

# ON THE HORIZON

# May

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## A Letter From The Pastor

BY JOHN STRADER

As we step into May, I'm filled with excitement and gratitude for all the ways God continues to move in our church family. This month brings a lot to celebrate, both in our lives and in the life of our church!

We'll kick things off with a special time of fellowship on Sunday, May 4, as we gather after church for our Cinco de Mayo celebration. It's going to be a great afternoon of food, laughter, and time spent together as a family.

On Sunday, May 11, we'll take time to honor and celebrate the incredible mothers and women in our lives for Mother's Day. It's always a powerful reminder of the strength, love, and faithfulness of the women God has placed around us.

This month is also personally special for me—May 14 marks my 41st birthday, and Memorial Day Weekend will mark 16 years since I preached my very first sermon. As I reflect on these milestones, I'm overwhelmed by God's faithfulness and so thankful for the privilege to serve alongside each of you here at Horizon.

Spiritually, we continue to walk through our Gospel series, and this month we will be stepping into a critical moment in the life of Jesus—His baptism and the beginning of His earthly ministry. These moments are rich with meaning and will set the stage for everything we'll explore in the months ahead. I encourage you to stay connected, stay hungry, and let God's Word shape you as we journey together through the life of Christ.

Let's make this a month of celebration, reflection, and renewed commitment to the mission God has given us.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 4**  
SUN Cinco de Mayo Lunch  
AWANA Frito Pie Night  
Students Ministry
- 11**  
SUN Mother's Day  
No AWANA or Students
- 16**  
FRI Men's Prayer Breakfast  
Young Adult Small Group
- 18**  
SUN Taco Sunday in the Cafe  
AWANA Moving Up Night  
Students Ministry
- 24**  
SAT Women's High Tea Event
- 25**  
SUN AWANA Award Night &  
AWANA Fair  
Students Ministry
- 31**  
SAT Men's Prayer Breakfast

### 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.

It's hard to believe, but we're in the final month of our AWANA year—and what a great year it's been! May is packed with fun, celebration, and a few important milestones for our clubbers. Thank you for your incredible support this year. We've seen so much growth in our kids' love for God's Word, and we're excited to finish strong together!



### Frito Pie Night

May 4<sup>th</sup>

We'll kick off the month with a fun, delicious night of Frito pies and fellowship!



### Moving Up Night

May 18<sup>th</sup>

Clubbers will celebrate moving up to their next class as they get ready for a new year of growth and learning.



### Awards Night and AWANA Fair

May 25<sup>th</sup>

We'll wrap up the year with our special Awards Night, recognizing all the hard work the kids have put in. Afterward, we'll celebrate with our always-popular AWANA Fair!

## Happy Mother's Day

AWANA and Students Ministry will not have evening events on May 11<sup>th</sup>, to celebrate and honor the amazing mothers in our lives.



## 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!



### End of Year Party

May 18<sup>th</sup>

Get ready for an evening of fun as we celebrate the year together!

### AWANA Fair

May 25<sup>th</sup>

Youth will be serving popcorn at the AWANA Fair.



# MINISTRIES

## NEWS AND EVENTS

### WOMEN OF THE WORD (WOW)

#### WOMEN'S MINISTRY

##### 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.

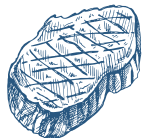


### DISCIPLES OF GOD

#### MEN'S MINISTRY

It's been exciting to see how God is growing our Men's Ministry! Our prayer gatherings have continued to build momentum, and it's been a blessing to see more and more men coming together to encourage one another and seek the Lord. Let's keep growing together as men who seek to lead, serve, and walk faithfully with God.

##### Steak Night Coming Soon!



We're excited to announce that we are working on planning a Men's Steak Night! More details will be coming soon—you won't want to miss this great evening of food, fellowship, and encouragement.

##### Men's Prayer Lunch

Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>

Men's Prayer Lunch will be Friday, May 16th at noon. We will be at Micheaux's Southern Cuisine 6850 Hwy 6, Missouri City, TX 77459. Come enjoy a good meal and meaningful time of prayer and fellowship.

##### Men's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>

Men's Prayer Breakfast will be Saturday, May 31st at 8AM. We are meeting at Denny's 6131 Hwy 6, Missouri City, TX 77459. Start your morning with food, fellowship, and focused prayer with your brothers in Christ.



# Women of the Word HIGH TEA EVENT



Join us for an afternoon of fellowship and Fun!  
Since we are having a Missions conference this  
summer our emphasis will be missions.

We put a twist to this event. Everyone that signs-up  
will be placed in teams. You will be responsible for  
decorating a table for the event. A prize will be given  
to the best table decorated.

Once we have established tables, your group will be  
assigned what to bring for food.

**2-4PM**

**Saturday 24th of May**

Horizon Baptist Church

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Missouri City, TX. 77459

For more details please see Ellen  
Bishop, Sabrina Mckinney, Teresita  
Prendez and Terese Woodward



PLEASE FEEL FREE  
TO INVITE A GUEST!



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, May 16th. 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 studying Women of the Bible, and meets on Wednesdays weekly at 6:30PM. 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.

## MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT

### Juan Gallegos

The next several months, we will be spotlighting the families our church helps to sponsor around the world. This month, we will be highlighting Juan Gallegos, president of the Central Baptist Seminary and pastor of Barea Baptist Mission in Del Rio, TX.

The membership and facilities of the church are expanding. The seminary recently celebrated 40 years of ministry! The keynote speaker for the celebration spoke on "Heaven and Hell; Blessings and Curses" which served as a lecture for the student body as well as an opportunity to invite others who had not placed their faith in Christ. After the lectures, four people gave their life to Christ! Please be in prayer for the growing congregations, local missionaries, and new believers they are reaching.



Learn more about their ministry and follow them on Facebook at Iglesia Bautista Barea.