

ON THE HORIZON

“The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?” Psalm 27:1



A Letter From The Pastor

BY JOHN STRADER

As we usher in October, we may not yet feel the crisp autumn air, but what we do have is a cornucopia of opportunities for spiritual growth and community impact.

We continue our trek through the book of James with our sermon series "The Path to Maturity." This exploration is equipping us with life-changing truths, and I am eager to see how God's Word molds us in the weeks ahead.

On the community front, our Pumpkin Patch opens its gate Sunday, October 1st! And it's not just a festive activity; the net proceeds go to the Fort Bend Rainbow Room, a local resource center that provides essential supplies to children and families in crisis. Your support can make a real difference in the lives of those who need it most.

Thank you for being such a dedicated church family. Here's to an October filled with meaningful connections and impactful service.

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CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

Sunday Funday

THEME: Driven— What's inside matters most

This October our Sunday School theme will be “Driven: What’s inside matters most” The kids will be learning that when you live with integrity, you know that what’s inside matters most—and that will drive you to be truthful in whatever you say and do.

Their monthly memory verse is “Anyone who lives without blame walks away safely. But anyone who takes a crooked path will get caught.” Proverbs 10:9



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! This program is for youth ages 6th to 12th grade! We would love for you to join us! We will have a service opportunity to work in the patch on Sunday, October 15, the shift starting at 5:00 PM or you can come earlier if you want! There will be a get together with pizza and games until about 8:30 afterwards.

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!

As we're well into the swing of our AWANA year, it's incredible to see the manifold blessings God has poured into this vibrant ministry. First and foremost, let's talk about our wonderful kids. Week after week, they bring an infectious energy and curiosity as they dive into God's Word, learning and growing in Christ. The joy in their eyes and the questions they ask are testaments to the Holy Spirit's work in their lives.

But none of this would be possible without our exceptional AWANA team. These dedicated individuals serve every Wednesday, pouring love, time, and teaching into our young ones. Their commitment goes beyond the weekly meetings; they're laying down a foundation for a lifetime of faith.

Our AWANA program isn't just a 'kid's ministry'; it's a cornerstone in the life of our church—building up the next generation, offering community outreach, and fostering discipleship. The seeds we're planting today will bear fruit for years to come. AWANA has always been a special place where children can deepen their relationship with Jesus, memorize Scripture, and enjoy time with friends. Awana is **every Wednesday night from 6:30 to 8:00 PM**. We have classes ranging from preschool age to 5th grade!

Thank you for supporting AWANA, whether as a parent, a volunteer, or simply as a prayer partner. Let's keep lifting up this ministry as we anticipate all the great things God will continue to do.

Mark your calendars for the following theme nights! **October 4th is Crazy Hair Night, October 11th is Leader Appreciation Night, October 18th is Pumpkin Painting Night, and October 25th is Super Hero 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

The monthly Ladies Luncheon will be on Monday, October 9th at 11:00 AM at Oliver's Gourmet, 3843 Cartwright Road, 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

This month, we're putting a unique spin on our Pray N' Go Ministry. In line with the opening of our annual Pumpkin Patch, we're inviting you to take a special prayer walk around the patch one evening.

But we're not stopping at prayer. While you're there, seize the opportunity to engage with our visitors. Help those who need assistance picking the perfect pumpkin, or even ask if you can pray for them right then and there. You'll be amazed at how willing people are to share their prayer needs when asked.

Imagine the impact we could make if every member took just one night this month to do this. Let's infuse our Pumpkin Patch not just with the festive spirit of the season, but with the transformative power of prayer and genuine human connection. Take the challenge: Prayer-walk the patch and see what God does through you.

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.

HOME GROUPS

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Young Adults

Our Young Adult Home Group will be hosted by Shane and Palmira Gonzalez and will kick off on Friday, October 14th at 6:30 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, it will be provided at the church with drop off at 6:15 PM. 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.

OCTOBER EVENTS



FAMILY FUSION: 5th Sunday Gathering

For each month with a 5th Sunday, we are going to be including kids in the services with donuts, a kid friendly message, and activity sheets with completion prizes. Join us on **October 29**, for some fun, fellowship, and...

PUMPKIN LAUNCHING!!!

*The pumpkin launching will follow service.



PUMPKIN PATCH

Join us for our 6th Annual Pumpkin Patch. All proceeds go to Fort Bend Rainbow Room, helping abused and neglected children in our community.

Opening Day: Sunday, October 1st 12:30pm

Open Wed-Fri: 3:00pm-Dusk

Sat: 11:00am-Dusk

Sun: 12:30pm-Dusk



FRIDAYS IN THE PATCH

October 6: S'mores Night | 5:00 PM

October 13: Petting Zoo | 5:00 PM

October 20: Movie Night | Hotel Transylvania at 7:00 PM & Matilda at 9:00 PM **Bring a blanket or chair to sit on!



Volunteer Spotlight

OSCAR TRAVIS

It's a joy to recognize Oscar as our volunteer of the month. Oscar has been a member of our church since November of 1979. He has been an usher, Junior High teacher & a greeter. He is still currently serving on our Welcome Team. Oscar has been a part of our community for quite some time now, and his dedication is evidenced by his heartwarming smiles and genuine spirit. Many Sundays, he's often the first face visitors see, and I believe God's love shines brightly through him. Oscar, your warmth enriches our congregation, and for that, we are incredibly grateful. Thank you for embodying the loving spirit of Horizon Baptist Church.



Horizon Family Photos



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Pumpkin Patch Opening Day
Sunday, October 1st
12:30 PM

Fridays in the Patch
October 6, 13
5:00 PM
October 20
7:00 PM/9:00 PM

Fall Festival
October 7
11:00 - 3:00 PM

Ladies Luncheon
Monday, October 9
11:00 AM

Family Fusion: 5th Sunday
Gathering
October 29
10:45 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



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