

ON THE HORIZON



A Letter From The Pastor

BY JOHN STRADER

As we roll into November, the season of gratitude is upon us. While we may still be dealing with the ups and downs of Texas weather, our hearts are filled with thankfulness for the bounty of blessings God has bestowed upon our congregation.

This month offers a golden opportunity for us to come together as a church family and celebrate what we're thankful for. Our Family Thanksgiving Meal is just around the corner. During this event, we'll pass the microphone for anyone who

wishes to share their gratitude for our church community. It's a humbling and heartfelt time that you won't want to miss.

On the spiritual growth front, we'll be kicking off a new sermon series focused on Prayer. This series aims to help us grow in how we pray and deepen our understanding of prayer's role in our personal lives and as a church body. I believe that God will use this topic to renew our minds and spirits.

As we approach the holiday season, may we all take a moment to reflect on the blessings we've received and look forward to the great things God has in store for us

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CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

Sunday Funday

THEME: Shout Out— Who have you thanked today?

This November our Sunday School theme will be “Shout Out— Who have you thanked today?” The kids will be learning that gratitude is about more than just feeling thankful. With our words and actions, we can let others know we see how they’ve helped us. Their monthly memory verse is “Give thanks to the Lord, because he is good. His faithful love continues forever.” Psalm 136:1



Soul'd Out Youth

We are so excited to fellowship and worship with our Soul'd Out Youth every Wednesday night from 6:30 - 8:00 PM and Sunday Morning bible study at 9:30 AM! This program is for youth ages 6th to 12th grade! We would love for you to join us!

The youth will be participating in the Stuff the Squad car event again this year, stay tuned for the date for that! We are also looking forward to some Christmas Caroling on December 3rd at Park Manor!

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

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Awana Club Wednesdays!

November is packed with fun and meaningful events for our AWANA kids! Kicking things off, our much-anticipated AWANA Store opens the first week of the month. Kids can "shop" using the points they've earned, so let's make it a rewarding experience for them!

Next up, we're hosting a food drive during the week leading up to Thanksgiving. It's a wonderful opportunity for our kids to learn about giving and gratitude. Please consider contributing items of need to this important cause. We will share the items of need in a take home list.

Remember, there's no AWANA during Thanksgiving week, so enjoy the time with your families! And to wrap up November, we have Triple Points Night on the last Wednesday! It's going to be a high-energy evening as the kids have a chance to rack up those points.

Awana is **every Wednesday night from 6:30 to 8:00 PM**. We have classes ranging from preschool age to 5th grade!

Mark your calendars for the following theme nights in November:

November 2: Awana Store

November 9: Regular Club Night

November 15: Feed our Community (Food Donation)

November 22: NO AWANA, Happy Thanksgiving!

November 29: Triple Points Night



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 has paused meeting for the Fall/ Winter and will pick back up in the Spring, please keep an eye out for updates!

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

Mark your calendar and join us for the ladies luncheon on Monday, November 13th at 11:00AM. We will be meeting at Ramble Creek Grill, 7022 Hwy 6, Missouri City.

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

We're excited to announce that our Pray N' Go Ministry is heading back out into local neighborhoods this November! Keep an ear out during service and check our bulletins to find out exactly where we'll be meeting up to prayer-walk. It's a fantastic way to reach out, meet our neighbors, and truly be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community.

This ministry is not only an exercise in prayer but also a firsthand experience of seeing God work in surprising ways. Whether you've participated before or this is your first time, we invite you to be a part of this uplifting experience. Stay tuned for more details!

Single Women

Our Single Women home group is at 6:30 pm every Friday evening at Rose's house and they are currently 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 meet next on Saturday, November 11 at 7:00 PM. 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. We meet at the Loftin's house. 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

LINDA RODGERS

We are so excited to recognize Linda as our November volunteer spotlight of the month! Linda has been an active member of Horizon for almost 20 years. She loves missions and she loves working with children, especially the preschoolers. She shares that she really loves their energy and the wonder they see in everything and loves teaching them about Jesus. Linda has served in VBS every year that she's attended HBC. She has also been active in the children's Sunday school program, doing Children's church and teaching Sunday school. Linda currently teaches preschool Sunday school. She has worked in the Awana program for 17 years teaching the Cubbies and has been on three mission trips to a church on the Navajo reservation in Arizona where they taught Vacation Bible School and put up a playground. Linda shares she's been a member of the missions committee on and off several times over the years and chaired the committee for two years. She adds how important it is to her that our church is so involved in missions. Years ago she also served on the fellowship committee and the education committee. Her church family means so much to her. She says "our church has gone through so many changes over the years, but the one thing that hasn't changed is our love for the Lord and his word, and our love for each other." We sure are thankful for our loving sister in Christ. Linda, thank you for all that you do!



Horizon Family Photos



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Young Adult Home Group
Saturday, November 11
7:00 PM

Thanksgiving Family Dinner
Sunday, November 12
12:30 PM

Ladies Luncheon
Monday, November 13
11:00 AM

Decorate the Church
Thursday, November 16
10:00 AM

AWANA & Soul'd Out Youth
Wednesday Evenings
6:30 PM

Single Women Home Group
Friday Evenings
6:30 PM

Senior Women Bible Study
Tuesdays
10:00 AM

Momma/Baby Home Group
Fridays
11:30 AM