

ON THE HORIZON



A Letter From The Pastor

BY JOHN STRADER

April is here—and with it comes one of the most powerful reminders of our faith: the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Easter is more than a celebration on the calendar—it's the cornerstone of our hope. Through the cross and the empty tomb, Jesus has conquered sin and death, offering us new life and eternal peace with God. What a reason to rejoice!

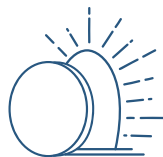
As we continue our journey through the Gospels in our sermon series, I pray this Easter season helps us see Jesus with renewed wonder. Whether you've walked with Him for years or are just beginning to explore who He is, Easter reminds us all that there's always hope, always grace, and always new life in Christ.

This month also brings an incredible opportunity to reach out to our community!

On Saturday, April 12th from 2–5 PM, we'll be hosting our Community Easter Egg Hunt, and it's going to be a blast. We're talking thousands of eggs, inflatables, snacks, and more. This is an amazing way to show God's love in a fun, welcoming environment. I encourage you to invite your neighbors, volunteer if you can, and help us plant seeds of hope in the lives of families right here in our community.

Let's make the most of this season—celebrating the risen Savior, sharing His love, and stepping boldly into all He's called us to.

He is Risen!



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 6** **SUN** AWANA Leader Appreciation Night
Students Ministry
- 11** **FRI** Men's Prayer Lunch
- 12** **SAT** Easter Egg Hunt
- 13** **SUN** AWANA Missions Night
Students Ministry
- 20** **SUN** Easter Sunday
Taco Sunday in the Cafe
No AWANA/Students
- 25** **FRI** Adult Small Group
- 26** **SAT** Men's Prayer Breakfast
WOW Quarterly Meeting
- 27** **SUN** AWANA Super Duper Scooper 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.



VBS Extreme Coming this Summer!

Mark your calendars for July 21st to 25th for VBSextreme 2025! We need some help to make this an amazing week. Whether you can work all five days for one hour or two, we can use you! Contact Hope Rutledge if you can be a part of the party!

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 2 Corinthians, 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.

April is here, and we've got an exciting month ahead in AWANA full of appreciation, learning, and of course—ice cream! As always, thank you for your support and encouragement. We love seeing our kids grow in their love for God's Word each week. Let's finish the AWANA year strong!



Leader Appreciation Night

April 7th

We'll take time to honor and thank our amazing AWANA leaders who give their time and hearts each week to help our kids grow in Christ.



Missions Sunday

April 14th

Our clubbers will learn about what it means to share the Gospel with others around the world and how they can be part of God's mission.



Super Duper Scooper Night

April 27th

We're ending the month with one of our favorite traditions—ice cream night! Clubbers will enjoy a sweet treat to celebrate all their hard work.

Easter Sunday

AWANA and Students Ministry will not have evening events on April 20th due to the Easter holiday.



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!

MINISTRIES

NEWS AND EVENTS

WOMEN OF THE WORD (WOW)

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Quarterly Women's Meeting

Saturday, April 26th

All the ladies of the church are invited to the quarterly meeting for women's ministry from 10-11AM. There will be an opportunity to hear about upcoming events as well as service opportunities. We encourage you to bring your ideas as well!

There will be a sign up sheet available in the lobby for any ladies interested in contributing breakfast items to share!

Women's Supper Club Sign Up

Coming at the End of April

Are you interested in connecting with other women at the church? Each quarter, women who sign up for Supper Club are matched with a small group of ladies to bond over a few meals together. With the help of your group leader, you can decide together how often and where you meet! We would love for you to join us!

Ladies Book Club

The Ladies Book Club will begin in May! We will only meet at the END of the month when we have completed a book, to discuss it and then move onto the next book to read. If you cannot join one month, no worries, you can catch the next one!

In May, we will be reading *My Dear Hemlock* by Tilly Dillehay. It will be a month long read.



DISCIPLES OF GOD

MEN'S MINISTRY

As we continue growing together in faith and fellowship, we want to invite you to join us for two great opportunities this April to gather, pray, and encourage one another. These prayer gatherings are a vital part of our men's ministry as we seek to become the men God has called us to be in our homes, church, and community.

We encourage you to make time for these gatherings this month—you won't regret it. God is doing something powerful among the men of Horizon, and we'd love for you to be a part of it.

Men's Prayer Lunch

Friday, April 11th

Men's Prayer Lunch will be Friday, April 11th at 12PM Micheaux's Southern Cuisine (6850 Highway 6, Missouri City, TX 77459). Join us for a great meal and meaningful conversation as we take time to connect and pray together during the lunch hour.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, April 26th

Men's Prayer Breakfast will be on Saturday, April 26th at 8AM Denny's (6131 Highway 6, Missouri City, TX 77459). Start your weekend off right with breakfast, fellowship, and time in prayer with your brothers in Christ.

Sprightly Stroll and Supplication

Walk and Pray

The next stroll will be Wednesday, April 2nd from 8:30-10AM at Lost Creek Park. It is held weekly through the Spring, 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.



Our Grief Share group meets at the church every second and fourth Tuesday from 6:30 to 8:30PM. It is a 13-week support group, which started on January 14th. This is an open group to the community, for anyone who is experiencing a loss. There is an option to attend virtually or in-person. Each week, there is a video seminar, group discussion, and personal reflection. Contact Rose Bess, or register at [griefshare.org/find a group](http://griefshare.org/find-a-group).

Young Adult Small Group

All Adults

The Adult Small Group meets once a month at the home of Keith and Aileen Loftin. This is a home group open to all adults and meets one Friday a month at 7:15PM. The next group will be Friday, April 25th. If you are interested in joining, reach out to the Loftins or call the church office for the address and to RSVP. Childcare will be provided starting at 7PM, but it is important to notify Aileen or Rose if it will be needed so we can ensure there will be adequate supervision.

If you would like to volunteer a couple of hours a month to help watch the children, please contact Rose.

Single Women Bible Study

All Single Ladies

The Single Ladies home group is starting a new study on Wednesday, April 9th, and will meet on Wednesdays weekly at 6:30PM. They will be studying Women of the Bible. 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.

Join us for our
community-wide

EASTER Egg Hunt

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*Easter bunny.
6,000 hidden eggs.
Snacks.
Bounce Houses.*

2:00 - 5:00 PM

If you would like to contribute toward eggs and stuffers, follow this QR code to the Amazon wish list! The deadline for donations is April 6th.



Thanks to a new computer, new software, and new wiring in the audio/visual booth in the sanctuary, we have quality live streams of the entire worship service again that you can view and hear from anywhere, including the church cafe and foyer.

*Coming
soon*

A Season of Missions

Jodie Vesely, Care Pastor

I am very excited to see what God will do through all of these missions events. I hope you will join us to support and be encouraged by these amazing experiences!

MAY

The entire Vesely Family will travel to Tashkent, Uzbekistan to visit the Morgans. After that, we'll work with the ministry in Saint Petersburg, Russia.

**2ND WEEK
OF
JUNE**

Youth and some adults will join other churches on a trip to Sikeston, Missouri. We will help a church with outreach through IMPACT. There's still time to sign up!

**3RD WEEK
OF
JUNE**

Jodie and Gabby will lead the TCK Transition Seminar in Springfield, Missouri. This seminar is designed for young adult missionary kids to prepare them for the next steps in their journey.

**FINAL
WEEK OF
JUNE**

Missions Revival (June 26th-29th)

Join us for a Missions Revival at the church. Meet and encourage our guest missionaries, including the Morgans from Uzbekistan, the Crooks from Belize, and the Ledbetters from Topeka, Kansas. We will also welcome guest evangelist Chris Bocklage and his wife, Melissa, who are missionaries based in Indianapolis.