

ON THE HORIZON



A Letter From The Pastor

BY JOHN STRADER

School is back in session and so is our amazing Youth and Kids ministries on Wednesday nights! From 6:30pm to 8pm we have classes and opportunities for all ages. Children from toddlers to High School have age appropriate lessons and time for fun activities every week.

We also have several helper opportunities available to serve this school year. We meet from September to mid-December for our first semester and the Spring semester runs from January to May.

Please consider serving with our Wednesday night program this year and make a difference in the next generation. We are counting down the day to the Pumpkin Patch! We have several work days in September if you can assist with would be a huge blessing. Our pumpkin unloading day is Friday September 30th at 8:00am. Make plans to help us out. This year will will have close to 5000 pumpkins! That is about 1500 more than last year.

God is doing so many wonderful things and I am excited for everyone to take a part in making an eternal difference in our communities. Please pray about how it may look for you to be a part of what is happening.

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Sunday Funday

THEME: High Wire, Daring to Trust

In September, our theme will be “High Wire: Daring to Trust.” The children will be learning that each day, we can dare to trust by putting our trust in someone we can depend on! They will learn that we can trust God no matter what! Their monthly memory verse is “Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Do not depend on your own understanding.” Proverbs 3:5.

Soul'd Out Youth

Our youth served in so many big ways this Summer and now have started back to school for a new, amazing, God-given school year! They are already planning new ways to serve our church and community in this new season, one of those being the Pumpkin Patch and Fall Fest! What a blessing it is for our youth to have leaders that not only encourage them serve others but actively lead them in doing so.

On Sunday mornings, the youth have started a study on James.

Awana is Back!

Awana Club is starting back! We had the kick-off and pep rally on August 31st and we 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 has just started a 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 September 11th and September 25th 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 Women's Bible Study is currently studying Steadfast Love and meets 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 September 11th at 4:00 PM.

Women of Joy is September 16th-18th!

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. Pray and Go will restart this month after a busy end of the summer. If you would like to be added to the team chat where we share times and locations please see Pastor John. We will be visiting our visiting VBS families. We will also be sharing about our upcoming Fall Festival and Pumpkin Patch.

Single Women

This home group is for single woman including widows and divorcees for spiritual growth and to develop meaningful friendships. They just finished a study on "True Spirituality, Becoming a Romans 12 Christian" by Chip Ingram. This group will start back up sometime in September 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.

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

Volunteer Spotlight

AILEEN LOFTIN

Aileen has a servant's heart and really exemplifies our core value to "care like Jesus." She is a Soul'd Out Youth leader/volunteer, finance committee member and she also hosts our Young Adult home group with her husband, Keith! Aileen became a member 8 years ago, in 2014 when Jordan was a baby. Aileen shared that she is thankful to belong to a church that values serving like Jesus! She learned early on the joy of volunteering because her mom valued and modeled helping people. Now as a mom, she enjoys raising her boys to know that their helping hands make a difference to those in need. Aileen enjoys meeting people and getting to know them, and has never met a stranger! We are so thankful for Aileen and her passion to further God's kingdom.



Fall Festival & Pumpkin Patch

We are so excited it's time for our Fall Festival and Pumpkin Patch again! As we use this month to prepare, please take the time to sign up for a volunteer shift for Festival Day or Pumpkin Patch (or both!). We also need a lot of hands to help unload the pumpkins on September 30 at 8:00 AM. Sign up sheets for Fall fest and Pumpkin patch will start on Sunday, September 4th, in the lobby. Volunteer opportunities include working the Horizon pumpkin painting booth, assisting and helping vendors unload, helping to put up and take down pop ups, and working the pumpkin patch the day of the Fall fest. We will need cases of water to be donated in efforts to keep our volunteers hydrated through all of their hard work. We also 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 Family Photos



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Awana Starts Back
September 7, 6:30 PM

Women's Ministry Meeting
September 11, 4:00 PM

Men's Ministry Meeting
September 11 & 25, 4:00 PM

Women of Joy
September 16—18

Pumpkin Unloading
September 30, 8:00 AM

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