

# ON THE HORIZON

“Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened,  
and I will give you rest” Matthew 11:28



## A Letter From the Pastor

BY JOHN STRADER

As we enter March, we approach Spring. A time of the year when the weather gets a little warmer and flowers and vegetation begin to flourish. Families will also be taking some time off for Spring Break.

This month we will be finishing up our series on commitment by passing out promise cards for each church member to

remember what we expect from ourselves and what God wants from us. To wrap up the month we will begin to look towards Easter with a preaching series on betrayal. We will look at the moments Jesus was betrayed on His way to the cross and learn from Jesus on how to stay focused on our mission in the face of betrayal.

My prayer for this month is for each of us to remain close to the Lord so we can all enter a season of fruitfulness together as a church.

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# CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

## ***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. They have been learning the importance of hiding God's word inside of our heart. They are learning that in a world of sin and suffering, Jesus is our hope! March 9th is Super Scooper night and on March 16th there will be no Awana because of Spring Break!



*Awana Clubbers decorating cookies*

## ***Sunday Funday***

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH THEME: JAM SESSION

This month the children will be learning all about cooperation and how that means we can do more together than we can do alone. We can work together because everyone has a part to play! We will be reading from and memorizing Ecclesiastes 4:9. It says "Two people are better than one. They get more done by working together."



## ***Soul'd Out Youth***

Our amazing youth continue to seek out volunteer opportunities to connect and share Christ within our church and our community. Our youth are actively serving in our church in many ways! A few youth have been helping in kids ministry on Sunday mornings and others leading worship. Several youth have expressed interest in learning/helping in the sound booth too. 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 also set up the sanctuary for last month's chili cook-off! After Spring Break, they will begin a series on dating.

A few dates to remember:

March 9th: Wednesday night the youth will be having a game night!

March 13-15th: A few days spent at Pine Springs Camp Site partnering with several other churches to help with some projects. This is where our teens and kids have been going to summer camp. Food and lodging will be provided by the camp. The only expenses will be travel. We would leave after Sunday morning service on March 13th and return on the 15th. Please let us know if your teens are interested, or you are interested for them.



*Youth leading worship in the sanctuary!*



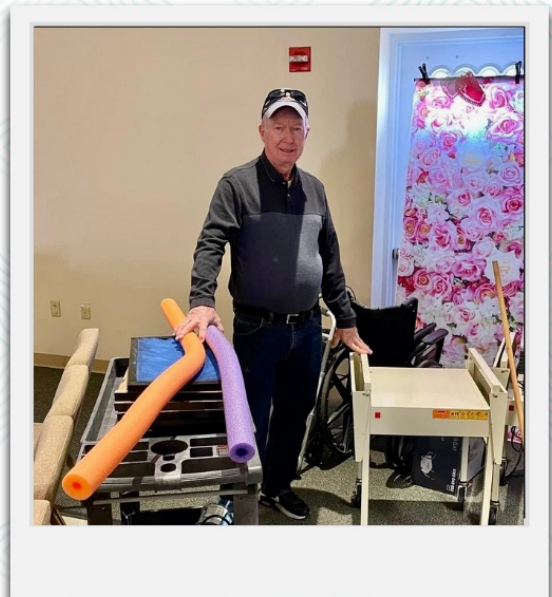
# MEN & WOMEN MINISTRIES

## *Men's Ministry*

The Men's Ministry will meet on March 6th and 20th at 4:00 pm. They have began a series on "Authentic Manhood" lead by Pastor John. This month, they will be discussing the foundational truths about manhood and what God intended it to be. "If we get the definition of manhood wrong, we get manhood wrong too."

The men have a lot of exciting plans to come for this year! Right now they are planning a fishing trip and are going to take along young men and boys from the church too. What a great way for these young men and boys to be ministered to and loved on. We will have more news on this trip soon!

The men will also be doing several trips to Rosharon, Texas this year in efforts to help them start a new church this year. If you have any questions at all feel free to contact Pastor John.



*Building & Grounds Committee hard at work on their work day in February!*

## *Women's Ministry*

We all had a lovely time at Galentine's! Thank you again to all who donated goodies to share with our friends at Park Manor of Quail Valley.

Please join us at The Rutledge's Home on Saturday March 5th at 10:00am to celebrate baby Bruce.

The Women's Luncheon will be on March 10th at 11:00AM at Micheaux's. The new location is 6850 Highway 6 Suite 200. We hope to see you there!

The Women's Ministry is so excited about the upcoming trip to Texarkana Baptist Children's Home, March 23rd-25th. Please feel welcome to join us as we go and love on the kiddos or you can love on them from afar & send blessings their way!



*Galentines*





# 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. This outreach is usually once a week in the evenings. This month we will begin to reach out to a new neighborhood! The Waters family live in Sugarland and we will plan to be in their neighborhood this month. Interested to join us? Please contact Pastor John and he will add you to the group message with details each week.



*February Pray & Go group*

## ***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 and will start a new one in April. The next home group is planned for Saturday, March 19th from 7:00-9:00 pm. Please check with Aileen or Pastor John for more info. Contact the front office or Aileen if childcare is needed.



*February Young Adult home group!*

## ***Single Women***

This home group is for single woman including widows and divorcees for spiritual growth and to develop meaningful friendships. They have completed our first study and will begin a new one on Friday, March 11th at 6:30. They will be 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.



*Single Women's bible study series*



# Horizon Family Photos



## Volunteer Spotlight

STAN LEWIS

Stan has been a member at Horizon since he was a child and volunteers in many areas! Stan is the Worship Ministry Leader, co-teacher for the teen Sunday School, teacher on rotation for the Soul'd Out Youth and he is on the Building and Grounds Committee. Stan loves the Lord, playing card games, domino's, monopoly, chess and video games! He also says "I'm a nerd and I love being one!" Stan brings laughter to any room and we are so thankful for his leadership and obedience to serving the Lord!



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

AILEEN'S BABY SHOWER  
Saturday, March 5  
10:00AM-12:00PM

LADIES LUNCHEON  
Thursday, March 10  
11:00 AM

TACO SUNDAY  
Sunday, March 20

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT  
*I Can Only Imagine*  
Saturday, March 26  
5:00 PM

## VERSES OF ENCOURAGEMENT

"But those who hope in the Lord  
will renew their strength.  
They will soar on wings like eagles;  
they will run and not grow weary,  
they will walk and not be faint."  
Isaiah 40:31

"The Lord himself goes before  
you and will be with you; he will  
never leave you nor forsake you.  
Do not be afraid; do not be  
discouraged."  
Deuteronomy 31:8



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