

# ON THE HORIZON



## A Letter From The Pastor

BY JOHN STRADER

As we begin the month of July, I'm so thankful for the life and energy God continues to pour into our church family. We're kicking things off with Family Camp at Pine Springs, and I can't wait to see how God moves during that time away. Family Camp is always a meaningful opportunity for spiritual growth, quality time together, and lots of fun. We'll return refreshed and ready to step into all that's ahead, just in time to celebrate Independence Day on July 4th!

Looking ahead, Vacation Bible School is just around the corner! From July 21-25, we'll welcome kids from our church and community for a full week of fun and Gospel truth. This is one of the most impactful outreach events we do all year, and we need everyone: volunteers, prayers, and hearts ready to serve. We have a couple of VBS workdays coming up before the

big week, and I encourage you to jump in wherever you can. Helping prepare is just as important as helping lead!

This summer, let's continue to focus on building one another up and reaching our community with the love of Jesus. Whether it's camp, VBS, or simply showing up in each other's lives, let's stay faithful and expectant, because God is working.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**4** Return from Family Camp  
FRI

**6** Sweet Life Cafe  
SUN

**11** Men's Prayer Lunch  
FRI

**12** VBS Workday  
SAT WOW Quarterly Meeting

**13** Sweet Life Cafe  
SUN

**14** Ladies' Luncheon  
MON

**19** VBS Workday  
SAT

**20** Tacos in the Cafe  
SUN

**21** VBS Begins  
MON

**26** Men's Prayer Breakfast  
SAT

### 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.

## 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!



We have quality live streams of the entire worship service that you can view and hear from anywhere, including the church cafe and foyer. You can also check out our website for live streams of the service, and to watch previous sermons.



# SUMMER EVENTS

## CHILDREN & STUDENTS MINISTRY

### Family Camp Encounter Week 2025

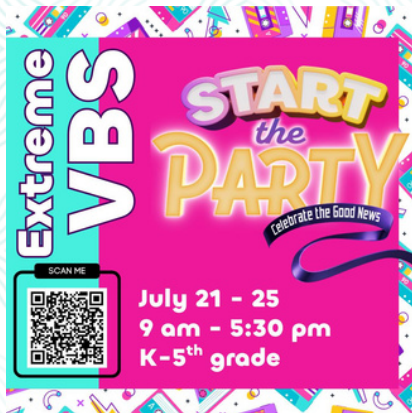
Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup> to Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup>

Family Camp is from June 30<sup>th</sup> through July 4<sup>th</sup> at Pines Springs Baptist Camp. Please be in prayer for the children and families attending, and for God to continue to work in their hearts as they return home!



### VBS Extreme Start the Party

There will be workdays to prepare for VBS on July 12<sup>th</sup> from 9AM to 12PM and July 19<sup>th</sup> from 9AM to 3PM (lunch provided). If you would like help, reach out to Hope Rutledge. Please join us in prayer to support our volunteers and children.



#### A Prayer for VBS

Heavenly Father,  
As we approach VBS we want to thank you for this opportunity to share your love and the good news of Jesus Christ with the children of VBS. We ask for your blessings on each child, that their hearts may be open to your word and that they may grow in their understanding of your love. We pray for our teachers and volunteers, that you would fill them with your wisdom and grace as they lead and guide the children. We pray for a week filled with fun, learning, and spiritual growth and that there would be seeds of faith planted during VBS would take root and flourish.  
In Jesus' name, Amen.

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## SUMMER MISSIONS

### Youth Missions Trip

Youth and a few adults joined other churches on a trip to Sikeston, Missouri to help a church with outreach through IMPACT Youth Missions. Final report from the trip was 22 new professions of faith! Praise God!

### TCK Transition Seminar

Jodie and Gabby Vesely had another great seminar with 8 TCKs and 7 different speakers, including the Vesely family! This seminar is designed for young adult missionary kids to prepare them for the next steps in their journey. We are looking forward the the 2026 TCK Transition Seminar in Hot Springs. Thanks to everyone who prayed and supported this event and these TCKs this week!

### Missions Revival

Thank you to all who were able to meet and encourage our guest missionaries, providing them with food and getting to know them through the week of excursions and meaningful fellowship! We were able to gift the families with items from their wish list, which are greatly appreciated. Thank you to all those who were able to contribute to the special offering to make this possible!

# MINISTRIES

## NEWS AND EVENTS

### WOMEN OF THE WORD (WOW)

#### WOMEN'S MINISTRY

##### Ladies' Luncheon

Monday, July 14<sup>th</sup>

All the ladies of the church are invited to the ladies' luncheon on Monday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 11AM. We will meet at the Cheesecake Factory. This is a great way to get to know our Sisters in Christ!

##### WOW Quarterly Meeting

Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup>

The quarterly Women of the Word (WOW) Meeting will be Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at 10AM. You are welcome to bring a tasty breakfast item to share with everyone. At the meeting, we will be discussing upcoming events for the quarter, so come with your calendars and ideas ready!

#### *Women's Summer Retreat*

August 1st-2nd

Join us for a weekend of fun and fellowship!

The theme will be: It is well with my soul.

We will be staying at the Strader home. You are welcome to spend the night with us, or go home and come back for more fun on Saturday! Sign up sheet is in the foyer.



### DISCIPLES OF GOD

#### MEN'S MINISTRY

As we move through the summer, it's been encouraging to see how God continues to grow our Men's Ministry through prayer, fellowship, and genuine brotherhood. These regular rhythms of gathering help us stay grounded and focused as we lead in our homes, church, and community. Let's keep showing up for one another and growing into the men God is calling us to be. We encourage you to make time for these gatherings; you'll be blessed, and you'll be a blessing to others.



#### Catfish and Chicken Dinner

Looking ahead, we're planning a Fried Catfish & Chicken Dinner on Saturday, August 2nd. This will be another great opportunity to invite friends, enjoy a meal together, and continue building deeper relationships as we grow in Christ. Stay tuned for details.

#### Men's Prayer Lunch

Friday, July 11th

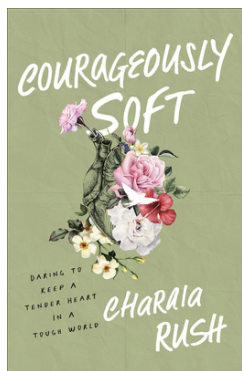
Men's Prayer Lunch will be Friday, July 11th at 12PM Micheaux's Southern Cuisine 6850 Hwy 6, Missouri City, TX 77459 Join us for a great meal, meaningful conversation, and a time of prayer and encouragement.

#### Men's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, July 26th

Men's Prayer Lunch will be Saturday, July 26th 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.





## Ladies Book Club

The ladies book club began reading *Courageously Soft* by Charala Rush on June 16<sup>th</sup>, and will be meeting in July to discuss it together. It is not too late to jump in! Details for the date and time of the next meeting to discuss the book will be available soon.

If you would like to learn more, contact Ellen Bishop. This is a monthly book club, with a new reading selection every month. If you missed this one, we welcome you to join in next month!

## Senior Ladies Bible Study

All Ladies Welcome

The Senior Ladies Bible study group started a new study on Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. They will be meeting every Tuesday at 10AM in the church. The study will be focused on Romans, alongside a companion book. It is a group open to all women, "If you are home for the summer and want to join us. Please. Everyone is welcome." Please reach out to Connie Rutledge for more information or to purchase a book. Books are \$12.

## Sweet Life Cafe

Faith - Fellowship - Friendship

Join us for a cozy, cafe-style Bible study where you can slow down, open God's Word, and enjoy the companionship of other women. Whether you prefer coffee or tea, this is your place to connect and be refreshed--body and soul.

Sunday Evenings, June 22<sup>nd</sup> to July 13<sup>th</sup>  
5-6:30PM

Horizon Baptist Church (in the cafe)  
No RSVP needed--come as you are!

Each week will include a brief Bible lesson, light refreshments, and a place to connect with other women through faith and fellowship.

"Come for the coffee, stay for the connection.  
Leave refreshed by the Word."