

A Weekly Note From

Pastor Mike Bronson



I'm so glad to see you this morning! Fellowshiping with you each Sunday is sweeter and sweeter in light of all that has happened in 2020.

Nathan is in the pulpit today. He'll preach from 2 Samuel about the grace of God. We'll also observe the ordinance of the Lord's Supper. It is always good to be refocused on the foundation of our faith - the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus our Lord.

I know many of you are discouraged in these days. Take heart, He has overcome the world! Our goal is to display His glory in our life in every circumstance. We display His glory when we bear up under suffering. It is displayed when He gives us supernatural joy in the middle of pain. It is displayed when we experience the peace of God in the middle of a storm. It is displayed when our faith grows in the middle of difficult circumstances.

And the church has historically been marginalized and persecuted. Yet she has always stood for life, for the right to life, and the ability of people to flourish throughout life. God makes every person in the image of God. He has a purpose for each person.

We also stand for biblical truth regarding sexual ideology. The individual, the family, the church, and the world are healthier and happier when God's standards of sexuality are followed. We want to do all we can to promote the nuclear family.

We also stand for the biblical definition of justice. The Bible says there is neither Jew nor Greek, male or female, we are all one in Christ Jesus. Where injustice and oppression occur, we stand against it.

And we most certainly stand for grace and forgiveness. There is no one outside of God's reach. Adrian Rogers said, "There is no one so bad they can't be saved and no one so good they don't need to be saved." No matter who you are, no matter what you've done, no matter how you feel about yourself, Jesus Christ died for your sins. You have hope in Him. You find eternal life in Him. Come to Him in repentance and faith and He will never cast you out.

There is always hope in Jesus. Paul said, "Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God." I love you all. God bless you!

Membership at West Haven

We invite you to explore membership at West Haven. Please join Pastor Mike and Pastor Nathan for lunch after the second service on **Dec. 13**. They will tell you a little bit about themselves and West Haven. You can ask questions and decide if you want to proceed with membership. Please go to the signup link on our website westhavenbaptist.org or talk to the Pastors to enroll. You can also text your name, the names of everyone wanting to explore membership, and the word "membership" to 913 369 4450. We will contact you as soon as possible and find a mutually convenient time to go over the material with you. God bless you!

November 15, 2020

NEWS & UPDATES

Visitors

If you are visiting today we're so glad you're here! Please text us your name and address so we can touch base with you. The phone number to send a text to is: **(913) 369-4450**.

Senior Adult Luncheons—Dec. 14

Monday, **December 14** Seniors will have a Christmas Party luncheon at Rose Swain's house. If you can attend, please let Rose Swain know by calling or texting, (913) 271-6250.

2021 Proposed Budget available & Budget Hearing—Nov. 22

A 2021 Budget draft is available in the foyer. **November 22 at 4:30 p.m.** we will have a short Budget Hearing in the Train Station for questions. The budget vote will take place on Dec. 6.

Quarterly Financial Report

Copies of the Quarterly Financial Statements (as of Sept. 2020) are available in the foyer.

Thanksgiving Dinner—Nov. 22

Following the budget hearing there will be Thanksgiving Dinner in the Fellowship Hall at **5:00 p.m.** Safety precautions will be in place. The meal will not be buffet style, it will be served through the window. Please sign up on the board in the foyer if you are willing to bake a dessert.

Outreach Material

We have prayer cards, tracts, a copy of the New Testament, and plastic door hangers in the foyer. The prayer cards are to gather prayer requests from our community. We want to bless them by praying for them. The cards also have an invitation to church. The tract explains what the gospel is. And of course, we want to give away copies of the New Testament.

Please take as many as you will use and distribute them in your neighborhood or workplace. Hang them on doorknobs. Knock on doors to deliver them. We hope this will help you initiate some gospel conversations. The fruit of your work will last for all of eternity!

Christ & Coffee: Caffeine For The Mind & Soul—Dec. 5

Please join Pastor Nathan on **Saturday, December 5 at 9 a.m.** for our first Christ & Coffee! At each "Christ & Coffee" event, we will learn about "Specialty Coffee", and also open God's Word for a time of study and discussion. We'll enjoy a single coffee prepared by four popular brew methods: auto drip, manual pour-over, french press, and cold brew! We'll note the flavor characteristics of each brew method, and discuss why the various brew methods extract different flavor profiles. We'll also open up God's Word and discuss how coffee can ultimately be used and consumed to the glory of Christ. We'll collect a free-will offering to help cover the cost of the event, but please do not let this discourage you from attending! **Finally, this would be a great event to invite your OneLife, or any lost friends or family members.** To help with the planning/purchasing of supplies, **registration is required:**

<https://westhaven.breezechms.com/form/christ-coffee-dec2020>

**We exist to see people saved,
lives changed, and Jesus glorified.**

NEWS & UPDATES - Continued

Adult Bible Study

Bible Study led by Pastor Mike is at **6:30 p.m.** on **Wednesday** evenings in the Train Station.

AWANA & Student Ministry

Wednesday nights AWANA is at **6:15-7:45 p.m.** Student Ministry is held from **6:30-8:00 p.m.** Social distancing and safety measures are being taken. Children ages 5 and older **do need** to wear a mask. If you have AWANA questions, please contact Bill Mages at (913) 645-4065. If you have questions about Student Ministry, contact Nathan LaFave at (816) 344-1472.

In Touch Ministry

If you have a college student living away from home please help us keep in touch with them. We will send a small care package three or four times a semester to let them know we are thinking of them and praying for them. To include your college student, please send their name and address to Reann French, reann@runningr.com.

Updating Prayer Requests

Long term and military prayer requests will be updated soon. If you have not recently updated your prayer request please resubmit your request by email to: christina@westhavenbaptist.org.

Giving for Linwood Baptist Church

As you know, we are one of four churches helping in the replant of Linwood Baptist Church. They have requested that we help them start with \$1,000 a month for one year. Our Stewardship Team is taking a combination of West Haven Mission funds and budget funds and sending them \$6,000. We encourage you to give to support the other \$6,000 over the next 12 months. You can do that by writing a check to West Haven and writing the word "Linwood" on the signature line. We do not have the capability to accept digital giving for Linwood at this time. This is an exciting opportunity to help get an evangelical presence in a little town that is growing, and will likely grow in the next 10 years. I am excited we can be part of it!

Giving Options

You can mail a check, give one in person on Sundays, drop a check or cash in the wall slot on the sound booth to your left as you enter the foyer, in the church drop box to the left of the front door, or you can give digitally.

- Visit www.westhavenbaptist.org. Click donate in the upper right-hand corner.
- Or Text (913) 359-8914. Your message should simply state the dollar amount you choose to give.
- Or Mail a check or use bank bill pay.
West Haven Baptist Church
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Tonganoxie, KS 66086

MEMBER INFORMATION

Budget Detail as of 11/8/2020

Weekly Budget Req. - \$9,518.96

General Fund Rec. - \$12,678.00

Mo. to Date Budget Req. - \$19,037.92

Mo. to Date Giving - \$20,621.00

Invited To The Table

1. God's grace _____ us...

a. ..._____ in our sin

b. ..._____ from God

c. ..._____ of God.

2. God's grace _____ us

a. Grace _____ us

b. Grace _____ us

3. God's grace _____ us

ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CLASSES

(SUNDAY SCHOOL)

Why Attend?

Whether you're an adult or student we want you to join a study group in God's Word. A lot can happen when you join a group! You can grow deeper in your knowledge of the Bible, get a chance to hear the personal insights and experiences of other people, and develop new and/or deeper connections with other Christians. These are all vital to our spiritual health and our churches strength. Your attendance is encouragement to others as well. We have personally found that people connected to a group who study God's word together have more stability in the church and in their personal walk of faith.

How to Join?

Just show up, pick a study, and grab a seat! All our studies are open and new people are welcome to join at anytime. We want every person in our church connected with one of our study groups.

Class/Teacher	Time	Age	Location	Current Study
Adult I Todd Janssen	8:30 a.m.	All Adults	Fellowship Hall	2 Samuel
Adult II Jon Hain	8:30 a.m.	Young Adults	Classroom at the bottom of the stairs	Devotional
Adult III Brian Klamm	10:00 a.m.	All Adults	Fellowship Hall	Joshua
Adults IV Blake Waters	8:30 a.m.	All Adults	Train Station	Isaiah

Students Feel Free to Join!

To encourage multi generational fellowship and study, Pastor Nathan strongly suggests high school students attend one of the above listed "Adult" classes.



2020 Prayer Requests:



November 8, 2020

Beverly Titterington: Stage 1 Breast Cancer surgery on 11/13/20 and following treatment (Mike Titterington's mother)

Sherri Williams: recovery from knee surgery

Donna: recovered from Covid but very weak, her husband Bob passed away. Please pray for her and the family. (Joy Kunard's sister)

Bob Palmer: refusing food & water. Family cannot go into his room until he is closer to passing. Please pray for his comfort. (Denise Harnden's dad)

November 1, 2020

Marlena: may have acid reflux. If so, it's treatable. Please continue to pray. (Bob & Kathy Link's new granddaughter)

Lindsey Anderson's friend's family with major hospitalizations and other serious issues. Pray for healing, peace, and greater relationship with Christ. (Larry & Carol Anderson's daughter's friends)

Expecting Mothers of WHBC:

Jennifer Belcher: November 2020

Maggie Estes: December 2020

Chastin Hoffhines: April 2021

Other Expecting Mothers:

Kirsten Robinson: December 2020 (Kirk & Lenora Baggett's daughter)

Kelsey Hopkins: Early February (Dan & Sesuk Hopkin's daughter-in-law)

Long Term Requests:

Nick Cox: in prison (Kevin Cobb's nephew)

Raiden Harden: Spina Bifida (Bill & Denise Harnden's grandson)

Karli Harnden: Kniest Dysplasia (Bill & Denise Harnden's granddaughter)

Isaiah: prayers for him (Bambi Dome, adoptive mom)

Brent Koprivica: continued prayers for health (Lenora Baggett's friend)

Aunt Jo: continued recovery for bladder cancer (Cathy Stueckemann)

Jon, Lindsay, & Haylie: salvation (Cathy Stueckemann)

Jacob Stine: prayers with the daily struggle of addiction recovery

Aaron McIntyre: health & safety while studying in China (Mike & Michelle McIntyre's son)

Zack Langford: (Randy & Pam Stevens' grandson)

Pastor Bryan Baggett in TX: malignant brain tumor; given a year to live. Most recent test showed no visible cancer; tests ongoing. Keep praying. (Kirk's cousin)

MILITARY:

1LT Parker Osborne, US ARMY: stationed at Ft. Jackson, SC: continued prayer (Donna Osborne's daughter)

MSGT Benjamin Goldsberry: USAF, Ft. Bragg, NC: change of rank (Donna Osborne's nephew)

CPT Dan Hopkins, Jr., US ARMY: Fort Benning, GA (Dan & Sesuk Hopkins' son)

CPT Tim Hopkins, US ARMY: Ft. Polk, LA, Airborne Light Infantry Team (Dan & Sesuk Hopkins' son)

CPT Tom Hopkins, US ARMY: Ft. Bragg, NC (Dan & Sesuk Hopkins' son)

CPT Kelsey Hopkins, US ARMY: Ft. Bragg, NC (Dan & Sesuk Hopkins' daughter-in-law)

LCDR Catherine Hopkins, US Navy: Univ. of Iowa (Dan & Sesuk Hopkins' daughter-in-law)

Staff Sargent Joshua Spruill, USAF: stationed at Alamogordo, AFB, NM (Mike & Becky Derzinski's nephew)

Lexis Fehol, Air Force Basic: San Antonio, TX (Elisabeth Laundry's friend)

Andrew Stueckemann, Navy: deployed from Japan on USS Reagan, somewhere in the China Sea (Cathy Stueckemann's son)

Austin Stueckemann, ARMY: now out of Army, in search of a job & attempting VA health care coverage (Cathy Stueckemann's son)

SrA Rebecca Baggett, Air National Guard: Tennessee (Kirk & Lenora Baggett's daughter)

Christian Hernandez, Marine: 29 Palms, California (Teresa Sickman's son & great grandson of Olive McCracken)

Brendan Caufield, U.S. Navy: Nuclear Power Training Command, Charleston, SC (Mike & Becky Derzinski)

Jacob Derzinski, US Marine Corp: Ft. Schwab, Okinawa, Japan (Mike & Becky Derzinski's son)

Ian Wheaton, US Navy: Pearl Harbor (Kirk & Lenora's family friend)

Derrick & Angela Wagner, USAF: stationed at McDill AFB (Jennifer Belcher's brother & sister-in-law)

Jon Derzinski: now with 361st Training Squadron aerospace propulsion training, Sheppard AFP, Texas. (Mike & Becky Derzinski's son)

Emmie Derzinski: now with the Navy Medicine Education & Training Command, Ft. Sam Houston, San Antonio, TX. (Mike & Becky Derzinski's daughter)