

## *A Weekly Note From*

### **Pastor Mike Bronson**

**What a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner we shared as a church family last Sunday night!** I want to express appreciation to everyone involved in the planning, preparing, cooking, and cleaning. (Some of you worked very hard at eating, too!) I also appreciate those who brought friends and guests! As I looked out over the crowd, I was reminded of what the Bible says about the early church in Acts 2:42: “They were continually devoting themselves . . . to fellowship, to the breaking of bread . . .” How wonderful it was to break bread with the brethren!

**Today we turn our attention toward a question many have asked in recent days.** How can we conduct ourselves as good citizens under a bad government? This is not a new question. Christians have wrestled with this since Jesus ascended. So we’ll turn our attention toward 1 Peter 2, one of the passages in the Bible that gives us a clear answer.

**As we approach year-end, help us to end the year on a strong financial note.** You may want to consider year-end giving in the form of appreciated stocks. A charitable gift of appreciated stock provides you with tax advantages. (Please be sure to consult a tax advisor before making any decision.)

**Pastor Nathan has created our new website at westhaven.church.** Notice that you can order some West Haven “Gear”, i.e. clothing. The order has to be placed by Dec. 12. We hope you’ll consider representing West Haven around town in some West Haven “swag!”

**We will begin a partnership with Compassion International and a church in Nicaragua at the start of the next year.** We’ll have the opportunity to sponsor several children. By our giving and praying, impoverished children will be fed, clothed, cared for, and given the gospel. This is a blessed opportunity to serve our Lord. All ages can participate. To learn more, go to their website at <https://www.compassion.com>.

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### **Membership at West Haven—special luncheon Dec. 13**

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 [westhaven.church](http://westhaven.church) 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 29, 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 text is: **(913) 369-4450**. Or please fill out a card attached to the bulletin. Attendance/prayer request cards are also at the back of the church.

## **2021 Proposed Budget Vote—Dec. 6**

Voting on the 2021 budget will be December 6 after Worship.

## **Senior Adult Luncheon—Dec. 14**

**December 14 at Noon** Senior Adults will have a Christmas Party Luncheon and small gift exchange (\$10 or less) **here at West Haven in the Fellowship Hall**. Please wrap the gift but do not label it with your name. Meat will be provided for the meal, but please bring a side dish or dessert. Feel free to invite a friend! RSVP to Rose at (913) 271-6250.

## **Outreach Tent**

Our new Outreach Tent is set up in the Train Station, please take a look at it. We plan to use the tent at events throughout the year.

## **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.**

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## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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.westhaven.church](http://www.westhaven.church). 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  
PO Box 318  
Tonganoxie, KS 66086

### **MEMBER INFORMATION**

#### **Budget Detail as of 11/22/2020**

Weekly Budget Req. - \$9,518.96

General Fund Rec. - \*\$10,364.30

Mo. to Date Budget Req. - \$38,075.84

Mo. to Date Giving - \$37,295.30

*\*Weekly giving receipt is subject to change upon final Breeze Giving based on deposit 11/26/2020. Numbers reported 11/23/2020.*

## How To Be A Good Citizen Under A Bad Government

1. An \_\_\_\_\_ Command

2. An \_\_\_\_\_ Design

3. An \_\_\_\_\_ Outcome

4. An \_\_\_\_\_ Question

# **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.

<b>Class/Teacher</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Current Study</b>
<b>Adult I</b> Todd Janssen	8:30 a.m.	All Adults	Fellowship Hall	2 Samuel
<b>Adult II</b> Jon Hain	8:30 a.m.	Young Adults	Classroom at the bottom of the stairs	Devotional
<b>Adult III</b> Brian Klamm	10:00 a.m.	All Adults	Fellowship Hall	Joshua
<b>Adults IV</b> 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 22, 2020**

Jack & Jennifer Belcher & family: blessed with a new baby boy, Jericho Walther Belcher born on November 22.

Bill & Denise Harnden: have Covid-19 and her Dad's funeral has been postponed 2 weeks. Please pray for them.

Bob Baker: contracted Covid in his nursing home. Prayers for healing. (Jenny Worden's dad)

Ronda Trieb: in Colorado with her 54 year old brother who has had a large stroke. Unknown prognosis. Please pray for him and the family.

Danny Kunard: had dual carpal tunnel surgery this week. Prayers for him.

### **November 15, 2020**

Gordon Brest: recurring pericarditis. Put back on anti-inflammatory meds to reduce inflammation. His echo showed buildup of fluid around his heart. Has been released from LMH. Pray for pain relief.

Denise Harnden's dad passed away Thursday afternoon. Please be in prayer for the family.

Jennifer LaFave's dad passed away early Friday morning. Please be in prayer for the family.

### **Expecting Mothers of WHBC:**

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 361<sup>st</sup> 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)

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