HORIZON BAPTIST CHURCH, FALL 2026 VOL. 43

ON THE HORIZON



A Letter From The Pastor

Fall is always one of my favorite seasons in the life of our church because it gives us so many natural opportunities to gather, serve, invite, and simply enjoy being together. As the weather begins to cool and our schedules settle into a rhythm, I want to encourage us not to let this season become only about activity. Every event on our calendar is really an opportunity to build relationships, strengthen families, and point people toward Jesus.

October is going to give us a particularly unique opportunity through our Fridays at the Campfire. Every Friday evening from 6:00–8:30PM, we'll open our church property to the community for a free, relaxed, family-friendly night together. My hope is that these evenings become much more than something fun to attend. I'd love to see our church family intentionally meet people, welcome families, start conversations, and invite someone who might never walk through the doors on a Sunday morning. Sometimes Gospel opportunities begin with nothing more complicated than a campfire, a conversation, and someone who genuinely cares.

Our regular ministries will continue throughout the fall as well. AWANA is in full swing, our youth and children are growing, and Bible studies are available for people in every stage of life. Our youth will have their Lock-In in October, and our AWANA kids will finish the month with Superhero Night. October is also Pastor Appreciation Month, and while I'm always grateful for the encouragement shown to our pastoral team, I'm even more thankful for the privilege we have of serving alongside a church family that wants to see people reached and discipled.

As we move into November, our attention will turn toward gratitude and generosity. Our ladies will have their retreat early in the month, and we'll once again participate in Operation Christmas Child. Collection Week gives us an opportunity to remember that something as simple as filling a shoebox can become a doorway for sharing the Gospel with a child and family somewhere in the world.

Through all of this, my prayer is that we keep the main thing the main thing. Events are good. Fellowship is important. Programs have value. But ultimately, we want everything we do to help people know Jesus, grow as His disciples, and learn to live on mission wherever God has placed them.

So this fall, don't just look at the calendar and ask, "What can I attend?" Ask, "Who can I invite? Where can I serve? Who can I encourage? How can God use me?"

I'm excited to see what He does through our church in the months ahead.

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

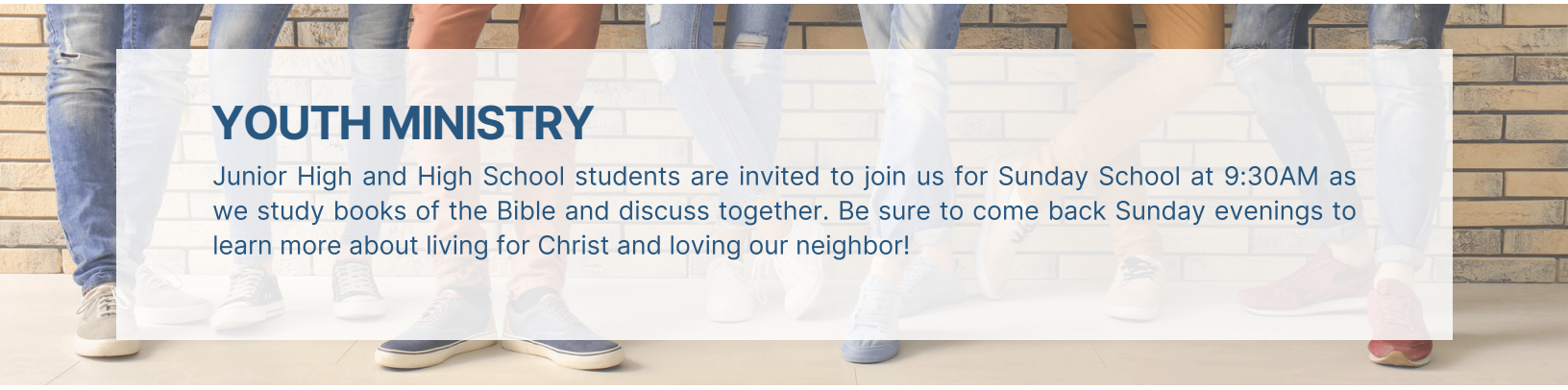
We have childcare for all kids, infant to 5th grade, through Sunday School and Children's Church. Sunday School is at 9:30AM and Children's Church at 10:45AM.

Fifth Sunday Family Fusion

Family Fusion is a special opportunity for children and families to worship together during our regular church service. We believe it is important for kids to see and participate in the life of the church alongside their parents and church family. These Sundays help children grow in worship, learn from the example of others, and remind us that families are a vital part of the body of Christ.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH CHRISTMAS PARTY AND CAROLING

Join us for a Christmas party, including food and a showing of The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, followed by Christmas caroling at the retirement home across the street!



YOUTH MINISTRY

Junior High and High School students are invited to join us for Sunday School at 9:30AM as we study books of the Bible and discuss together. Be sure to come back Sunday evenings to learn more about living for Christ and loving our neighbor!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Strong Families

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 books of the Bible, 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 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

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. There is a group message on Facebook for anyone interested in joining. Please contact Pastor Jodie to get connected with updates.

Single Ladies Bible Study

All Single Ladies

The Single Ladies home group began a new study together on Wednesday, October 7th, and will meet on Wednesdays weekly from 6:30-8:30PM. They will be studying Relaxed, by Megan Fate Marshman. 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 the last Friday each month at 7PM and we welcome kids to join in the evening! Our Summer gatherings will be:

September 25th
October 24th
November 20th

Our Family Home Group has been a real blessing. We've got a solid group showing up each month, building friendships, praying for one another, and going deeper than surface-level conversation.

If you've been looking for a place to belong, this is a great way to get connected. Come ready for a relaxed evening with meaningful discussion, encouragement, and time in God's Word. Kids are welcome, and you don't need to feel like you have everything together to come. Just show up. If you're new to Horizon, or you've been here a while but haven't found your people yet, we'd love to have you join us. Reach out to Pastor John for more details.

Senior Ladies Book Study

Senior Ladies (50+)

The Senior Ladies Bible study is every Tuesday at 10AM, and doing a study by David Jeremiah called Everything You Need. They meet at the church for fellowship, which typically lasts until 11:30AM. If you have any questions or are interested in joining, contact Lela Burgess. All women are welcome to join!

Children's Ministry

Volunteers Needed

We have a growing need for lead and assistant volunteers in children's ministry. It is a blessing to have so many kids joining us each Sunday morning, and we need help to disciple them well! If you are interested in learning more, reach out to Gabby Vesely.



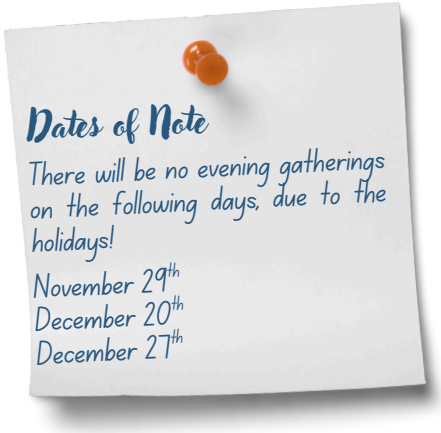


Kids Soccer Club

We have will be hosting a Soccer Club for the community, offered for free to children ages 4 to 5th grade. They will meet at our church grounds on Wednesdays from October 14th to December 16th, 5:30PM to 6:30PM. Parents of the kids participating will be meeting for discussion and coffee indoors during the sessions.

Youth Ministry

Sunday Evenings | 5-6:30PM



Upcoming Events

Youth Lock-In

October 9th -10th

Youth will be spending the night in on October 9th, starting at 6PM as part of the weekly Fridays at the Campfire and ending on October 10th at 7AM. It will be a night to remember!

Service Night: Operation Christmas Child

Sunday, November 8th

Our evening will be spent packing boxes for Operation Christmas Child with donated items from the church.

Youth Christmas Party

Sunday, December 6th

Christmas Party is coming soon! Get ready to deck the halls with food and fun. There will also be a special culmination for "secret grandparent" you will not want to miss!





Youth Fundraiser Dinner

Saturday, January 30th

More details coming soon!

AWANA

Sunday Evenings | 5-6:30PM

AWANA Theme Nights

SEPTEMBER

Opening Ceremony
September 13th



Regular Night
September 20th



Crazy Hair Night
September 27th



OCTOBER

Regular Night
October 4th



Popcorn Night
October 11th



Pastor Appreciation Night
October 18th



Super Hero Night
October 25th



NOVEMBER

Triple Points Night
November 1st



Feed Our Community
November 8th



AWANA Store
November 15th



Nacho Night
November 22nd



NO AWANA
November 29th



DECEMBER

Silent Night
December 6th



Birthday Party for Jesus
December 13th



NO AWANA
December 20th



NO AWANA
December 27th



AWANA: A Blessing to All Involved

Classes for 2026-2027

Cubbies Class (Pre School)

Sparks Class (K-2nd Grade)

Truth and Training Class (3rd-5th Grade)

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.

Women of the Word (WOW)

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Texas State Ladies Retreat

Friday, November 6th to Saturday, November 7th

There will be a women's retreat this Fall, at Pineywoods Camp. The focus will be: "He left the 99 to rescue me," Matthew 18:12. We would love to have a big group of ladies come with us this year to the annual Texas state ladies retreat! A sign-up sheet is out, and we hope you will be able to join us. Our deposit for the Church is due on Monday, October 12th. For more information, reach out to Ellen Bishop.



More Information Here



Women's Christmas Party

Friday, December 11th

There will be a Christmas party for all ladies on December 11th at 6:30PM. Details will be coming soon!

Disciples of God

MEN'S MINISTRY

Men, one of the things I continue to pray for at Horizon is that God would raise up men who are serious about following Jesus and willing to lead well. Our families need godly men. Our children and teenagers need examples of godly men. Our church needs men who are willing to pray, serve, encourage, disciple, and step forward when God calls.

Throughout the fall, we'll continue providing opportunities to gather through our monthly Men's Prayer Breakfast and Men's Prayer Lunch. These gatherings aren't complicated. We eat together, open God's Word, talk about life, and pray for one another. But I've learned that sometimes the simplest gatherings can become some of the most important. Men need other men around them who will encourage them, challenge them, and remind them that we were never meant to follow Christ alone.

Men's Prayer Lunch

Saturday, September 12th
Saturday, October 3rd
Saturday, November 14th

Men's Prayer Lunch will be held at 12PM. We will meet at Micheaux's Southern Cuisine (6850 Hwy 6, Missouri City, TX 77459).

Men's Prayer Breakfasts

Saturday, September 26th
Saturday, October 24th
Saturday, November 28th

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).

I'm also asking our church to specifically pray about the future leadership of our Men's Ministry. I believe God already knows the men He wants to use, and perhaps He is beginning to stir someone's heart right now. Pray that God would strengthen and prepare those men, give them courage to step forward, and give us wisdom as we look toward the future.

And men, I want to challenge you personally: come be part of it. You don't have to have everything figured out. You don't have to consider yourself a leader. Just start by showing up. Build relationships. Pray with other men. Serve beside them. Let God begin working in your life. My prayer is that we'll see a growing brotherhood of men at Horizon who love Jesus deeply, lead their families faithfully, serve their church willingly, and encourage one another to become the men God has called us to be.



Fridays at the Campfire



October 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th

We would like to invite you to our community for our Friday night campouts for the whole month of October, from 6pm to 8:30PM. Everyone is welcome, and free to join each week. Bring your family, friends, and lawn chairs for a night of movies, games, s'mores and more!

Community Cookout

October 10th & November 14th

You are invited to a cookout for our church and community! There will be free food and family fun! The meat for the cookout will be provided. We are asking for volunteers to bring sides, desserts, or drinks. Another cookout is scheduled for November 14th.



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 on the third week of November. There will be a sign up sheet for voluneeters to help with this collection soon.

We will be collecting items for donations as well. Youth will pack the items in boxes on November 8th from 5-6:30PM.





Family Meeting

Sunday, October 25th

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

Holiday Potluck Dinner

Saturday, December 12th

There will be a joint Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner, on December 12th at 4PM. Come enjoy a meal with church family and enjoy the gifts of the holiday season! There will be more details as we get closer.

