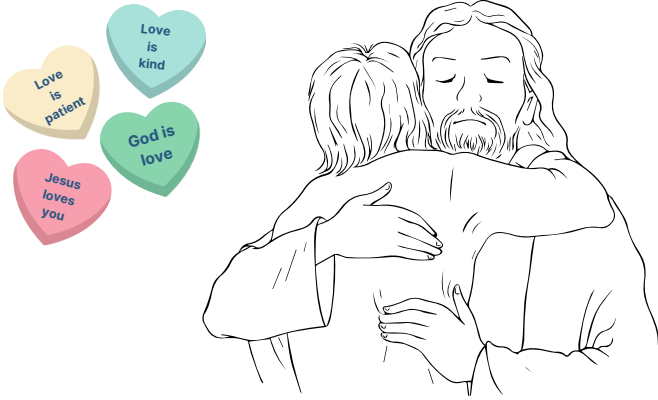


# ON THE HORIZON



***“For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed,” says the Lord, who has compassion on you.”***  
**Isaiah 54:10**

## A Letter From The Pastor

BY JOHN STRADER

Dear Friends,

As we start this new year and a new month, I want to take a moment to reflect on the blessings of our community and the power of coming together in worship. At a time when our world can feel divided and uncertain, it is more important than ever to remember the hope and peace that can be found in our faith.

In the coming weeks, we will be focusing on the dangers of Gossip and exploring what can be done to

stop the spread of this powerful epidemic. God wants us to be a community that is rooted in love, care, and powerful relationships that help us overcome the evil one's desire to bring division among us.

I encourage each of you to make the most of these opportunities to connect with one another and with our Lord. Whether you are a longtime member of our church or new to the community, I believe that you will find something here that speaks to your heart and nourishes your soul.

With gratitude and blessings,  
Pastor John

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# CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

## *Sunday Funday*

THEME: Road Rules; Ride with Respect

In February, our theme will be “Road Rules; Ride with Respect.” The children will learn that when we ride with respect, everyone can share the road together. Their monthly memory verse is “Do to others as you want them to do to you.” Luke 6:31



## *Soul'd Out Youth*

On Sunday mornings, the youth will be studying through the book of Romans. On Wednesday evenings, they are starting a study called “Simplicity” which will focus on not overcomplicating our faith.

Last month our Soul'd Out Youth participated in the MLK Youth Service Day event! It is always so encouraging to see our youth group seek out events like these and have such a servant's heart for God!



## *Awana Club Wednesdays!*

Awana Club is every Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. 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: February 1st is Silent night, February 8th is Hugs and Kisses night, and February 22nd is Go Western night so wear your best cowgirl and cowboy get-up!



***“For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”***

***Romans 8:38-39***



# 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 on The 6 Pillars of Marriage. This class is lead by Corey Waters and will focus on the challenges and concerns we face in Marriage & Parenting as Christians. Please join us as we grow in our relationship with the Lord and honor Him with our marriage and life!

## ***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 led 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. 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." This class is currently studying the book of Isaiah, reading 3-4 chapters a week.

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

***"Give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever."***

***Psalms 136:2***



# MEN & WOMEN MINISTRIES

## *Men's Ministry*

Horizon Baptist Church's Men's Ministry is dedicated to providing a supportive and encouraging environment for men to grow in their faith and biblical understanding of manhood. Through regular Bible studies, accountability groups, and fellowship events, men have the opportunity to build meaningful relationships with one another while also strengthening their relationship with God. By coming together and studying the Word, men are equipped and encouraged to live out their God-given roles as leaders, protectors, and providers in their families, communities, and workplaces. The Men's Ministry provides a space for men to be challenged, encouraged, and held accountable as they strive to live lives that honor God and reflect His character.

The Men's Ministry Meeting will be on February 26th at 4:00 PM.

## *Women's Ministry*

The Women's Ministry meeting will be on February 5th at 4:00 PM. We are so excited to have Stacy Malone as the president of the Women's Ministry. Last month, there was a meet up to discuss and redefine our women's ministry with measurable goals. So many exciting plans to come! We look forward to see all God has in store for us as we minister to women in our church and in our community.

The Ladies Luncheon will be at Juicy Seafood in Sugarland on February 13th at 11:00 AM. We hope to see you there!

A Bible study for senior women began this past week. They are currently meeting at 10:00 AM on Tuesday mornings in room 103. They are studying the book of Revelation.

*“but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”*

***Romans 5:8***



# HOME GROUPS

## ***Pray & Go***

The "Pray and Go" Ministry is a powerful tool for reaching out to and impacting our community for Christ. By going out into the local neighborhoods and praying for the residents, businesses, schools, and government institutions, we are demonstrating the love of Christ and interceding for the spiritual and physical needs of those around us. This intentional act of prayer and presence is a tangible expression of our commitment to be the hands and feet of Jesus, showing love and care for our neighbors.

The "Pray and Go" Ministry also provides opportunities for members to get involved in outreach and to experience the joy of being a part of God's work in the world. Join us as we seek to bring light and hope to our community through prayer and presence. Contact Pastor John if you are interested in joining the team.

## ***Single Women***

This home group is for single woman including widows and divorcees for spiritual growth and to develop meaningful friendships. They just started a new study called "You were made for this moment" by Max Lucado. 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 for those married, single, with young kiddos, with old kiddos, with no kiddos, and everyone in between! This group is made to encourage one another on our individual walks with Christ and learn more about God's word together! Mark your calendars for the next night of fellowship on Saturday, February 18th at 7:00 PM at Keith and Aileen Loftin's house. We will continue The Meaning of Marriage by Timothy Keller. Please contact Aileen to see if childcare is available, but if not, children are always welcome and there will be games upstairs for them to play!

***"Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love."***

***1 John 4:8***



# Volunteer Spotlight

## LELA BURGESS

Lela came to Horizon the first day they opened their doors at our location! She joined the choir before she joined the church. She joined the choir the following Sunday after visiting, and joined the church the week after that. She has been the Church Clerk, taking minutes of the business meetings, since 2004. Lela began helping with AWANA about 10 years ago and began teaching Sunday School about 5 years ago! She also is a volunteer with babysitting services for the Young Adult Home Group. Lela is our secretary for the Women's Ministry and also occasionally leads Women's Bible Study for the Women's Ministry at 4pm on Sundays. She is a member of the Worship Team and shares that "when it's my turn to sing, I do!" She is Member of Ladies Small Group on Friday nights and has also joined the Hospitality Committee. Apart from our church, she is a Lifetime Member of a Social/Service oriented International sorority and she takes part in their service projects. Lela loves mission trips and she plans on going to more of them as long as God allows her to. Lela shares that she worked at the Helping Hands Food Bank in Richmond up until 2 years ago. Lela says she has a love for volunteering because it gives her joy and comfort to know that she's still needed and can make contributions despite aging rapidly. (Lela also has a good sense of humor! Haha!) Lela says "I don't have much but I have time and I'm willing to try new things for God's kingdom." We are all so thankful for the opportunity to serve our Lord next to our loving friend and sister in Christ, Lela! Thank you for always adding so much joy and laughter to each room you walk in, we love you!



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Women's Ministry Meeting  
Sunday, February 5  
4:00 PM

Men's Ministry Meeting  
Sunday, February 26  
4:00 PM

Ladies Luncheon  
Monday, February 13  
11:00 AM

Young Adult Home Group  
Saturday, February 18  
7:00 PM

Awana  
Every Wednesday Evening  
6:30 PM

## Horizon Family Photos



*"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."  
John 3:16*