

ON THE HORIZON



January

Special Message from Women of the Word Ministry on Pages 6-7

A Letter From The Pastor

BY JOHN STRADER

Happy New Year! As we step into January, I am filled with anticipation for all that God has in store for us as a church in 2025. This year, we're embarking on a monumental journey together—a sermon series through a harmony of the Gospels. Walking through the life of Christ across all four Gospel accounts will not only challenge us but also deepen our understanding of who Jesus is and how He calls us to live. It's a big undertaking, but I truly believe it will be transformative for our church as we dive deeper into the story of our Savior.

In addition to this exciting series, January is a time to celebrate milestones as a church family. We're thrilled to join Maggie and James in celebrating the upcoming arrival of their little one with a baby shower this month. Let's surround them with love, encouragement, and prayers as they prepare for this new chapter in their lives.

To close out the month, we will gather for a special evening service on the last Sunday of January to observe the Lord's Supper. This is always a meaningful time of reflection and worship as we remember the sacrifice of Jesus and renew our commitment to Him and to one another.

As we begin this new year, I encourage you to step forward in faith, commit to growing deeper in the Word, and continue to build up our church family with love and service. I'm grateful to walk this journey with you.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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SUN AWANA and Students Ministry Begins for 2025!
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FRI Men's Prayer Luncheon
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SUN AWANA Triple Points Students Ministry
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MON Ladies Luncheon
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SUN Taco Sunday in the Cafe AWANA Crazy Hat Night Students Ministry
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MON MLK Students Service Day
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SAT Men's Prayer Breakfast Church Workday
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SUN WOW Meeting and Elections Lord's Supper Family Meeting AWANA Frito Pie Night Students Ministry

DID YOU KNOW WE HAVE A CHURCH CALENDAR?

For the most updated information on events, use this QR code to view our church calendar! If you would like to add something on the calendar to share with everyone, contact Rose Bess.



SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday School 9:30 | Worship Service 10:45

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

We have childcare for all kids, infant to 5th grade, through Sunday School and Children's Church. Sunday School is at 9:30AM and Children's Church at 10:45AM.

Sunday School Toys Update



We are needing to update some of our toys to continue providing a safe, clean environment for our kids to play and learn about Jesus. If you are interested in contributing, follow this QR code for an Amazon wish list of appropriate toys and equipment to be purchased.



STUDENTS MINISTRY

Middle School (Grades 6-8) in Meeting Room 112

High School (Grades 9-12) in Meeting Room 111

Students in grades 6-12 are invited to join us for Sunday School as we study books of the Bible and discuss together.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Strong Families

Meeting Room 103

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 working through books of the Bible, and their application 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!

SUNDAY EVENING

AWANA 5-6:30PM | Students Ministry 5-6:30PM

AWANA

AWANA is a great way to continue the fun, learning, and spiritual growth of our children. There are classes on Sunday evenings for children, ranging from age 1 to 5th grade. Classes for this year began in September. If you are interested in registering your children for AWANA, contact Rose Bess.

We're back and ready to kick off an exciting new year in AWANA! After a two-week break, we'll resume our regular club night on Sunday, January 5th. We're so excited to see everyone again as we dive back into God's Word and AWANA fun.

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Triple Points Night

January 12th

It's Triple Points Night! Kids can earn extra points for attending, bringing their Bibles, and memorizing their verses. Let's get those AWANA bucks rolling!



Crazy Hat Day

January 19th

It's time for Crazy Hat Day! Send your kids in their wildest, most creative hats for a night of fun and laughs.



Frito Pie Night

January 26th

We'll end the month with Frito Pie Night! A favorite for everyone, it's sure to be a delicious and memorable evening.

STUDENTS MINISTRY

Students in grades 6-12 meet on Sunday nights from 5-6:30PM during the school year for a time of worship, lessons, small group discussion, and games!



MLK Service Day

Monday, January 20th

Students will celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day with a community service event. The youth will be learning about human trafficking, and packing intervention bags for Elijah Rising. More details coming soon!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

2/14 Valentines Youth Fundraiser

3/22 Youth Car Wash and Yard Sale

4/18 Glow in the Dark Party

MINISTRIES

NEWS AND EVENTS

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MEN'S MINISTRY

This past month has been an exciting time for our Men's Ministry as we've welcomed some new faces to our prayer gatherings. It's always a blessing to see our group grow as we come together to lift each other up in prayer and seek God's guidance for our lives.

As we move into January, let's continue building on this momentum. Whether you're a regular attendee or considering joining us for the first time, we'd love to have you be a part of what God is doing in our Men's Ministry. Let's continue growing together as men of faith in 2025!

Men's Prayer Lunch

Friday, January 10th

Join us for our Men's Prayer Lunch at Red Oak Grill at noon. It's a great opportunity to connect over a meal and spend time in prayer.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, January 25th

Our Men's Prayer Breakfast will meet at 6AM at Denny's (6131 Hwy 6, Missouri City). It's a chance to start the weekend with fellowship, prayer, and encouragement from God's Word.



WOMEN OF THE WORD (WOW)

Meeting and Officer Elections

Sunday, January 26th

Special information at the end of this newsletter!

Church Workday

Saturday, January 25th

The next church workday will be Saturday, January 25th from 10AM to 2PM. There will be an opportunity to sign up for shifts, either from 10AM to 12PM or 12PM to 2PM. Of course, there is also the option to come and stay for the full four hours as well! Please let us know if you will be there so we can plan projects accordingly.



Family Meeting and Lord's Supper

Sunday, January 26th

All church members are invited to partake in the Lord's Supper on January 26th at 3:30PM. There will be a Family Meeting following communion, from 4PM to 5PM. The Annual Budget Meeting will be combined with the family meeting. We will be voting on the 2025 budget, reviewing the end of year budget, and voting on new committee members.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Rebecca Magallon

Our January volunteer spotlight is Rebecca Magallon. Rebecca and her family have been members of Horizon Baptist Church for two years. She was most recently lead coordinator for Operation Christmas Child at the church. She organized the donations from our church, and made it possible for our building to be a drop off location for boxes all over the area. Rebecca transported over 1,000 boxes to the central collection, and continued to volunteer at the distribution center in Dallas the following week!

Rebecca enjoys spending time with her husband, Jaime, and children: Rosheba, Brayden, Jellyssia, Alexis, and Harlow. She often embarks on long road trips with them. She has volunteered in the children's ministry and youth ministry, and always serves with heart. This past August, she and Hope painted the children's wing of the church. She has a huge passion for missions, and is raising her children to love missions as well.

We are thankful for Rebecca and her devotion to the Horizon family and community!
Thank you, Rebecca!



Valentines Day Dinner

Friday, February 14th

Tired of fighting the crowd on Valentine's Day? Come and join us for a wonderful dinner together, hosted by our Hospitality Team and Students Ministry. There will be desserts, as well as opportunities to donate and support our youth program. More details to come.

HORIZON FAMILY SPOTLIGHT

UPDATE

Operation Christmas Child

Thank you everyone who donated and prayed over for the boxes from Operation Christmas Child! Our church family packed a total of 138 boxes for children. As a distribution center for our area, we collected, packed, and delivered 1,096 boxes!

Elijah Rising Intervention Bag Collection

The Women of the Word ministry collected donations for Elijah Rising, to provide care bags for those impacted by human trafficking. We were able to provide 47 bags, filled with thoughtful gifts for the women to receive and learn firsthand about the love of Christ!

Faith Promise Giving

As a church, we have now committed to give over \$19,500 in faith to missions in 2025! We thank you all for praying about giving in faith to missions and following through in committing!

If you would still like to participate in Faith Promise Missions Giving and haven't filled out a commitment card, it is never too late! Please just fill out a commitment card and turn it into the office or the black box in the sanctuary. We will update the commitments and progress throughout the year as a way to encourage everyone, including our missionaries!



Women of the Word

Women of the Word, also known as WOW, is comprised of the adult female members of Horizon Baptist Church. The purpose of WOW is to strengthen relationships within the church by organizing fun events, bible studies, and retreats for ladies.

How can I get plugged into WOW?

Attend Meetings and Share Your Ideas

WOW meets quarterly on the same day as the Family Meeting. The purpose of WOW meetings is to present ideas for events, explore volunteer opportunities, recommend bible studies, and more. We want to do things that interest you and support causes that you are passionate about! .

Come to Events

Participate in bible studies, attend retreats. Join the WOW Supper Club and get to know your fellow sisters in Christ on a deeper level! Attend WOW events at church. You don't have to come to every event. When your schedule allows, join us!

Serve

Help set up for events.

Donate and prepare items needed for events.

Help spread the word about special collections/offerings.

Become an Officer!

The next WOW meeting is scheduled January 26th at 2:30PM. We will be electing new officers and building out the calendar for 2025.

Please join us with your fun and fresh ideas so we can make 2025 the best year yet!



Why do we need Officers?

As with any project, there has to be someone in charge, or it's chaos! Officers serve as organizers for the office they are elected for.

This does not mean they do all of the work. As the hands and feet of Jesus, it is the responsibility of everyone to help when they can.

The officers do not have ultimate authority over decisions. Everything we do is voted on, which is why attending meetings is so important.

What are the Offices and their Responsibilities?

Each office has a 2-year term, with a term limit of 4-years.

President

The president leads the quarterly meetings and ensures all business is handled between meetings.

The President makes announcements to the church body and gives updates to the Communications Department so information can be included in the monthly newsletter.

Special Events Coordinator

The special events coordinator ensures that each event has all elements covered: decor, food, volunteers.

They do not do all of the work themselves. They communicate with the church secretary to have events included in the church bulletin and the calendar. They post reminders/details on the WOW FB page and the HBC Family FB page. There can be more than one person in this position.

Secretary

The secretary records minutes for each meeting and posts them on the WOW Facebook page so those not in attendance are kept up to date.

The secretary turns announcements in to the church secretary so they can be included in the bulletin.

If a need arises between quarterly meetings, the officers will communicate via text and/or email and vote whether to approve or deny the request. This will be presented by the president at the next meeting.

All of these positions are voluntary.

As such, there is flexibility with the term limits.

We understand life happens and you may enter a season where serving is not possible.

That's ok!

Communicate with your fellow officers and it will all work out!

Vice-President

The VP is a president-in-training with the expectation they will step into the president position the next election cycle.

The vice-president fills in for the president as needed and organizes the WOW Supper Club.

Treasurer

The treasurer is responsible for reconciling the WOW bank account and reporting on activity at the quarterly meetings. All expenditures are voted on.

The treasurer does not make executive decisions on how funds are used.

Vacancies for 2025

President

Vice-President

Special Events Coordinator

Secretary

Begin praying over how God can use you and your talents in this ministry!

If you are being led to serve as an officer, attend the meeting on January 26th for elections.