

ON THE HORIZON

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake." Psalm 23:1-3



A Letter From The Pastor

BY JOHN STRADER

This summer has been a blast and it is ending fast! So many great things have been happening this summer and I am thankful for everyone's role in making it a huge success. We have truly seen a body of Christ working together.

School is right around the corner for Fort Bend. We will be having a breather in activity so all of our precious kids and families can prepare for the school year. Please pray for our families, teachers, administrators, and school staff as they prepare to start their year.

This month after my return from our amazing mission trip to Belize we will begin a new sermon series. I am super excited to continue to build up and encourage our church in discipling. We have spent time learning about welcoming, caring, and reaching like Jesus. This is ultimately about becoming LIKE JESUS. We will spend some time over the next couple months diving deeper into what it looks like to be LIKE JESUS in our world.

We are so incredibly excited for all that Jesus is doing in us and through us. We are praying that you can see the harvest that God is bringing to us.

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CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

Back to School!

August is here, which means back to school is also here! So many exciting events coming up. Our children enter into new grades, some to new schools, and a brand new year with new beginnings. We are so excited to kick off the school year learning about God's amazing love story on Sunday mornings in August. The most EPIC love story. Our children's ministry will dig into what God's love story really is and how they can use their own abilities to show other's God's love.

Sunday Funday

THEME: EPIC: A love story for the ages

In August, our theme will be "EPIC: A love story for the ages." The children will be learning that God's story is an epic story of love!!! They will learn that you and me can share God's love by showing others how much they matter to us. Their monthly memory verse is "Here is what love is. It is not that we loved God. It is that he loved us and sent his Son to give his life to pay for our sins." 1 John 4:10

Soul'd Out Youth

Our youth never stops looking for areas to insert themselves and serve! What an amazing encouragement to see our young body of Christ at work for God's kingdom! The youth stepped in and stood out at VBS! They were leading, dancing, and having so much fun loving on all of the kiddos. They even served in a big ways leading up to VBS! They passed out flyers in the community, helped to decorate the hallways and classrooms, and prep for all different activities. Our youth ended off the Summer with a fun-filled day at Typhoon Texas, gifted by one of our youth's parents!

Awana is Back!

Awana Club is starting back! The kick-off for this next school year will be on August 31st at 6:30 PM, we hope to see you there! We will officially start our Awana year on September 7th and will continue every Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Please make note of the new time for this year! We are so excited to have the kids back and digging more into God's word together!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Joining a Sunday school class is a wonderful way to create deeper connections with our fellow church family but to also dive deeper into God's word. These smaller, intentional groups allow us to be vulnerable with one another and often turn into strong friendships who encourage us on our walks with Christ. We encourage you, if you are not already plugged into one, please feel free to visit any one of our classes until you find the right fit for you. These classes are huge blessings and allow us to lean on one another for wisdom, Godly fellowship, and friendship as we all strengthen our relationship with the Lord and gain more knowledge of His amazing word.

The Strong Family

The Strong Family class is currently studying 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. It is lead by Mr. Jay Porter. 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!

Ladies 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. Right now, we are studying the book of Jonah. 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."

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

MEN & WOMEN MINISTRIES

Men's Ministry

This month the Men's Ministry will meet from 4:00 PM on Sunday, August 14th and 28th. They will be continuing Volume 2 in their series on Authentic Manhood.

Women's Ministry

Our Women's Bible Study, Steadfast Love, started on Sunday, June 26th at 4:00pm and will be every Sunday excluding Women's Ministry meeting times. Every one please feel welcome to join us even if it is for a Sunday or two! The Women's Ministry meeting will be on August 7th at 4:00 PM.

The Women's Ministry is hosting a Ladies Ice Cream Social and Shirt decorating event on August 20th at 2:00 PM. Who doesn't love ice cream and fellowship! Hope and Cindy will also be creating cute T-shirts to kick off the Fall. Bring a T-shirt and they'll do the rest!

HOME GROUPS

Pray & Go

We have some exciting opportunities for Pray And Go coming up this month. We will be taking time to visit some of our VBS families and invite them to AWANA and to be a part of what God is doing here. We would really love to have as many VBS workers as possible join us in visiting our kids homes and inviting them back. If you are Interested, please contact Pastor John.

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.

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

Volunteer Spotlight

MARIA SANCHEZ

Maria has worked for our church for 15 years, where she has felt respected and blessed by her church family. She has three children and eight grandchildren. She calls them the blessing of her life.

Maria shared that Her oldest grandchild, on April 24 of 2021, suffered a life and death serious surgery. During those difficult days she experienced God's love and the power of prayers with the support of the body of Christ. She enjoys spending time playing with the grandkids, she loves to watch videos of Biblical Characters like Abraham, Moses, and Noah and she also enjoys watching cartoons! We are so thankful for you, Maria!



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Belize Mission Trip
August 1st—8th

Women's Ministry Meeting
August 7th, 4:00 PM

Men's Ministry Meeting
August 14th & 28th, 4:00 PM

Ladies Ice Cream Social &
Fall Shirt Decorating
August 20th, 2:00 PM

Awana Kick Off/Pep Rally
August 31st, 6:30 PM



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