

ON THE HORIZON

“Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.” 1 Corinthians 15:58

A Letter From The Pastor

BY JOHN STRADER

As we move into September, the warm air is not just filled with prayers for cooler weather, but also the promise of meaningful fellowship and spiritual growth.

We're continuing our journey through the book of James in our sermon series, "The Path to Maturity." I believe the practical wisdom found in James is will keep challenging us to live out our faith in powerful, daily ways. I can't wait to dig deeper with you all!

Now, who's up for some fun? Mark your calendars for a Family Game Night on Friday, Sept 8th, at 6:30pm. It's going to be an evening full of laughter, games, and quality

time with your church family. Don't miss it!

For our kids and youth, AWANA and our youth program are back in full swing starting the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm. I'm thrilled to think about the incredible impact these programs have on our young people's lives.

And, drumroll please... the pumpkins are coming! Our October Pumpkin Patch is just around the corner with the pumpkins set to arrive on Saturday, Sept 30th. This is not just a fundraiser; it's a fundraiser, and we can use all the helping hands we can get.

So here's to an action-packed September, a month that promises to be filled with opportunities to grow, serve, and deepen our community ties. See you there

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CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

Sunday Funday

THEME: HARMONY—Together is better

This September our Sunday School theme will be “Harmony: Together is better” The kids will be learning that true friendship is about using our words and actions to show others we care. Each day, we can choose to live in harmony because together is better!

Their monthly memory verse is “A friend loves at all times. They are there to help when trouble comes.” Proverbs 17:17



Soul'd Out Youth

We are so excited for our Soul'd Out Youth Wednesday nights to start back on Wednesday, September 6th at 6:30 pm! This program is for youth ages 6th to 12th grade! We can't wait to see you there!

On Sunday mornings, the youth will continue to study the book of James. The youth leaders are planning to split the classes between middle school and high school on Sunday mornings starting in October. Keep an eye out for a calendar of events for the remainder of 2023.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

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Awana Club Wednesdays!

Get pumped—AWANA kicks off on Wednesday, Sept 6th at 6:30pm! You won't want to miss our first night back, filled with faith, friends, and fun.

Circle Sept 20th for "Crazy Hair Night!" Show up with your quirkiest 'do. And don't forget Sept 27th: it's "Popcorn Night!" Crunchy popcorn and God's Word—what could be better?

Feeling a nudge to help out? We've still got room for more AWANA helpers. It's a great way to make a lasting impact on our kiddos.

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).

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 for fellowship, food, and a study on how the Bible defines manhood. This month will conclude our current study series, so stay tuned for what's next! The next men's fellowship get together is Tuesday, September 5, location TBD. Please reach out to 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 at on Friday, September 22 at Spring Creek BBQ at 6:30 pm. We will be discussing the ministry objectives and future events!

The monthly Ladies Luncheon will be on Monday, September 11 at 11:00 AM at Floyd's Seafood, 16549 Southwest Freeway, Sugarland TX.

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.

THE PUMPKINS ARE COMING

and we need your help!

We are blessed to be able to show the love of Christ to our community through the month of October & support the Fort Bend Rainbow Room, a local non-profit serving families in crisis.

Some dates to remember:

Workday to set up the patch: Saturday September 23 @ 8:30 AM

Pumpkin Delivery Day: Saturday September 30th @ 8:00AM

Opening Day of the Patch: October 1st @12:30 PM

Fall Festival: October 7th from 11:00AM-3:00PM

Pumpkin Sales will be Wednesday-Friday 3:00 PM until Dusk,

Saturday 10:00 AM until Dusk

Sunday 12:30 PM until Dusk

Friday October 6th, 3th, and 20th we will have Family Fun Friday's and will need extra hands!

More information to come!



HOME GROUPS

Pray & Go

As we continue to navigate through the warm days of September, our Pray N' Go ministry will continue taking a break this month due to the heat. But don't worry, we're eagerly planning to resume our community prayer walks in October.

If you've been thinking about joining this meaningful outreach, this pause provides the perfect opportunity to learn more. Please reach out to Pastor John for more details and how to get involved when we restart. Stay tuned for our October comeback. We can't wait to walk and pray with you all again!

Single Women

Our Single Women home group will pick back up on September 15, at 6:30 pm and will be studying *The Daniel Prayer* by Anne Graham Lotz. 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 will be hosted by Shane and Palmira Gonzalez and will kick off on Friday, October 20. It will be on the third Friday of each month. We hope you consider joining us one day a month for some fun fellowship. Please contact Aileen or Rose if you're in need of childcare. 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!

New Moms

Mommas, bring your baby or not, each Friday from 11:30 to 12:30 for a lunch and fellowship between other new mommas. This home group is made to be an encouragement to those walking through motherhood for the first time or 6th time and will be a safe space to confide in, share our struggles, and seek advice from one another while pushing each other to lean on and strengthen our relationship with the Lord.

Volunteer Spotlight

DENISE SHERMAN

Denise has been a member of our church since 2003. Her four children grew up in our church. Originally, Denise is from Detroit, Michigan but moved to Missouri City in 1996. She currently works as an independent insurance broker and has a focus in helping individuals and families to get proper protection. Years ago Denise downsized her residence, sold her home and moved to an apartment complex in Houston. She said that was a humbling experience where she truly had to lean on the Lord for everything. Then recently she's closed on a townhouse that needs some work but it will put her back into Missouri City closer to her children and our church. She shares that she's been blessed. With our church, Denise has gone on a mission trip to Mexico, helped with VBS, served on the Mission Committee, in the nursery and other areas. Her two oldest children went on a few mission trips as well. She also wanted to share that many times she's seen where Pastor John's messages from Sunday morning services helped not only her own personal life but her business life as well. Denise enjoys music, traveling, art and reading. Currently, she's serving in the Sound booth and the Benevolent ministries; And was recently blessed with the opportunity to go on the mission trip to Alaska to help the Shields' family. She says she looks forward to other ways that God will use her and our church! Thank you so much for being a servant for Christ, Denise! We love you and are blessed by you!



Horizon Family Photos



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Men's Fellowship
Tuesday, September 5
9:00 PM

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

Family Game Night/Potluck
Friday, September 8
6:30 PM

Ladies Luncheon
Monday, September 11
11:00 AM

Single Women Home Group
Friday, September 15
6:30 PM

Women of the Word Meeting
Friday, September 22
6:30 PM

Senior Women Bible Study
Tuesdays
10:00 AM

Momma/Baby Home Group
Fridays
11:30 AM



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