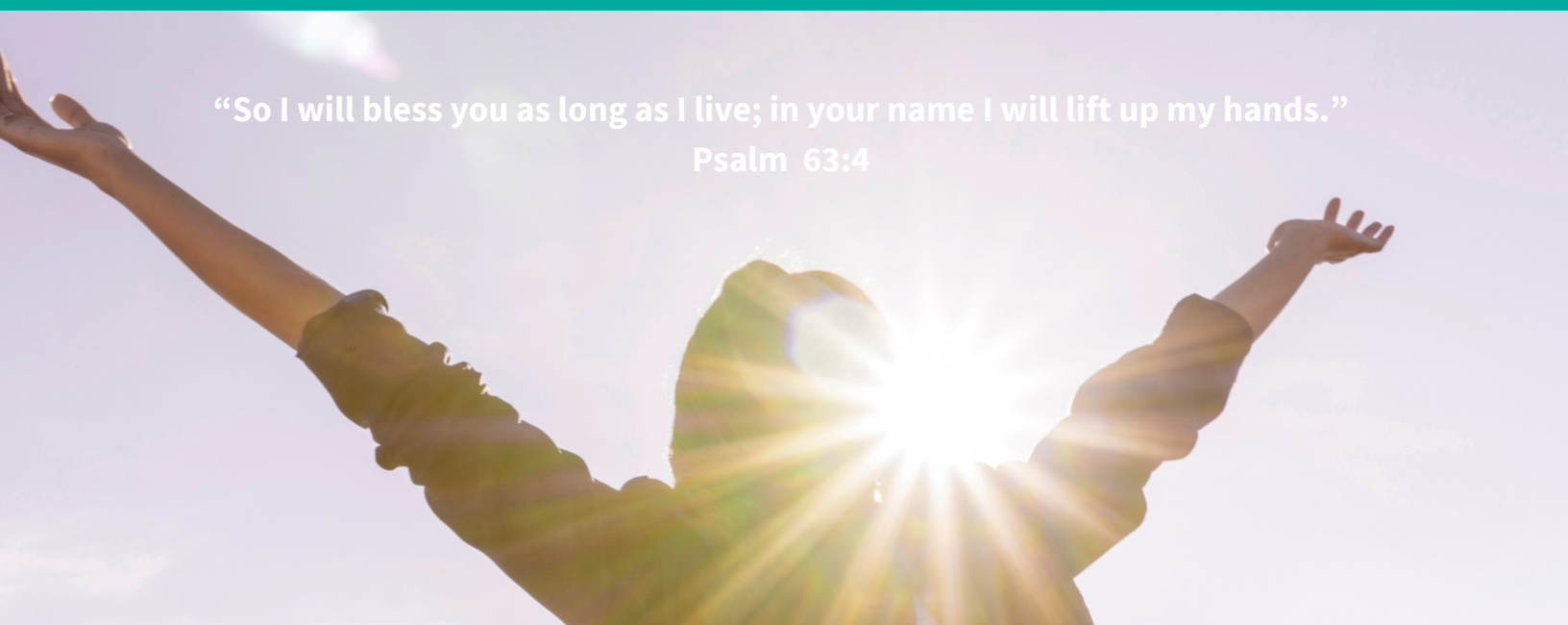


ON THE HORIZON

“So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.”
Psalm 63:4



A Letter From The Pastor

BY JOHN STRADER

Can you believe we've reached August? This month holds some unique opportunities and transitions that I'm eager to share with you.

First and foremost, mark your calendars for August 13th as we come together for the sending service of James and Abby Morgan to Uzbekistan. Their calling and commitment to spread the Gospel is truly inspiring. Let's rally around them with our prayers and support as they embark on this exciting new chapter.

For many of our families, August means the start of a new school year. It's a time of growth and new beginnings, not only for our students but for all of us. As we embrace this season of learning, we will also begin a new sermon series through the book of James. I believe this journey through James's practical wisdom will challenge and equip us to live out our faith in tangible ways.

As we navigate these new adventures and changes, may we continue to encourage one another, deepen our faith, and trust in God's perfect guidance. Here's to an August filled with His blessings and growth!!

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CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

Sunday Funday

THEME: CANVAS— Made to Create!

This summer our Sunday School theme will be “CANVAS; Made to Create” Follow Jesus here, there, and everywhere” The kids will be learning that God is creative, and we were made in God’s image—with our very own kind of creativity! With God’s help, we can use our imagination to do something new.



Their monthly memory verse is “We are God’s creation. He created us to belong to Christ Jesus. Now we can do good works. Long ago God prepared these works for us to do.” Ephesians 2:10

Soul’d Out Youth

Soul’d Out Youth Wednesday nights are starting back on Wednesday, Sept 6th at 6:30 pm! we can’t wait to see you there! On Sunday mornings, the youth will be starting a study on the book of James.

The youth leaders are planning to split the classes between middle school and high school on Sunday mornings for the new upcoming school year.

The youth had a beach retreat in Galveston at the end of last month and had so much fun! They ate, swam, fellowshiped, and most importantly dove into God’s word together!



CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

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Awana Club Wednesdays!

Get ready to kick off an exciting new AWANA year! We can hardly contain our enthusiasm as we approach the much-anticipated Pep Rally and Registration Night.

Join us on the last Wednesday of August, the 30th, at 6:30pm for our Awana Pep rally and registration; a spirited evening filled with fun, information, hot dogs, and the opportunity to sign up for the upcoming AWANA season. Whether you're a returning family or new to AWANA, this event is the perfect time to learn about our program, meet the leaders, and get ready for a year filled with faith, friendship, and growth. Our Awana year will kick off and fully begin on Wednesday, Sept 6th!

AWANA has always been a special place where children can deepen their relationship with Jesus, memorize Scripture, and enjoy time with friends. We can't wait to see what God has in store for our kids this year! Awana is every Wednesday night from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. We have classes ranging from preschool age to 5th grade!

So, mark your calendars, and let's launch this AWANA year with energy and joy. We look forward to seeing you there!



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.

Adult Sunday School

This class is led by Chad Bishop and has the goal for each individual to be the best follower of Christ they can be considering whatever role you are in (husband, wife, servant, master). They are currently doing a study in Matthew starting just after the Beatitudes.

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."

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

MEN & WOMEN MINISTRIES

Disciples of God Men's Ministry

Men's Ministry meets every other week at the Loftin house. Food, fellowship, and a study on how the Bible defines manhood. The next men's fellowship get together is Tuesday, August 8th at 9:00 PM. Please ask Keith for more information.

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 next W.O.W ministry meeting will be on August 6th at 1:00 PM. The monthly Ladies Luncheon will be on Monday, August 14 at 11:00 AM at the Orient Cafe, 3340 FM 1092. Our Women's Retreat is August 25th through 26th, from 4:00 PM Friday evening to 4:30 PM Saturday evening at the Welch/Rutledge homes. Don't forget to mark your calendar!! All ladies, friends and family are invited.

Ways you can attend:

1. All day and all night
2. Come just for the daytime and sleep in your bed at night
3. Come just for 1 day

We just want you there whenever you can 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!

Volunteer Spotlight

AMANDA STEVES

Amanda has been part of our church her entire life. It was Bellaire West Baptist Church when they first started attending, and she even played baby Jesus the year she was born. Amanda became a member when she was saved and baptized at the age

of seven. As a kid, she did all the things from AWANA Cubbies to Guards (the teen AWANA group) and AWANA Olympics. She attended kids camp and teen camp at Pine Spring and was a part of so many plays directed by Jackie Lorino. As an adult, Amanda has worked in the nursery and a short time with teens during worship services. She has done VBS one summer, and the past two years has volunteered with the AWANA Puggles and the teens! Amanda shares there were a some years when she stopped attending, but it's important to her that her children be brought up to love Jesus, so when she found out she was pregnant with James, her first born, she came home. Amanda just had a baby girl, and shares that it's so special to her that her kids are part of the same church family that she grew up with.



Horizon Family Photos



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Women of the Word Meeting
Sunday, August 6
1:00 PM

Men's Fellowship
Tuesday, August 8
9:00 PM

Pot Luck Luncheon
Sunday, August 13
12:45 PM

Ladies Luncheon
Monday, August 14
11:00 AM

Anyla Ferguson's Baby
Dedication
Sunday, August 20
10:45 AM

AWANA Worker Meeting
Wednesday, August 23
6:30 PM

AWANA Club Pep Rally &
Registration
Wednesday, August 30
6:30 PM

AWANA & Soul'd Out Youth
(official start)
Wednesday, Sept 6
6:30 PM

Women's Retreat
August 25-26

Senior Women Bible Study
Tuesdays
10:00 AM