

A Weekly Note From

Pastor Mike Bronson

I am glad you are here today to worship our Lord!

A challenge we all face is to be cheerful and optimistic while watching the malaise of our day surround us. I want to encourage you to an optimistic view of the future. John wrote what he saw in the book of the Revelation. In Rev. 21:3 he wrote, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people." That's our focus.

If we become inordinately pessimistic, we become defensive in our thoughts and hearts. And it causes us to shrink back instead of becoming bold in proclaiming and living the gospel.

Our challenges are daunting. However, we are far from the first generation to face difficulty. We look back at history and realize there was no Golden Era. In Ecclesiastes 7:11 Solomon wrote, "Do not say, "Why is it that the former days were better than these?" For it is not from wisdom that you ask about this."

The malaise of the day may surround us but we stand together in living for Jesus. Trevin Wax wrote, "One of the ways we equip believers to bear the stigma of standing for Christ is by doing so together, as the family of God. It's one thing to be alone, taking a stand. It's another thing to know that your church is behind you, a great cloud of witnesses is above you, and a global remnant of faithful believers is around you."

Be faithful. Grow spiritually. Pray humbly. Break old habits (repentance). Develop rhythms of life to help you grow spiritually. Don't give up, give in, or roll over. God is sovereign and we win. All that is happening right now is God's perfect will. In the end, He will be vindicated. And the Bible teaches us that we are co-heirs with Christ. We will worship Christ and serve Christ but we are co-heirs WITH Christ!

Join Our 'Exploring Membership' Lunch

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 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!

December 6, 2020

NEWS & UPDATES

Visitors

If you are visiting today we're so glad you're here! Please give us your contact information on the worship attendance information card attached to this bulletin, and drop it in the basket in between the doorway as you leave. We would love to touch base with you!

2021 Proposed Budget Vote—Today

If you are a member of West Haven and 18 years of age or older please vote on the proposed 2021 budget. Please place your vote card in the black box in the foyer.

Senior Adult Luncheon at West Haven—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!

Year-End Giving

Donating an appreciated stock directly to West Haven (as opposed to selling the asset and giving the proceeds) can allow you to give more and pay less in taxes. Please seek a qualified tax advisor before considering this option. If you choose this option, talk to Pastor Mike on how to proceed.

Storehouse

Free Donated Grocery Items—check out the West Haven Storehouse open Sunday after services or contact Donna Osborne, (913) 416-8441 or Chris Bingham, (785) 393-5441. It is located downstairs by the kitchen. Please take extra for family or friends that could use a little help right now!

**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.

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. 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 11/29/2020

Weekly Budget Req. - \$9,818.96

General Fund Rec. - \$8,145.00

Mo. to Date Budget Req. - \$47,894.80

Mo. to Date Giving - \$45,440.30

Suffering at Christmastime

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

A. _____ **His** _____

B. _____ **our** _____

ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CLASSES

(SUNDAY SCHOOL-WINTER)

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	Jesus in the Old & New Testament
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	Luke

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 29, 2020

Kim Henderson: is in intensive care with three types of bacterial infections and is having trouble breathing (Denise Mae's sister)

Autumn: 26 wks pregnant, partially detached placenta, her & baby at risk. Pray for God's protection & peace of mind (Jennifer LaFave's friend)

Have Covid stop and stop worrying so much about getting it and to be healthy (Amalie Boone)

Debbie: please pray for a situation with her eye, pray that God heals her eyes. Thank you. (Yvette Laundry's mom)

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. Please pray for him and the family.

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

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)

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

David Bronson: health (Mike & Tara Bronson's son)

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)