

ON THE HORIZON



A Letter From The Pastor

BY JOHN STRADER

As we turn the page to August, it's incredible to reflect on the journey we've been on this summer. I hope you've all had a chance to relax, recharge, and enjoy some special moments with loved ones.

August brings the start of a new school year for our kids. It's a season of new beginnings, fresh opportunities, and a chance to grow in knowledge and faith. Let's keep our students, teachers, and school staff in our prayers as they embark on this new chapter.

In our Sunday services, we will continue our deep dive into the book of Acts, focusing on chapters 18-21. These passages are filled

with stories of Paul's missionary journeys and the early church's perseverance and growth. I believe these chapters will inspire us to live out our faith with boldness and conviction.

As we wrap up the summer and transition into the fall, let's carry forward the spirit of learning and growth, both spiritually and academically. May this month be a time of renewed commitment to our faith and our community.

Looking forward to seeing you all and diving deeper into God's Word together.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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SUN Children's Ministry Meeting

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SAT HBC Potluck and Movie Night

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SUN Lord's Supper and Family Meeting

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SAT Church Hurt Seminar

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SAT Ladies' Craft Day

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SAT Church Work Day

SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday School 9:30 | Worship Service 10:45

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

We have childcare for all ages for both Sunday School and Children's Church.
Sunday School is at 9:30 and Children's Church at 10:45.



Children's Ministry Meeting

There will be a meeting for all parents of children up to 5th grade, as well as all those working with or interested in working with kids during Sunday School and Children's Church. We will meet on August 4th right after the morning service. Lunch will be provided.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Strong Families

Meeting Room 112

This class is led by Chad Bishop. The goal is for each individual to be the best follower of Christ they can be. The group is currently discussing the Gospel of John, and its applications to each person's role within the family, workplace, and community.

Ladies Sunday School

Meeting Room 114

This class is lead by Veronica George and is for women, single, widowed, never married, or married now divorced. Ms. Lela shares "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."

Living Long & Loving It Spiritual Growth

Meets in the Sanctuary

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. Charles Graham. Everyone is welcome and will definitely be made to feel like part of the family!

SPECIAL EVENTS



HBC POTLUCK AND MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday, August 10th

The Hospitality Team will be hosting a potluck and movie night on Saturday, August 10th. Potluck dinner will begin at 4:30pm and the movie will begin at 6:00pm. We will serve popcorn and candy for adults and kids! We will have a movie for adults, as well as another movie for the children in the preschool room so children uninterested in the movie will be free to play with the toys.

LORD'S SUPPER & FAMILY MEETING

Sunday, August 11th

We will come together Sunday, August 11th in observance of the Lord's Supper at 4:30pm. Please begin to prepare yourself as we come together as a church family to remember the sacrifice and look forward to the hope found in our Savior.

We will also hold our Quarterly Family Meeting on Sunday, August 11th at 5:00pm. Packets will be available on Sunday, August 4th. Please plan to attend!

CHURCH HURT SEMINAR

Saturday, August 17th

Pastor Jodie and Gabby Vesely will be hosting the Church Hurt Seminar: Allowing God to Heal the Heart on Saturday, August 17th at the Missouri City Recreation and Tennis Center. It is designed for those who have been directly or indirectly hurt by the church, to encourage forgiveness and reconciliation. The seminar is also designed to help prevent church hurt.

Tickets are \$25 and lunch will be catered at the event. Please use the QR code to register.



CHURCH WORK DAY

Saturday, August 31st

The Building and Ground Committee invites you to a work day at the church on Saturday, August 31st from 10:00am to 4:00pm to complete some projects around the building and grounds. If you can come, please sign up in the church foyer.

MINISTRIES

NEWS AND UPDATES

Women of the Word (W.O.W.)

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Ladies Luncheon

All the ladies of the church are invited to the ladies' luncheon, Monday, August 12th at 11:00am. We will be meeting at Oliver's Gourmet, 3843 Cartwright Rd.

Save the Dates

AUG 24 Ladies Craft Day 10AM

OCT 12 District Ladies Meeting 10AM

NOV 1-2 Texas Women's Retreat

DEC 6 Cookie and Ornament Exchange 6PM

Shoe and Sock Drive for Sole Loved

Thank you for all the generous donations to support Sole Loved! The opportunity to donate new shoes and socks ends August 4th. If shopping is not your thing, you can donate through Horizon Baptist Church or the Sole Loved website. Every little bit helps put shoes and socks on children in the community!

Disciples of God

MEN'S MINISTRY

Men's Prayer Breakfast and Outreach

We're kicking off a new rhythm this month with our Men's Prayer Breakfast, now meeting twice a month. Join us at Denny's (6131 Hwy 6, Missouri City, TX 77459) on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of August at 6:00am. It's a fantastic way to start the day with fellowship, prayer, and a hearty breakfast.

In addition to our breakfasts, we're planning a meaningful outreach. We'll be visiting Teresita's brother, Edward. This visit is a chance to offer our support, share God's love, and spend quality time with someone in need of community and encouragement.

These gatherings and outreach efforts are more than just events; they're opportunities to grow stronger together in faith and brotherhood. I encourage you to mark your calendars and make an effort to join us. Looking forward to seeing you there and making a difference together.

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Sprightly Stroll and Supplication

Walk and Pray

The next stroll will be Wednesday, August 14th at 8:30am at Lost Creek Park. It will be held weekly through the Fall, unless otherwise decided due to weather or other conflicts. There is a group message on Facebook for anyone interested in joining. Please contact Pastor Jodie to get connected with updates!

Sprightly Stroll and Supplication is a group that gathers to pray out loud and walk together on the park trails. The prayer is focused on needs in the community and church, as well as any personal prayer requests from the group. It typically lasts around an hour.

Mom Group

Moms of Babies and Toddlers

Mamas, come join us for a weekly mom-and-baby get together! During the summer we will be meeting on Mondays at 3:00pm. We would love to have you join our village! There is a rotation of houses each week, contact Aileen Loftin for more information.

Single Women Home Group

All Single Women

The Single Women home group will begin again at the end of August, and meet on Fridays weekly at 6:30pm. They will be studying the book of Ezekiel. This is a group for all single women, including widows and divorcees, for spiritual growth and fellowship together. If you are interested in more information, contact Rose Bess.

Senior Women Bible Study

Senior Ladies (50+)

The Senior Ladies Bible study will be every Tuesday from 10:00am-12:00pm, starting Tuesday, July 30th. They will meet at the church for fellowship and a book study on Trusting God's Plan by Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth. You can order books on Amazon or contact Connie. Books are \$12. There will be a few extra books for purchase at the first meeting, as available.

This Esther study is planned to begin for all women starting Tuesday, September 10th from 6:30-8:30pm.

HORIZON FAMILY PHOTOS



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Doug Rutledge

Our August volunteer spotlight is Doug Rutledge. Doug grew up in this church, formerly located in Alief and named Bellaire West Baptist Church. He met his wife, Hope, at the church when they were young. They have known one another since elementary school, although they did not start dating until after high school. They were eventually married in the church, which by that time had moved to the current location. They have attended as members since 2017.

Doug has been working with the youth at Horizon since 2018. He is the Youth Director, as well as a deacon. He assists with the sound booth and coordinates website updates as well.

Doug and Hope have four children: Geoffrey (16), Emerson (15), Averie (9) and Sadie (7)--as well as three dogs! His hobbies include attending his children's sports competitions, video games, watching movies, and spending time with family by the pool.

Doug shares, "Although I grew up in the church, and asked 'Jesus into my heart' several times, even got baptized once, I was not saved until I was 22. When I was younger I was just doing what I thought I was supposed to do. At 22, however, I truly saw myself as the sinner I was and had true repentance for rebelling against God."

We are thankful to Doug, and his dedication to serving our church family and local community!