# ON THE HORIZON



"If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth."

Colossians 3:1-2

# A Letter From the Pastor

BY JOHN STRADER

Summer is here! Because of Houston weather, it usually feels like summer arrives in later April.

With summer comes a break from school but for our students we hit the ground running with our Youth Mission Trip to Flagstaff, Arizona to work alongside our missionaries Shawn & Taylor Welchman and two other youth groups (Arkansas & Oklahoma). Our students will be doing evangelism and service & outreach projects in Flagstaff. They will also have a great chance to see the Grand Canyon while they are there too. Pray for our youth as they grow spiritually this summer.

I will always remember my first mission trip as a youth and how it changed my future forever. Many of our ladies will have their beach retreat weekend in Galveston this month. It will be a great time for them to rest, rejuvenate, and build their relationships with one another. When women in the church walk in unity and work together there is not much that can stop that church. Pray for our women, that God would do a big work in each other their hearts.

As things heat up, remember that we work tirelessly so that as many as possible will never experience the heat of forever in hell. Keep up the great work church! God is on the move!!

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# CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

### **Sunday Funday**

CHILDREN'S CHURCH THEME: MAKE WAVES

In June, our theme will be Make Waves, to match our VBS theme! The children will be learning that you can "make waves" with the help of God's Spirit—because what you do today can change the world around you. Their monthly memory verse is "The fruit the Holy Spirit produces is love, joy and peace. It is being patient, kind and good. It is being faithful and gentle and having control of oneself." Galatians 5:22-23.



### Soul'd Out Youth

We love to see our youth at work for God's kingdom! What a joy to watch the youth use their talents to praise the Lord on the worship team and serve in the children's ministry on Sunday mornings!

The youth will head to Flagstaff, Arizona on June 4th - 10th for their mission trip. Let's be in faithful prayer over this group for safety and guidance as they go spread the love of Jesus in Arizona! They also hosted a car wash to raise money for their trip and we are so proud of them!

We had two amazing young men graduate this year! Congratulations Nick and Cody!



Our body praying over the youth going on the Arizona mission trip



### Awana Club

Awana is on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 PM. The children get to have fellowship, learn about God, and play games. We had our last Awana night of the Summer on May 18. It will start back up again in September! Have a wonderful, Jesus-filled Summer!



Our T&T class at the Awana Awards ceremony

# **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

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

#### THE STRONG FAMILY

marriage & parenting

The Strong Family class recently finished studying The Five Love Languages and how to use them to better connect with your loved ones. Join us Sunday mornings to grow and learn together as we start a new study called The Art of Marriage. This class is lead by Corey Waters and will focus on the challenges and concerns in Marriage & Parenting as Christians.

# 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!

#### WOMEN SUNDAY SCHOOL

This class is lead by Ms. Lela Burgess and she would like to share some insight into her class! "This class is for women, single, widowed, never married, married now divorced, young or not as young as you used to be. 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. 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."

#### **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.

# **MEN & WOMEN MINISTRIES**

## **Men's Ministry**

This month the Men's Ministry will meet from 4:00-5:00 PM on Sunday, June 12th and Sunday, June 26th. They will be continuing with their series on Authentic Manhood. Our Men's Fishing Trip will be on Saturday, July 30. There will be a sign-up sheet for that this week.

### Women's Ministry

The Women's Ministry meeting will be on June 5th at 4:00 PM.

The women's ministry is so excited to be hosting a Ladies Beach & Bible Retreat on June 10th through 12th! The theme is Lived Love. If you have signed up to attend, please have paid \$30 by Sunday, May 29th. This will cover the costs of food for meals. Please bring your own snacks/drinks you prefer for these days. The retreat will start at 7:00 pm Friday night and end around noon on Sunday! Please contact Amber Strader with any questions. The spots are full for overnight guests but if any come available we will update you on the Horizon Family Facebook page. Please feel free to come and spend the day with us on Saturday even if you aren't signed up to spend the night! The Ladies Luncheon will be on June 13th.

# **HOME GROUPS**

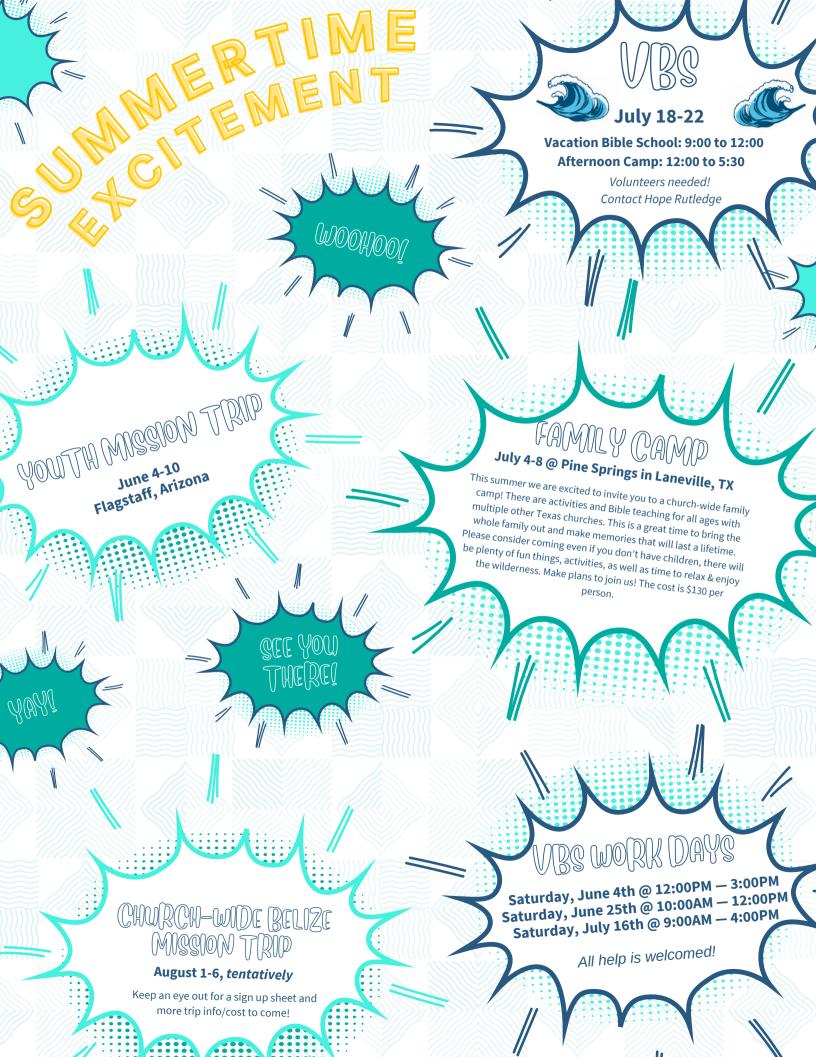
# Single Women

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.

### Pray & Go

Pray & Go ministry 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. This month we will be going out on Thursday, June 2nd and Tuesday, June 28th. We still have quite a few neighborhoods near the church that we want to go to & pray for.

\*\*The Young Adults home group is finished meeting for the Summer and will pick back up in the Fall!



# **Horizon Family Photos**



























WE LOVE OUR CHURCH FAMILY

# Volunteer Spotlight

MARY WRIGHT

Mary joined the church in 1977 when it was Bellaire West. She is the Chairperson over the greeters and one of the members who run the Cafe. She loves scrapbook ingredients and she



loves to garden, walk and play games on her computer. We are so thankful for Mary and her heart to serve. She is such a huge part in making Horizon so welcoming. Thank you for all you do Mary!

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

VBS WORKDAY Saturday, June 4 12:00–3:00 PM

YOUTH MISSION TRIP Saturday, June 4 — Friday, June 10

WOMEN'S MINISTRY MEETING Sunday, June 5 4:00 PM

LADIES BEACH & BIBLE RETREAT Friday, June 10 — Sunday, June 12 7:00 PM

MEN'S MINISTRY MEETING Sunday, June 12 & 26 4:00 PM

LADIES LUNCHEON Monday, June 13

VBS WORKDAY Saturday, June 25 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

#### VERSES OF ENCOURAGEMENT

"I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!" Psalm 34:4-5, 8

