

ON THE HORIZON



A Letter From The Pastor

As the fall season approaches, I'm filled with anticipation for what God has in store for us over the next few months. September through December is always a meaningful stretch in the life of our church, filled with opportunities to grow deeper in the Word, connect as a church family, and reach out to our community with the love of Christ.

This fall, we will continue walking through our Gospel series, and it's a rich season ahead. We'll begin exploring the teaching ministry of Jesus, especially the Sermon on the Mount. These passages are not only powerful, they're personal. They challenge us to examine our hearts and invite us to live in the upside-down way of the Kingdom. My prayer is that each of us

will be shaped more into the likeness of Christ as we encounter His words with fresh eyes.

We also have several exciting church-wide events coming up:
Church-Wide Thanksgiving Meal – Sunday, November 16: This is always a special day of gratitude and fellowship as we gather to thank God for His faithfulness and share a meal together.

Christmas Eve Service – Wednesday, December 24 at 5 PM: We'll close out the year with a candlelight celebration of the birth of Christ. Mark our calendar and start inviting family and friends to this special evening of worship.

New Year's Eve Celebration – Tuesday, December 31 7pm-12am: This will be a fun and meaningful

evening for all ages as we reflect on God's goodness and look ahead to a new year of mission and ministry.

Fall is a season of rhythms, back to school, new routines, cooler days, but it's also a season ripe with spiritual opportunity. Let's lean in together. Keep showing up. Keep serving. Keep reaching. And most of all, keep our hearts open to what Jesus is teaching us as we follow Him.

Grateful to serve with you,
PASTOR JOHN STRADER



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 November 30th, so come and join us for a Christmas-themed celebration!



YOUTH MINISTRY

Junior High and High School students are invited to join us for Sunday School as we study books of the Bible and discuss together.

Breakfast Fundraisers

There are monthly opportunities to support the youth IMPACT mission trip through breakfast fundraisers in the cafe.

Breakfast Fundraiser Dates

Sunday, September 7th

Sunday, October 5th

Sunday, November 2nd

Sunday, December 7th

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 CONNECTED

Sprightly Stroll and Supplication

Walk and Pray

The next stroll will be Wednesday, September 10th from 8:30-10AM at Lost Creek Park. It is held weekly through the Fall, unless otherwise decided due to weather, holidays, or other conflicts. There is a group message on Facebook for anyone interested in joining--invite your friends to come too! 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.

Single Ladies Bible Study

All Single Ladies

The Single Ladies home group began Wednesday, September 3rd, and will meet on Wednesdays weekly from 6:30-8:30PM. They are 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.



Family Home Group

All Adults Welcome

The Family Home Group meets on a Friday each month at 7PM and we welcome kids to join in the evening! Our Fall gatherings will be:

September 26th
October 24th
November 14th
December 19th

FAMILY HOME GROUP: GROWING TOGETHER THROUGH THE BATTLE

Our Family Home Group is back this fall, and we're diving into something deep, raw, and real. We're currently going through *Your Story Has a Villain* by Jonathan Pokluda.

This isn't just another Bible study, it's a journey into the spiritual battle that every believer faces. Each session is designed to help us uncover how the enemy works against our story, and how Christ leads us to victory. If you're hungry for authentic community and ready to go deeper in your walk with Jesus, this is for you. Come as you are. Bring your family. Let's grow together.

Senior Ladies Book Study

Senior Ladies (50+)

The Senior Ladies Bible study is every Tuesday from 10AM-12PM, starting Tuesday, September 9th. They meet at the church for fellowship, and embarking on a new study based on the book *I Am: The I Am Statements of Jesus* by David Jeremiah. If you have any questions or are interested in joining, contact Connie Rutledge.



Sunday Evenings | 5-6:30PM

AWANA THEME NIGHTS

SEPTEMBER

Regular Night September 7 th 	Crazy Hair Night September 14 th 	Popcorn Night September 21 st 	Regular Night September 28 th 
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OCTOBER

Triple Points October 5 th 	Pumpkin Painting & Candy Corn October 12 th 	Pastor Appreciation Night October 19 th 	Super Hero Night October 26 th 
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NOVEMBER

Regular Night November 2 nd 	AWANA Store November 9 th 	Feed Our Community November 16 th 	Nacho Night November 23 rd 	NO AWANA November 30 th 
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DECEMBER

Silent Night December 7 th 	Birthday Party for Jesus December 14 th 	NO AWANA December 21 st 	NO AWANA December 28 th 2026
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AWANA: A BLESSING TO ALL INVOLVED

Each week, our AWANA ministry brings the church family together in a unique and powerful way. It's more than a kids' program, it's a movement of discipleship that touches hearts, builds relationships, and shapes lives for eternity.

For the children who attend, AWANA is a place where they are known by name, loved unconditionally, and pointed clearly to Jesus. Through Scripture memory, Bible lessons, and godly mentorship, they are learning truth that will guide them long after they leave our classrooms. It's a joy to see them grow in confidence, in kindness, and in understanding of God's Word.

But AWANA is just as much a blessing to those who serve. Whether leading a game, helping with memory verses, or simply showing up with a smile, every leader is making an eternal investment, and often finding their own faith deepened in the process. The joy of watching a child "get it" spiritually, or hearing their prayers, is something that inspires and humbles us all.

God is using AWANA to bring generations together, to foster meaningful mentorship, and to strengthen the fabric of our church family. Thank you to every parent who brings their child, every leader who gives their time, and every church member who prays for this ministry.

Classes for 2025-2026

- Puggles Class (Age 2)**
- Cubbies Class (Pre School)**
- Sparks Class (K-2nd Grade)**
- Truth and Training Class (3rd-5th Grade)**

YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday Evenings | 5-6:30PM

Youth Ministry is for students in the 6th-12th grade. Our goal is to develop, equip, and empower youth to impact and influence their generation.

It is my joy and privilege to be stepping into the role of directing our youth ministry at Horizon in this next season. The teenage years are such a vital time for shaping future Christian leaders and disciple-makers, and we want to walk with our students as they prepare for adulthood with a strong foundation of faith. One of the things we love most at Horizon is seeing our youth integrated into the life of the whole church. Our goal is for students to be with the church, not just tucked away in a room of their own. As they grow closer to God, we also long for them to grow closer to one another and to the larger church family.

This fall, we are trying out The Gospel Project, a curriculum that our children's ministry has already been using with great success. Over the course of four years, it takes students through the entire story of the Bible. On Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m., our youth Bible studies will dive deeper into these stories, beginning in 1 Kings. Each week, students will receive daily devotions to strengthen their personal time with God and discussion questions designed to involve the whole family in faith-building conversations at home.



Beyond biblical knowledge, The Gospel Project also connects directly to real-life issues students face, giving them opportunities for deeper reflection, honest conversation, and practical application, which we will be addressing Sunday nights at 5:00 p.m. Our prayer is that through this study and opportunities to give devotions, our youth will not only grow in their walk with the Lord but also become a powerful part of His work here at Horizon. We can't wait to see what God will do in and through our students in the days ahead!

JODIE VESELY, YOUTH DIRECTOR

UPCOMING EVENTS

Youth Laser Tag

Saturday, September 13th

All youth are welcome to join in for a night of Laser Tag at Laserzone (4125 Hwy 6 Sugar Land, TX 77478) from 7-10PM. There will be a \$15 entry fee per youth to play. Please RSVP if you can attend to Stacy Welch.

Basketball and S'mores Night

Sunday, October 12th

During the regular weekly students gathering on October 12th, there will be an opportunity to play some sports and eat warm treats together. We will start at 5PM, and enjoy the company and competition of the night!

Food Drive Outreach and Cake Event

Saturday, November 8th

This will be a time to serve and celebrate together, for a good cause! Be ready to get your hands dirty and then ride a sugar rush--more details to come!

Christmas Party

Sunday, December 14th

There will be a Christmas party during our regular Sunday evening service. Be on the lookout for more details as our Christmas season draws closer!

Dates of Note

There will be no evening gatherings on the following days, due to the holidays!

November 30th

December 21st

December 28th

I.M.P.A.C.T. 2026

Lake Jackson, TX | June 15th - 19th

Horizon Baptist is going BIG for I.M.P.A.C.T. 2026 – June 15–19 in Lake Jackson, Texas! This will be an incredible week of serving alongside Coastal Way Baptist Church and Missionary Greg Devine, growing in Christ, and worshipping together every evening.

Please mark your calendars and start praying! Registration opens soon, and space is limited – let's make sure Horizon is represented strong! More info: www.impact-missions.org

ADULT MINISTRIES

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.

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.

Ladies Christmas Luncheon

Saturday, December 13th

There will be a gathering to share food and warm company on December 13th from 11AM to 1PM. It will be an opportunity for fun, and the grand reveal for those participating in Secret Sisters. More details to come!



DISCIPLES OF GOD

MEN'S MINISTRY

Men, we were not made to coast through life. We were made to lead, to serve, to protect, and to follow Christ with courage and clarity. But the truth is, life wears us down. The pressures of work, family, expectations, failure, and regret can leave us spiritually drained and emotionally isolated. That's why our Men's Ministry exists.

We don't gather just to eat breakfast or swap stories. We gather because we need each other, and because God calls us to something deeper. Every prayer breakfast, every lunch, every moment of fellowship is an opportunity for us to step into accountability, encouragement, and spiritual renewal. We don't want to be passive men. We want to be men who pursue Jesus, who lead our families in love, who stand for truth, and who finish well.

If your soul feels dry, if your mind is distracted, or if you're just hungry for something more, this is your invitation. Join us. We need your presence. You need this brotherhood. And together, we'll keep growing into the men God created us to be.

Men's Prayer Lunches

Saturday, September 13th

Saturday, October 11th

Saturday, November 15th

Men's Prayer Lunch will be held monthly at 12PM. We will meet at 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 Breakfasts

Saturday, September 27th

Saturday, October 25th

Saturday, November 29th

Men's Prayer Breakfast is a gathering that will continue to meet monthly at 8AM. We will gather at 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

FAMILY MEETING

Sunday, October 26th

All members of the church are encouraged to gather for observance of the Lord's Supper at 3PM. It will be a time to remember the sacrifice and look forward to the hope found in our Savior. Our Family Meeting will follow at 3:30PM to discuss updates from our church ministries.



Church Workday

Saturday, November 1st

There will be a church workday on November 1st 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.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Samaritan's Purse sends gift-filled shoeboxes to children in need around the world through Operation Christmas Child, along with the good news of Jesus Christ. This year, our church will again be used as a drop off location for boxes to be collected and sent out as well.

The church has collected donations for this throughout the year, but there are still more items needed to finish them! Each month, we will have a focus for donations to contribute. In September, we are asking for personal items such as toothbrushes, hair accessories, clothing, sandals and shoes. Please place your items in the bin in the hallway designated for Operation Christmas Child.



Cookies with Santa

Saturday, December 6th

Join us for a Christmas celebration on December 6th from 12-3PM, complete with sweet treats for all! Come enjoy the festivities of the season, hosted by our Hospitality Team.

THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON

Sunday, November 16th

Everyone is invited to celebrate the Thanksgiving season on Sunday, November 16th. The meal will be after service, from 12:15PM to 2:30PM. We encourage each family to bring a potluck dish to share. There will be sign up sheet in the foyer for those who can attend.



CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 20th

There will be a Christmas party, including dinner, on December 20th from 4-7PM. Come enjoy a meal with church family and enjoy the gifts of the Christmas season! There will be more details as we get closer.



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Wednesday, December 24th

We will be hosting a special Christmas Eve service at the church on December 24th at 5PM. All are welcome to join as we remember that the gift of Jesus is the reason for the season.



NEW YEARS CELEBRATION

Wednesday, December 31st

There will be a special gathering at the church on New Years Eve from 7PM to midnight. Details for the evening will be coming soon!

