


# ON THE HORIZON



*"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."*

**Romans 12:2**

## A Letter From The Pastor

BY JOHN STRADER

As we step into the warmth and beauty of June, let's embrace the joys and opportunities this summer season brings to us. Our Sunday gatherings continue to be a source of nourishment and inspiration people as we delve deeper into our current sermon series, "Renewing the Mind: A Biblical Approach to Mental Health". We're grateful for the insightful discussions and shared growth that this series has fostered.

Summer also brings a time for rest and rejuvenation. As such, your pastoral team will be taking some well-deserved vacation time around Father's Day. While we recharge and spend time with our loved ones, we're delighted to announce that Stan Lewis will be gracing our pulpit on Father's Day. This will be a special treat, that we're all looking forward to!

Let's celebrate this summer season with joy, fellowship, and continued spiritual growth. May God's blessings shine on you and your loved ones throughout these sunny days.

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# CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

## ***Sunday Funday***

THEME: READY, SET, MOVE!

In June, our Sunday School theme will be “Ready, Set, Move! Follow Jesus here, there, and everywhere” The kids will be learning that when you choose to follow Jesus, you never know where He might lead you. But you can take each step by faith—and trust in what you CAN’T see because of what you CAN see.

Their monthly memory verse is “Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see.” Hebrews 11:1



## ***Soul'd Out Youth***

Soul'd Out Youth Wednesday nights are finished for the summer and will pick back up in the Fall! On Sunday mornings, the youth will be wrapping up a study on the book of Romans. Thank you for supporting our teens at the Soul'd Out Youth car wash! The funds raised will go towards their summer activities including a beach retreat in July.

There will be a youth summer swim party at Doug Rutledge's house on June 11, after church!



## ***Awana Club Wednesdays!***

AWANA Club is finished for the school year and will start back in the Fall! Awana is a Wednesday night program from 6:30 to 8:00 PM where children learn about Jesus and dig deep into God's word. We have classes ranging from preschool age to 5th grade! The goal of Awana club is to equip children with the knowledge of God's Word but also allow them to be able to apply His truth to their lives and face anything as disciples of Christ.





# 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 led 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 room 114 and 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 will be continuing the study called "Hearing the Voice of God" in June.

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



# MEN & WOMEN MINISTRIES

## ***Disciples of God Men's Ministry***

We have some exciting news of new leadership in the men's ministry. Keith Loftin is taking over! We look forward to the blessing this will be to our men! The Men's Ministry will be staying busy with a new get together every other Tuesday this summer at Keith Loftin's house. You don't want to miss it! There will be bible study, fellowship, and food will be provided. Invite your friends and come hang out!

We want to remind you of the invaluable role men play in our church community. Your unique gifts, perspectives, and leadership are essential to the growth and impact of Horizon Baptist Church. If you feel God tugging at your heart to step up and serve in a new capacity, don't hesitate to respond to His call.

Whether you're already engaged in a ministry or looking to get plugged in, reach out to Pastor John or Pastor Jodie to explore the opportunities available to make a real difference. Together, we can strengthen our bonds and become the men God has called us to be, serving Him and our community with passion and purpose.

## ***Women of the Word (W.O.W.) Ministry***

Our women's ministry had a wonderful time planting the seeds of sisterhood at our ladies luncheon last month! Four ladies shared their powerful testimonies with the group. There were games, lots of laughter, and even some tears. It was a great time of fellowship. We are looking to our WOW local retreat August 11-12! Keep a look out for more info to come!

The women of our congregation play a vital role in both the numerical and spiritual growth of Horizon Baptist Church. Your contributions, service, and love have an immeasurable impact on our community. Thank you for all that you do, and may God continue to bless and guide you.



# HOME GROUPS

## ***Pray & Go***

Our Pray And Go ministry continues to touch lives and hearts in our community. As we aim to extend our reach, we're in need of a new neighborhood host who can provide a warm and welcoming staging point for our prayer walks. This is a wonderful way to serve your community and foster spiritual growth in our church family. If you feel led to open your home and be a part of this impactful ministry, please reach out to Pastor John. Together, let's continue to bless our neighborhoods through prayer, connection, and God's love.

## ***Single Women***

Our Single Women home group is finished meeting for the Summer and will pick back up in the Fall! This home group is for single woman including widows and divorcees for spiritual growth and to develop meaningful friendships. If you have any questions or if you are interested in joining, you can contact Rose Bess.

## ***Young Adults***

Our Young Adult Home Group is finished for the Summer and will start back up again in the Fall! Keep an eye out in the next couple of months for a Fall kick off date! We hope you consider joining us one day a month for some fun fellowship. This 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!

# EXTREME VBS

VBS is right around the corner and we are so excited to see all that God is going to do in each one of the children and their family's hearts and lives. We have over 50 volunteers between adults and teens! God is so good! If you are interested in serving, we could use one more adult to work with the preschoolers. We also have another service opportunity at our VBS work days on June 11th and 25th! Starting Sunday, June 4, we will have a donation board in the foyer and an Amazon wish list on Facebook. Please continue to pray over each child signed up, those who are yet to sign up, their families, our VBS leaders, and all involved! As of now, we have 90 kids signed up! Woooo!

# Volunteer Spotlight

## STACY WELCH

Horizon Baptist Church is proud to announce Stacy Welch as our June Volunteer of the Month! Stacy started attending Horizon when she was 10 years old. She has been active in many roles since then. Throughout the years, she has served in the choir and volunteered in the nursery; She eventually became the Nursery Director, setting up the nursery for when the church moved to Missouri City. Stacy also began the first MOPS program at HBC, has served in lead positions in the women's ministry, has been a leader in Sparks and Journey (teens) in AWANA, and she is currently on the finance and hospitality committees and volunteers with the youth. Stacy shares that she enjoys bowling in a league once a week and in her free time she likes walking, practicing yoga, and watching the Astros! She hopes to one day get back to training her dogs in agility. We are so thankful for our sister in Christ, Stacy and her servant's heart! Thank you for all you do for our church family and ultimately God's kingdom!



## Horizon Family Photos



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Youth Swim Party  
Sunday, June 11  
After church

Father's Day  
Sunday, June 18  
10:45 AM

Extreme VBS Meeting  
Saturday, June 10  
9:00-12:00  
saturday, June 25  
TBA

Senior Women Bible Study  
Tuesdays  
10:00 AM

Alaska Mission Trip  
\$500 Payment Due  
Sunday, June 25

Men's Fellowship  
Every other Tuesday