

ON THE HORIZON



September

A Letter From The Pastor

BY JOHN STRADER

September is here, and with it comes the full swing of our fall routines. School is back in session, and I'm thrilled to see our student ministry and AWANA programs returning to Sunday nights. These ministries are vital in helping our young people grow in their faith and build lasting relationships. Let's keep our students, leaders, and families in our prayers as they embark on another year of learning and spiritual growth. In our Sunday morning services, we'll be continuing our journey through the book of Acts, focusing on chapters 21-25 throughout the month. These chapters highlight Paul's bold witness in the face of adversity and remind us of the

courage and faithfulness required in our own walk with Christ.

As we approach the end of the month, don't forget that the fifth Sunday will be our Family Fusion Sunday. It's always a joy to gather as one big church family, worshipping together across all generations. It's a special time to come together in unity, celebrate what God is doing in our midst, and look forward to what's ahead.

I'm excited for all that God has in store for us this month. Let's continue to grow, serve, and worship together as we follow the path He has laid out for us.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 8**
SUN Youth Taco Dinner Sale
AWANA Pep Rally and
Registration
- 10**
TUE Ladies Bible Study
Begins
- 13**
FRI Men's Prayer Lunch
- 15**
SUN AWANA Begins
- 21**
SAT Pumpkin Patch
Set Up
- 25**
WED Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 28**
SAT Pumpkins Delivered
& Pumpkin Patch Begins
- 29**
SUN Family Fusion
Messy Sunday

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.

Messy Sunday

Fifth Sunday Family Fusion

Children's Sunday School at 9:30am will be having a Messy Sunday on Sunday, September 29th, including slime, science experiments, and more! Donuts will also be provided for everyone.

Taco Dinner Sale

Youth and Fellowship Committee Fundraiser



There will be a Taco Dinner Sale on September 8th. Dinners are \$12 and will consist of two crunchy tacos, beans, rice, chips and salsa. Funds are being raised for our Family Christmas Dinner, youth events and mission trip. They will be available to-go or to eat at church. The sign up sheets is in the foyer.

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 led 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!



AWANA is BACK!

Sunday Nights 5-6:30PM

We're thrilled to announce that the new AWANA year is about to begin, and we've got some exciting things planned!

Pep Rally and Registration

Sunday, September 8th

Our Opening Night Pep Rally and Registration will be held on Sunday, September 8th, from 5-6PM. This is the perfect time to sign up, meet our amazing leaders, and get pumped for the year ahead.

Opening Night

Sunday, September 15th

Starting the following Sunday, September 15th, our regular club nights will kick off from 5-6:30PM. We're excited to welcome back all our clubbers and introduce you to some new faces—both students and leaders.

Classes for 2024-2025

 **Puggles Class (Ages 1-2)**

Cubbies Class (Pre School)

Sparks Class (K-2nd Grade)

Truth and Training Class (3rd-5th Grade)



We have something for every age group, and we can't wait to see how God works in the lives of our children this year. With new workers joining the team and classes tailored for each age group, this AWANA year promises to be a fantastic journey of fun, learning, and spiritual growth. Let's make this year our best one yet!

See you at the Pep Rally!



MINISTRIES

NEWS AND UPDATES

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

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Ladies Bible Study

This Esther study will begin for all women starting Tuesday, September 10th from 6:30-8:30PM. The book study will be based on Trusting God's Plan by Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth. All women are welcome, including teenage daughters! It is never too early for them to experience a ladies Bible study and to study God's Word.

We will begin with a time to have dinner. Bring your own dinner, if you wish to eat together from 6-6:45PM. We will begin the study by 6:45PM. Books will be available for purchase at the first meeting. They are \$12 a piece.

Save the Dates

OCT 12 District Ladies Meeting 10AM
NOV 1-2 Texas Women's Retreat
DEC 6 Cookie and Ornament Exchange 6PM

Disciples of God

MEN'S MINISTRY

Men's Prayer Breakfast and Lunch

We're introducing a NEW Men's Prayer Lunch on the second Friday of each month (September 13th) at noon. We'll gather at different locations to break up the day with meaningful fellowship and focused prayer. Stay tuned for details on where we'll be meeting each month!

We'll also continue our Men's Prayer Breakfast at Denny's (6131 Hwy 6, Missouri City, TX 77459) on the last Wednesday of the month (September 25th) at 6AM. It's a great way to start your day by lifting each other up in prayer.

Outreach Opportunity

We are putting together a special group of guys to visit Teresita's brother, who has recently been released from prison after 36 years for a crime he didn't commit. He's still building his strength and isn't able to get out much, so we're planning to bring a Bible study to him. This is a powerful opportunity to minister, encourage, and stand with a brother in Christ as he rebuilds his life. These gatherings and outreach efforts are essential for building our brotherhood and growing together in faith. We encourage you to join us for prayer, fellowship, and service this month.

MINISTRIES

NEWS AND UPDATES

Sprightly Stroll and Supplication

Walk and Pray

The next stroll will be Wednesday, September 4th at 8:30AM at Lost Creek Park. It is 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 fall we will be meeting on Mondays from 10-11AM. We would love to have you join our village! There is a rotation of locations each week, contact Aileen Loftin for more information.

Single Women Home Group

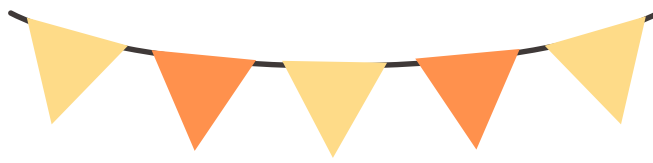
All Single Women

The Single Women home group will begin again in the beginning of September, 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 joining, contact Rose Bess.

Senior Women Bible Study

Senior Ladies (50+)

The Senior Ladies Bible study is every Tuesday from 10AM-12PM, starting Tuesday, July 30th. They meet at the church for fellowship and a book study on Trusting God's Plan by Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth. If you have any questions or are interested in joining, contact Connie Rutledge.



Pumpkin Patch *and* Fall Festival

Volunteer Opportunities

Church Workdays

Saturday, September 21st Pumpkin Patch Set Up at 9AM

Saturday, September 28th Pumpkin Delivery at 8AM*

*Breakfast will be provided

Saturday, November 2nd Tear Down

Food Donation Drive

There will be a food drive the entire month of October. More information to come!

Patch Hours

September 28th to October 31st

Wednesday to Friday 3PM to Dusk

Saturday 10AM to Dusk

Sunday 12PM to Dusk

*Other days will be open by appointment only

Special Events



Fall Festival

10AM-4PM

October 5th

Craft Fair, blow ups, food trucks, games,
and more!

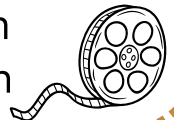
Fridays at the Patch

7-9PM

October 11th

October 18th

October 25th



HORIZON FAMILY PHOTOS



Ladies Craft Event



"Nailed It" Winners



Activity Bags for kids in CPS



Movie Night Fellowship

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Sabrina McKinney

Our September volunteer spotlight is Sabrina McKinney. She joined Horizon Baptist Church in Spring 2024, and has since been an active volunteer within Children's Ministry. Sabrina serves in the nursery as well as the 3 and 4-year-old class during Sunday School. She will also be an AWANA leader in the Sparkies class!

She was involved in Acteens growing up, which helped grow her passion for missions. She accepted Christ when she was 16 years old and attended Houston Baptist University. She met her husband at church in a college class. They were friends for several years before getting married. Sabrina enjoys baking, reading, sewing, and spending time with her family.

She began working in the nursery in college and found her lifelong mission to disciple children. Sabrina shares, "I once wanted to be a missionary. But as I started to volunteer realized I did not have to be overseas to be a missionary. God showed me I can serve right here in Houston."

We are thankful to Sabrina, and her dedication to serving our church family and local community!



Sabrina