picture. But with hope, we can believe that something good can come out of something bad. The children will be reading from and memorizing John 16:33 which reads "In this world you will have trouble. But be encouraged! I have won the battle over the world."

On **April 16**, Easter Sunday, drop your kiddos off at Children's church and they will be doing an Easter egg hunt!



Awana Club

Awana is every Wednesday evening from 7:00-8:30 PM. The children get to have fellowship, learn about God, and play games. In the coming weeks, they will learn about studying God's word, worship, serving, fellowship, and witnessing. Each week the clubbers are so engaged in discussion and ask many amazing questions to learn more about Jesus! **April 13th** is Easter celebration night and **April 20th** is Missions week!



T&T Awana clubbers playing outside at game time!

Soul'd Out Youth

We love to see our youth at work for God's kingdom! Several youth have sang in the worship team these past couple of months and continue to serve in our children's ministry on Sunday mornings. Their leaders are really pushing them to serve inside the church so they can learn to serve outside. The youth leaders are working with Stan, Hope, and Pastor John for training and establishing rotations for serving on Sunday morning. The youth have started a study on dating that will last through most of April and the youth leaders are working on planning a mission trip for the youth that will be in June.



Our youth, Marena, Emerson, & Abby leading worship in the sanctuary!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL



All Sunday School classes are every Sunday morning at 9:30 AM

LIVING LONG & LOVING IT SPIRITUAL GROWTH

This is a fun-loving Sunday School Class that believes in spiritual growth with a hint of laughter along the way. They make sure that everyone that walks in the door the class is made to feel at home and feel like part of the family. They even throw in an occasional social along the way.

Come early and you may even get a hug to start your morning!

ADULT BIBLE CLASS

This class is lead by Keith Loftin and is for those who want to study the Bible and grow deeper in their faith.

THE STRONG FAMILY *marriage & parenting*

The Strong Family class is currently studying The Five Love Languages. What does it mean? How can you use it to better connect with your loved ones? Join us Sunday mornings to grow and learn together! This class is lead by Corey Waters and will focus on the challenges and concerns in Marriage & Parenting as Christians.

LADIES SUNDAY SCHOOL

Ladies Sunday School

This class is lead by Veronica George. The Ladies Sunday School class is open to women of all ages. The class follows a Christ-centered chronological Bible study curriculum, exploring the unified Gospel story and the impact it has on our daily lives.

Single Women Sunday School

This class is lead by Ms. Lela Burgess and she would like to share some insight into her class!

“Hi I’m Lela Burgess. This class is for women, single, widowed, never married, married now divorced, young or not as young as you used to be. If you fall into one of these categories, we want you. We currently meet in the Cafe so there are tables where you can put your coffee and relax. We would love to have you join us. Currently we are studying the book of Ephesians and are in Chapter 2. We are taking our time and we want lots of discussion. I’ve tried to steer this study in the direction of women who are not currently married or who attend and their husbands do not attend, specifically. The study is called ‘Seated’, Living from Our Position in Christ by Donna Gaines. You do not have to get the book, but can if you want to do the study on your own during the week. There is a lot that single women can and will do for the cause of Christ and a lot of it comes from being ‘single’ women. Our experiences are necessarily unique but we have a lot to offer to God and to others. Come try our class and see for yourselves.”

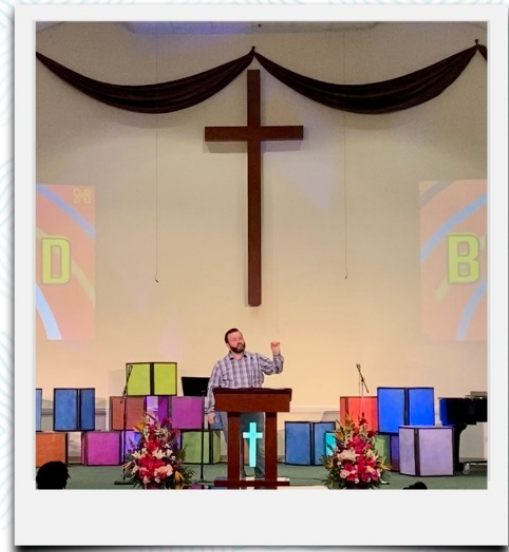
MEN & WOMEN MINISTRIES

Men's Ministry

Our men are growing in the knowledge of authentic biblical manhood. This month we will look at the 4 faces of manhood. The King/Warrior/Lover/Friend faces.

Beginning this month we will be meeting the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month to give us a more suitable time to get intentional. Men, we will see you there on **April 10th & 24th** from 4:00-5:00 PM!

Keep in mind the men/boys fishing trip that's being planned and the several trips to Rosharon in efforts to help them start a new church.



Women's Ministry

The women's ministry has so many exciting events this month! On **April 2nd** we will be hosting the W.O.W.! (Women of Worship) event. We will have a potluck at 5:00 PM, please bring any dish you'd like to share. From 6:00 to 8:00 PM, we will have worship lead by Kelly Moore and a guest speaker, Wanda Smith. Several ladies from other churches will be joining us in a night of worship and encouragement!

On Sunday, **April 4th** at 4:00 PM we will have our Women's Ministry Meeting. We share testimonies of what the Lord is doing in our lives, pray together, and plan our future service and ministry events. All women are welcome to come and share together!

And last but certainly not least, on **April 30th** from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Light Hearted Life will host a Women's Conference in our church building. All women are welcome! There will be 3 different speakers including our very own Amber Strader! There will also be break out sessions on prayer, Bible Journaling, and an activity All about Time with Stacy Malone. The cost is \$45 per person and that includes the all-day conference, breakfast at 7:30 AM and lunch. Sign up online at www.alightheartedlife.com

Huge thank you to all of the wonderful women who hosted and showered Aileen and baby Bruce with lots of love and encouragement. Special thank you to Hope for opening your home up to us. We can't wait to meet sweet Bruce!

Women of Worship speaker,
Wanda Smith and her
husband



Aileen's Baby Shower

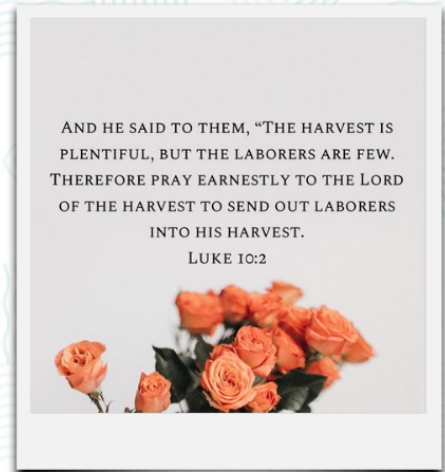


"Proof that God answers prayers" onesie for sweet baby Bruce, Aileen and Keith's answered prayer!

HOME GROUPS

Pray & Go

This month our Pray & Go ministry continues to pray over a local neighborhood in Sugar Land near the home of Corey & Kasie Waters. This home group concentrates on outreach and praying for our community. We walk through various neighborhoods within our area, hanging door hangers on doors and praying over the homes. Pray and Go continues to be a blessing as seeds are planted down in our local neighborhoods. If you would like to join the team please contact Pastor John. They go out select weeknights from 6:00 to 7:00 PM now that we are in daylight savings time.



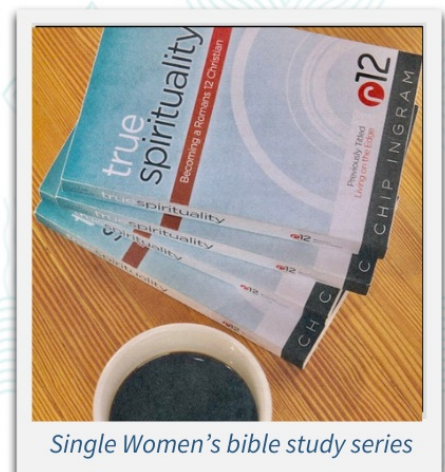
Young Adults

Keith and Aileen host a monthly evening home group in Quail Valley. This group aims to have friendships grow deeper and encourage one another while walking with the Lord. Childcare is provided by loving ladies from the church, this allows time for our kids to bond and have some fun and gives us time to fellowship without any distractions. They have one more night of study in "Greater Than" by Francis Chan, the date of the next meeting is TBD. Please check with Aileen or Pastor John for more info. Contact the front office or Aileen if childcare is needed.



Single Women

This home group is for single woman including widows and divorcees for spiritual growth and to develop meaningful friendships. They are currently studying "True Spirituality, Becoming a Romans 12 Christian" by Chip Ingram. This wonderful group of women meet weekly on Friday evenings at 6:30 PM and would love for you to join! If you have any questions, you can contact Rose Bess.



Horizon Family Photos



Volunteer Spotlight

LOYD RUTLEDGE

Mr. Loyd has been a member for 40+ years, back when Horizon was Bellaire West. He was saved at Bellaire West and was ordained as a deacon in 1987. Mr. Loyd grew up in Fort Worth, where him and Mrs. Connie attended the same middle school and high school. They started dating their senior year and the rest is history! He went on to attend Texas A&M and get his PhD in Physics. He worked as a co-op student at NASA for 3 semesters in college! His second semester, he got the opportunity to work on a project with rocket fuel software research and development! Now that's something you don't hear about everyday! Growing up his dad taught him that church is very important. This was engrained into him through the example of his dad always bringing his family to church and these memories later went on to encourage him to raise his own children and family to know and love Jesus!

Mr. Loyd likes to read about Air Force and Navy Jet fighter planes and also likes to collect the different model planes. He is our lead deacon and currently serves on the finance committee and in the children's ministry during Sunday School and Children's Church. He is a very wise man and we are extremely thankful for him and his ministry within our church and lives!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

WOMEN OF WORSHIP
Saturday, April 2
Potluck 5:00 PM
Worship 6:00-8:00 PM

WOMEN'S MINISTRY MEETING
Sunday, April 4
4:00 PM

THE LORD'S SUPPER
Sunday, April 10
Following service

MEN'S MINISTRY MEETING
Sunday, April 10 & 24
4:00 PM

LADIES LUNCHEON
Monday, April 11
11:00 AM

EASTER SUNDAY &
TACO SUNDAY
Sunday, April 16

MISSIONS REVIVAL
Thursday, April 17 — Sunday,
April 24

EASTER- RESURRECTION VERSES

"But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." And they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest." Luke 24:1-9 ESV