


ON THE HORIZON



“For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father’s house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?”

Esther 4:14

A Letter From The Pastor

BY JOHN STRADER

May is a month full of exciting events and opportunities for our church to grow and connect. We begin with a musical treat as the McNeill family joins us in concert on Sunday morning, May 7th. Don't miss this inspiring and uplifting worship experience!

On May 14th, we celebrate the love, strength, and sacrifices of mothers. Join us on Mother's Day as we honor and appreciate the incredible women in our lives who nurture and care for us.

Starting May 21st, we embark on a transformative journey with our new sermon series, "Renewing the Mind: A Biblical Approach to Mental Health." This series will provide valuable insights and practical tools to strengthen our mental and emotional well-being, all grounded in the truth of God's Word.

We look forward to sharing these enriching experiences with you and your loved ones. Let's come together this May, embracing the blessings and growth that the Lord has in store for us.

Blessings,
Pastor John

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Sunday Funday

THEME: RAISE YOUR GAME

In May, our Sunday School theme will be “Raise Your Game: Play with Confidence” The kids will be learning that true confidence isn't just about believing in your own skills and abilities. You can really raise your game by living like you believe God is with you!

Their monthly memory verse is “So we say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.'” Hebrews 13:6a NIV



Soul'd Out Youth

Soul'd Out Youth is every Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. They are currently walking through a study about the promise Jesus made about getting the most out of life. On Sunday mornings, the youth will be continuing to study through the book of Romans.

They are celebrating the end of the school year Wednesday May 17th. May 21st we will be celebrating Bianca who is graduating this year from Elkins High School. Way to go Bianca!



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: May 3rd is our Nacho Night, May 10th will be Moving Up Night where at the end of the night clubbers will get the chance to experience their next class level for the following year. May 17th is our closing ceremony for the year and we invite all parents out for a fun night and awards ceremony. After the ceremony clubbers will be able to go to the AWANA Fair.



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 discussing 'Culture in the Home'. 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 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 is starting a new study called "Hearing the Voice of God" the beginning of May.

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

MEN & WOMEN MINISTRIES

Disciples of God Men's Ministry

May brings not only the beauty of spring but also the promise of exciting changes for our Men's Ministry. Keep an eye out for some upcoming announcements that will rejuvenate and refresh our gatherings and events!

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 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

May is a special month for our Women of the Word ministry, as we focus on nurturing the bonds of sisterhood within our church family. Join us for the "Planting the Seeds of Sisterhood" Ladies Luncheon and Secret Sister Reveal on Saturday, May 13th. This event is the perfect opportunity to strengthen relationships, enjoy fellowship, and celebrate the incredible women in our lives.

As we approach Mother's Day on May 14th, we want to express our gratitude and admiration for all the mothers at Horizon. Your love, dedication, and wisdom are truly inspiring. We also recognize and extend our heartfelt support to those experiencing challenges or difficulties surrounding motherhood. You are not alone, and our church family stands with you in love and prayer.

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 grow and flourish, thanks to your dedication and commitment. As we expand our outreach to touch more lives in our community, we are seeking individuals who are willing to open their homes as staging points for our neighborhood prayer walks.

By offering your home as a meeting point, you play a crucial role in facilitating these prayer walks and directly contribute to the positive impact our church has on the local community. Through this simple act of hospitality, you can help create a welcoming and supportive environment for our members to join together in prayer and outreach.

If you feel called to serve in this way, please see Pastor John to discuss your involvement. Stepping up to serve in this ministry not only allows us to reach more neighbors with God's love, but it also strengthens our church family's unity and purpose. Together, let's continue to make a lasting difference in the lives of those around us through the power of prayer and outreach.

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 “Son of God” by Rick Warren. This wonderful group of women meet weekly on Friday evenings at 6:30 PM and would love for you to join! This group will be taking a break for summer beginning in June, so be sure to join them this month. 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 last night of fellowship before summer on Saturday, May 20th 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 will be available.

Volunteer Spotlight

KATIE MILSAP

Horizon Baptist Church is proud to announce our Volunteer of the Month for May, Katie Milsap. A long-time member of our church family, Katie embodies the spirit of service and love that we all strive for. Katie has played a vital role on the hospitality committee for our pumpkin patch since its inception, contributing her time and energy to make it a success year after year. In addition, she is a cherished member of the coffee bar staff, where her warmth and welcoming spirit make everyone - from regular attendees to first-time visitors - feel loved and appreciated. Katie's dedication to serving the Lord shines through in all that she does, both at church and in her daily life. We are truly grateful for her commitment and passion, and we are blessed to have her as part of our Horizon Baptist Church family. Thank you, Katie, for your inspiring example of love and service.



Horizon Family Photos



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

McNeill Family Concert
Sunday, May 7th
10:45 AM

W.O.W. Banquet
Saturday, May 13th
11:00 AM

Mother's Day
Sunday, May 14th
10:45 AM

AWANA Award's Ceremony
Wednesday, May 17th
6:30 PM

Youth End of Year Party
Wednesday, May 17th
7:00 PM

Extreme VBS Meeting
Saturday, April 20th
9:00 AM

Senior Women Bible Study
Tuesdays
10:00 AM

Renewing the Mind
Sermon Series Begins
Sunday, May 21st

Graduation Sunday
Sunday, May 21st

Alaska Mission Trip
2nd Payment Due
Sunday, May 28th