

ON THE HORIZON

August

A Letter From The Pastor

BY JOHN STRADER

As we turn the page into August, there's a real sense of momentum and movement within our church family. Summer may be winding down, but ministry is gearing up in exciting ways.

We begin the month with a special weekend, our In-Town Ladies Retreat on August 1-2, offering our women a chance to step away, be refreshed, and reconnect. That same weekend, the men will gather for a Fish Fry on Saturday night, enjoying food, fellowship, and encouragement as we continue to grow together in Christ.

This month also brings preparation for the fall as we host an AWANA Training and our yearly leadership meeting. We can't wait to relaunch our clubs again in September. I'm so thankful for every leader who pours into our kids and helps shape their hearts for Jesus.

We'll gather for a Back-to-School Skate Party on August 9, and with FBISD starting back on August 12, let's commit to praying for our students, families, teachers, and school staff. It's a critical time to be a light in our schools and support one another in the rhythms of a new year.

We'll close the month with a Picnic on the Grounds on August 31, a great way to come together as a church family to laugh, eat, and enjoy the gift of community.

In our Sunday services, we'll continue to walk through the life of Jesus in the Gospels, focusing on His early ministry, His miracles, His healing, and His personal call to follow. My prayer is that this month renews your sense of awe for who Jesus is and deepens your desire to walk closely with Him.

Let's keep building, keep growing, and keep seeking the Lord together.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1** Ladies In-Town Retreat
FRI
- 2** Men's Fish and Chicken Fry
SAT
- 3** AWANA Workers Meeting
SUN
- 8** Adult Small Group
FRI
- 9** Back-To-School Skate Party
SAT Men's Prayer Lunch
- 17** Taco Sunday in the Cafe
SUN
- 23** Church Workday
SAT
- 24** AWANA Pep Rally
SUN
- 30** Men's Prayer Breakfast
SAT
- 31** Picnic on the Grounds
SUN

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.



Fifth Sunday Family Fusion

The Children's Ministry is hosting Family Fusion on August 31st, so come and join us for a Picnic on the Grounds!



SAVE THE DATES

9/13 Laser Tag

10/12 Basketball and S'mores

11/8 Food Drive and Cake Contest

12/14 Christmas 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 Romans, 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!



GET READY FOR AWANA!

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!

AWANA Workers Meeting

Sunday, August 3rd

If you would like to work in AWANA this year, please attend the AWANA Worker's Meeting on Sunday, August 3rd at 5PM. We will be assigning teachers and helpers, as well as going over the 2025-2026 calendar.

AWANA Training

Monday, August 4th

Don Estep, a Regional AWANA Church Care Coordinator, will be here on Monday, August 4th at 6:30PM to provide an AWANA Connect Leader Meeting. He will be sharing some ministry insights and some valuable workshop information that we can use in and through our club ministry. This training will include AWANA leaders and workers from other churches in our area.

Pep Rally and Registration

Sunday, August 24th

Our Opening Night Pep Rally and Registration will be held on Sunday, August 24th 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 7th

After taking a short break for the Labor Day weekend, our regular club nights will kick off from 5-6:30PM on Sunday, September 7th. We're excited to welcome back all our clubbers and introduce you to some new faces—both students and leaders.

Classes for 2025-2026

Puggles Class (Age 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!



MINISTRIES

NEWS AND EVENTS

WOMEN OF THE WORD (WOW) WOMEN'S MINISTRY

There are a lot of exciting events coming up! Our Book Club will continue monthly through the year. The Supper Club will be on hold until 2026. Our current missions focus is continuing to pray for and connect with the wives of the visiting missionaries from the 2025 Missions Conference: Lisa, Kim, and Abby. If you would like more information on how to encourage them, contact Ellen Bishop.

Ladies Pool Party

Friday, September 5th

There will be a pool party for the ladies at the home of Connie Rutledge on Friday, September 5th at 3PM. There will be time to swim, as well as a dinner of burgers for all who wish to partake! More details coming soon.



Quarterly Women's Meeting

Saturday, October 25th

The next quarterly meeting will be Saturday, October 25th at 10AM. All women are welcome to attend, and bring their ideas for upcoming events and service projects. We encourage everyone to bring brunch items to share!

Texas State Ladies Retreat

Friday, November 7th to Saturday, November 8th

The ladies will have an opportunity to join the Texas State Retreat in November, at the Pineywoods Baptist Camp. The deadline to register is October 13th, with your \$15 deposit (refundable up to \$5, if needed). There will be a sign up sheet available in the foyer starting the first week of September with updated information regarding costs of housing, food, and shirts.



DISCIPLES OF GOD MEN'S MINISTRY

August is a full month, and we're looking forward to what God will continue to do through our growing Men's Ministry. We're making a small shift this month to help more men get involved: our prayer lunch will be on a Saturday. These gatherings may seem simple, but they're the kind of steady, intentional moments that build lasting faith and strong community. Let's keep showing up for one another.

Men's Prayer Lunch

Saturday, August 9th

Men's Prayer Lunch will be Saturday, August 9th at 12PM Micheaux's Southern Cuisine (6850 Hwy 6, Missouri City, TX 77459). By moving our lunch to a Saturday, we hope to open the door for more men to join us who aren't available during the week. Bring a friend, enjoy a good meal, and take some time to pray with other men who are seeking to follow Jesus.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, August 30th

Men's Prayer Lunch will be Saturday, August 30th at 8AM Denny's (6131 Hwy 6, Missouri City, TX 77459). Start your day with prayer, good food, and connection with other men seeking to grow in faith.



BACK TO SCHOOL SKATE PARTY

Saturday, August 9th

There will be a Back-to-School Skate Party at the church on Saturday, August 9th from 6:30-9PM. Kids are welcome to attend, and bring a friend! Parents will need to stay with their children for the event. Bring your skates and have fun!

AFTER HOURS SKATING

There will be an After-Hours Skate Party for our Youth students from 9:30-11PM. All teens are welcome to bring their skates and join in! There will be skating, popcorn, candy, movies, games, and more!

Church Workday

Saturday, August 23rd

There will be a church workday on August 23rd from 10AM to 3PM. There will be a variety of projects to complete, so whether you can wipe down or build up--there is an opportunity to serve! Everyone is welcome to come lend a hand, either for the full time or in shifts. There will be more information and sign up opportunities as we get closer. If you are interested in learning more, reach out to Jodie Vesely.



Adult Home Group

Friday, August 8th

We're excited to host our next Adult Home Group at the Strader home (6223 Echo Lakes Lane Missouri City, TX 77459) on Friday, August 8th at 7PM. This is a great opportunity to connect with others in a relaxed setting, to encourage one another, and grow together in Christ.

Whether you're already plugged into a group or just looking to get to know more people in the church, you're warmly invited to join us. We'll have snacks, fellowship, and a time of conversation around God's Word. Bring a snack or dessert to share if you'd like, but most importantly, bring yourself and a heart ready to connect.

Basketball and Pickle Ball Court Coming Soon!

We have broken ground for our new basketball and pickle ball court in the field behind our church building! The court should be ready for use at the end of August.



THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who helped make VBS a huge success this year! We had a record breaking attendance, with an average of 131 children attending daily. It would not have been a success without each and every volunteer. We had 30 adult workers and 24 teen helpers faithfully serving. THANK YOU for your support and we look forward to great things next year!