

ON THE HORIZON



"The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever." Isaiah 40:8

A Letter From The Pastor

BY JOHN STRADER

Cooler temperatures, playoff baseball, and pumpkins are here! This October we are so excited to host our Annual Pumpkin Patch! For the month of October we are reaching out to our community and providing a fun opportunity to get to know each other and make a difference in our community. This year's pumpkin proceeds will be supporting the vision of Creative Dreams, a Christ-centered after school program in Stafford for disadvantaged youth and foster homes. They are doing amazing ministry in our neighborhood's families, and we at Horizon love families and helping them grow.

Please take some time this month to bring your family by our patch and make a great time of it. We will have Friday Night Family Nights on Oct 7th and 14th.

We also still have open opportunities to serve for several hours during the month. Please consider taking a day or evening to come out and welcome our guests and show them around the patch and welcome them to church. Please take the time to invite a neighbor, coworker, or family out to the patch. We want to have our best year ever and sell out of more pumpkins than ever. Together we can be stronger for our community!

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Sunday Funday

THEME: Cliffhanger; The story isn't over

In October, our theme will be "Cliffhanger; The story isn't over" The children will be learning that we all face tough challenges in life. But living with grit means that we refuse to give up, and that the story isn't over. Their monthly memory verse is "Let us not become tired of doing good. At the right time we will gather a crop if we don't give up." Galatians 6:9.



Soul'd Out Youth

In September, many of our youth showed up and got to work on our Pumpkin Patch Work Day! We are so thankful for our youth's heart to serve. A couple teens will be helping at the face painting booth at Fall fest and are going to help serve at our Family Friday Nights! On a Wednesday night in October, the youth will compete against one another in a Bible Story Pumpkin Decorating Challenge!

On Sunday mornings, the youth will continue to read and discuss the book of James.



Awana Club Wednesdays!

Awana Club is 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 so many children learning about Jesus each week and digging more into God's word together! Some fun upcoming theme nights to remember are October 12th is Leader Appreciation Night and October 26th is Super Hero Night!



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 will continue their series on "The Tough Stuff" of life. 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

The Men's ministry meets on October 9th and 23rd at 4:00 PM. They are currently going through Vol. 2 of Authentic Manhood and are learning how to grow from past hurts.

Women's Ministry

Our fantastic Women's Ministry will be contributing cookies, lemonade, and other drinks for our Family Friday Night on the 7th and 14th from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. There will not be a Women's Ministry meeting in October. The Ladies luncheon will be on October 10th, at 11:00 am at Texas Biergarten. We hope to see you there!

HOME GROUPS

Pray & Go

This month Pray & Go will be spending time volunteering at the patch. If you are interested in taking part in Pray & Go, please contact Pastor John to be added to the communications list at seniorpastor@hbctx.org!

Single Women

This home group is for single woman including widows and divorcees for spiritual growth and to develop meaningful friendships. This group will start back up sometime in October and will begin a new study. 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.

Young Adults

Our young adult home group is starting back!!! Mark your calendars for the first get together on October 13th at 7:00 PM. Keith and Aileen Loftin will be opening their home and hosting us again! Huge thank you to them! Please note that our new meeting times will be on Thursdays! Children are always welcome and there will be games upstairs for them to play! Our next meeting times will be November 10th and December 8th.

STAY IN THE KNOW

Pumpkin Patch

We are so excited to host our Pumpkin Patch all month long for our community! We need volunteers to work shifts at the Pumpkin patch which will be open everyday, the entire month of October until we are out of pumpkins. It takes a village and we need you! Thank you so much in advance for your willingness to serve.

Horizon Store

A reminder that we have Horizon T-shirts for sale on our Horizon store located on our Website! Here is an easy link to copy that'll take you straight there: https://stores.inksoft.com/horizon_baptist_church_mocity/shop/home

Family Friday Nights at the Patch

We are so excited for our family nights at the pumpkin patch! The dates are October 7th and 14th from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. There will be outdoor games, pumpkin painting, food trucks, vendor booths, and many photo opportunities. What a fun way to make memories and spend time with our families.

Volunteer Spotlight

CARA HYNDMAN

Hi, I'm Cara! My husband, Tyler, and I have been members here at Horizon for a little over a year! I am currently on the communications committee, AVL team, children's Sunday School leader, Awana T&T leader, and I create the monthly newsletters! I love hanging out with my husband the most but I also enjoy reading, playing with my dog, traveling, and going to coffee shops! We are thankful to be a small part of the big plans God has for Horizon and our community!



Horizon Family Photos



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Fall Fest
October 1, 10:00 AM—
4:00 PM

Young Adult Home Group
October 13, 7:00 PM

Awana
Every Wednesday Evening,
6:30 PM

Friday Night Family Nights
October 7th and 14th,
5:00–8:00 PM

Men's Ministry Meeting
October 9th and 23rd, 4:00
PM