# 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

We are so excited to enter July. Much of the excitement centers around our Extreme VBS (July 18-22)! So many of you have stepped up to make this one of our greatest years ever! Our community is a 'field white unto harvest'. We are seeing more and more people engage with the mission Jesus has given us.

Keep up the hard work, and just wait and see what God will do. Pray with me as we continue to 'Make Waves' in our mission field.

To be able to fulfill God's call in our lives, it will require wisdom that can only come from God. This month we walk through the book of Proverbs as we seek to walk in the way of the wise, which is the way of Jesus.

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# CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

### **Sunday Funday**

CHILDREN'S CHURCH THEME: MAKE WAVES

In July, our theme will be Make Waves, to match our Summer & 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 "God began a good work in you. And I am sure that he will carry it on until it is completed. That will be on the day Christ Jesus returns." Philippians 1:6



#### Soul'd Out Youth

The youth had an amazing time on their mission trip to Flagstaff, Arizona! What a God given blessing and opportunity for them to serve there and spread the love of Jesus in Arizona!

Our youth continues to be at work for God's kingdom! They are constantly finding ways to serve and praise the Lord! We are so thankful to see the next generation singing on the worship team, serving in the children's ministry on Sunday mornings, and planning to help lead during VBS!



#### Vacation Bible School

VBS is just around the corner and we are so excited to share the love of Jesus with the children within our community. We can't wait to lead the children to make waves in the lives around them by showing the love of Jesus. This will be an amazing, life changing week! If you would like to be apart of it in anyway, please contact Hope Rutledge. VBS is July 18th though 22nd and will be from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM with an extended VBS afternoon camp from 12:00 to 5:00 PM. The afternoon camp will have a fee of \$25.

\*\*\*Awana Club is finished meeting for the Summer. We are looking forward to having the kick-off for the next year on August 31st! And will officially start back on September 7th.

Woohoo! Have a wonderful Summer.

# **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

#### THE STRONG FAMILY

marriage & parenting

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, July 10th and 24th. They will be starting Volume 2 in their series on Authentic Manhood. We will be planning our work trip to Jeff Fuselier's house so please be at the meetings to help contribute! Our Men's Deep Sea Fishing Trip will be on Saturday, July 30. The cost is \$130.00 for adults, \$90.00 for youth, and \$60.00 for those who want to attend but do not want to fish. If you are interested in going, please sign up in the lobby.

### Women's Ministry

The Women's Ministry had such a wonderful time at the Ladies Beach & Bible Retreat! Such a relaxing, Christ-centered time of fellowship! Praise God for opportunities like that to grow with one another and also have some fun!

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 Ladies Luncheon will be on June 11th at 11:00 AM

# **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 July 12th and 26th at 6:00 PM. 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!

# SUMMERTIME EXCITEMENT

#### **FAMILY CAMP**

July 4-8 @ Pine Springs in Laneville, TX

This summer we are excited to invite you to a church-wide family camp! There are activities and Bible teaching for all ages with multiple other Texas churches. This is a great time to bring the whole family out and make memories that will last a lifetime. Please consider coming even if you don't have children, there will be plenty of fun things, activities, as well as time to relax & enjoy the wilderness. Make plans to join us! The cost is \$130 per person.

VBS

**July 18th - 22nd** 

Vacation Bible School: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM Afternoon Camp: 12:00 PM to 5:30 PM (\$25 fee)

> Volunteers needed! Contact Hope Rutledge

FINAL VBS WORK DAY

Saturday, July 16th @ 9:00AM - 4:00PM

All help is welcomed!

## CHURCH-WIDE BELIZE MISSION TRIP

Tentatively scheduled for August 1st - 8th

The cost is \$1,000 per person which covers the airfare, lodging, and meals. If you are interested in going on this trip, please sign up in the lobby. While in Belize, we will conduct a Vacation Bible School and have a building dedication for the new church in Cotton Tree.

#### LADIES SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

This women's Bible study will be every Sunday, except for Women Ministry meeting times, and begin on June 26th at 4:00 pm. The study will be "Steadfast Love" by Lauren Chandler.

## **Horizon Family Photos**

















WE LOVE OUR CHURCH FAMILY

## **Volunteer Spotlight**

**BRAD REAVES** 

Brad Reaves is a tireless servant who expresses his worship best when he serves. As our Building & Grounds Chairman and Safety Team Leader, he is an important piece to creating a safe environment for



our fellowship and student ministries. Brad has been a member of our church for over 20 years. He spends all of his time serving in the church, in the community, and loving on his family. He has served in law enforcement for over 30 years. He loves to fish if he ever gets the chance and he is an amazing grandpa! We are so thankful for Brad and his dedication to keep not only our church safe but our whole community! Thank you for all you do Brad!

#### **Verses of Encouragement**

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture."

Psalm 100:1-3

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FAMILY CAMP Monday, July 4 — Friday, July 8

MEN'S MINISTRY MEETING Sunday, July 10 4:00 PM

LADIES LUNCHEON Monday, July 11 11:00 AM

VBS WORKDAY Saturday, July 16 9:00 AM — 4:00 PM

LORD'S SUPPER Sunday, July 17 Following service

VBS Monday, July 18 — Friday, July 22 9:00 AM — 5:00 PM

LADIES BIBLE STUDY Every Sunday 4:00 PM

MEN'S MINISTRY MEETING Sunday, July 24 4:00 PM

MENS DEEP SEA FISHING TRIP Saturday, July 30

Belize Mission Trip Monday, August 1 — Monday, August 8