

ON THE HORIZON



A Letter From The Pastor

BY JOHN STRADER

Happy New Year!

The beginning of the year often brings so many new opportunities and dreams. What often lacks in helping us achieve those goals is commitment. This January we will be talking about commitment and what that looks like for each of us.

I am excited for what God continues to do here at Horizon and want you all to know that Amber and I are committed to the vision God has given our church. We are calling you all to join us this year in renewing your commitments and let's see all that God can do through us as we remain faithful to Him.

Our family is praying God's great power over you as you make yourself available to Him. There is nothing our God cannot do!

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CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

Awana is Booming!

There is always something fun happening at Awana! The children get to have fellowship, learn about God, and play games! January 19th is crazy hat day and January 26th is the Awana store.



Sunday Funday

THEME: REMOTE CONTROL

This month the kids will explore what it means to have self control. It is not easy to show self-control— to do what you should even when you don't want to. But with God's help, we can stay in control of our words, actions, and choices.



Youth Sound Off

The youth continues to seek out volunteer opportunities to connect and share Christ with our community. Some past events include Candy Palooza Halloween event with Creative Dreams and Stuff the Squad Car.

Youth have started to have opportunities to lead praise! This has encouraged the youth to have a deeper connection with worship. We always strive to keep our youth engaged & constantly growing with the Lord.

One of our youth, Emerson, gave her life to Christ and was baptized! What a celebration!!



MEN & WOMEN MINISTRIES

Men's Ministry

The men's ministry is excited for the new year and some new opportunities. To begin the year we will continue our discussion on "Is Genesis History?". This study has been eye opening as we have dived deeper into the real scientific evidence that is coming out in support of the biblical narrative.

We are also excited to do a few fun events this next year as well as, keep an ear out for a sign up for a men's fishing trip this year. It will be a fantastic time to get out together in God's creation and bring home a big one.

The men's ministry will meet on the first and third Sundays of each month at 4:00 pm. If you have any questions at all feel free to contact Rudy Duran.



Women's Ministry

The Women Ministry meets on Sunday, January 9th at 4:00 pm! Then the following Friday, January 14th, put on your favorite pair of pjs for a fun & fellowship filled Pajama Party! This will start at 6:30 pm at Cindy Reaves house! Bring your favorite snack to share. We hope to see you there! Being apart of these ministries allow us to create personal relationships with one another while all working towards the central goal of living for Christ!

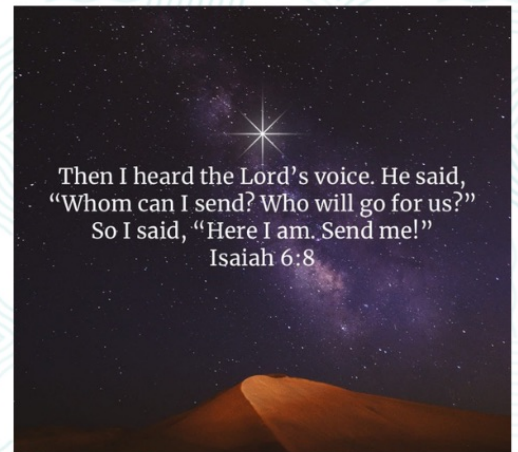
The week of January 24th we will start collecting lotions, fuzzy socks, and Valentines to pass out to the residents at the nursing home across the street. We will collect up until we hand them out on February 14th. Please make or write personal notes to share the love of Jesus with the residents.

HOME GROUPS

Pray & Go

Our Pray & Go ministry is a home group that 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.

The Lord is working through this ministry and there has already been one person to give their life to Christ this year through the 2 months of this outreach! This outreach will be every Thursday from 5:00-6:00 pm. We will finish up walking through the Lakefield subdivision after the New Year and then go to Quail Valley next. If you have an interest in this ministry or any questions, contact Pastor John.



Then I heard the Lord's voice. He said,
"Whom can I send? Who will go for us?"
So I said, "Here I am. Send me!"
Isaiah 6:8

Young Adults

We welcome any and everyone to join our young adult home group. There are so many pressures in the world whether you're young and single, young and married, or in the stage of raising children; We want all to feel welcomed to join our home group. Keith and Aileen host a monthly two hour evening home group in Quail Valley. 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. If you are interested in joining, the next home group is Saturday, January 15th at 7:00 pm. Please contact the front office if childcare is needed, or Aileen Loftin.



Single Women

This home group is for single woman including widows and divorcees for spiritual growth and to develop friendships. The first study is "Present Over Perfect" by Shauna Niequist. Starting back on January 7th, these wonderful women will meet weekly on Friday evenings at 6:00 pm. If you have any questions, you can contact to Rose Bess.



Recent Events

FAMILY CHRISTMAS DINNER, AWANA THEME NIGHTS

What a blessing it is to come together in fellowship to celebrate the birth of our Savior. It's always fun to eat some good food too! We hope you all enjoyed the family Christmas dinner and had a wonderful and blessed Christmas day with your loved ones. The Awana kiddos celebrated by having a birthday party for Jesus! The Awana program is always having fun, interactive theme nights! It is so fun for the kids and encourages them to come learn about Jesus!



Volunteer Spotlight

VERONICA GEORGE

Mrs. Veronica has been a dedicated member of Horizon Baptist church, what was then called Bellaire West Baptist church, since 1986. She teaches the ladies Sunday school class and has done so for over 20 years. She is also the Awana Sparks director. She has been a faithful Awana leader since Awana started within our church many years ago. Mrs. Veronica has one daughter, a son in law, and a grandson that she loves to spend her free time with. When she's not working, she loves to crochet Afghans and take care of her cat. We are so thankful to have Veronica as a sister in Christ and fellow servant of the Lord!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

LADIES PAJAMA PARTY

Friday, January 14

6:30 pm

TACO SUNDAY

Sunday, January 16



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