

*A Weekly Note From*

**Pastor Mike Bronson**

**Merry Christmas to you!** We celebrate this time of the year because of the birth of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. John 1:14 puts it this way: “The Word became flesh.” 1 Tim 3:16 puts it this way: “He was manifested in the flesh.” An angel in Luke 2:12 put it this way: “This will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” I am so grateful to know that by grace through faith, we can know we have eternal life. No matter what happens in this life, for a believer the best is yet to come.

**We have a special guest singing this morning.** For the record, I requested this special guest, not Pastor Nathan. (That will make sense when you learn who the special guest is! ) You will be very blessed today!

**More good news: God was greatly glorified by your generous giving last week.** I gave you a last second request to help some families in the area. All the needs were met! You paid rent, other bills, bought gifts, and clothing. We also learned there was no food in one house so a couple of West Haven families took care of that. And those whose bills were paid expressed much gratitude.

**This is all due to the generous spirit Christ puts in your hearts.** Thank you so much for responding to the prompting of the Lord. It thrills me to see the Lord using you to meet genuine needs! Thank you to each of you who helped.

**I also want to thank every single person who serves in AWANA and Student Ministry.** It's been a highly unusual semester. You've honored the Lord. Your service in His Name will reap a harvest in due season!

**I hope you can join us for our Christmas Eve service at 5:30.** If not, you can stream it wherever you are by going to our website at [westhaven.church](http://westhaven.church). You can also stream it off Facebook or YouTube.

**To all of you who sent us Christmas cards, thank you.** God bless each of you. I pray for a wonderful Christmas for all of you!

**December 20, 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!

## Wednesday Night Systematic Theology Study

Pastor Mike is teaching Systematic Theology in Wednesday night Bible study. They meet in the southeast corner of the fellowship hall at 6:30. They do not meet when AWANA is canceled. You are welcome to be part of this class!

## 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.

## Christmas Eve Service

We will have a Christmas Eve service at 5:30 pm. It also will be streamed, accessible on Facebook, YouTube or from westhaven.church.

## Mission Update

Thanks to your generous giving, we are helping sponsor All Nations Church, a church plant led by Luis Mendoza in the Northland. He sent us this note:

“As you know this year has been tough but we have been able to keep going! We have continued ministering to the people in our community. God willing, We will be developing and implementing several outreach activities in 2021. I want to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude for your church active partnership in this ministry. We greatly appreciate your support and encouragement. Thank you so much for partnering with us in expanding God’s kingdom in Kansas City North. “Merry Christmas to all the members of West Haven Baptist Church!”

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

# NEWS & UPDATES - Continued

## **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).

## **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!

## **Outreach Material**

**We have prayer cards, tracts, a copy of the New Testament, and plastic door hangers available upon request. If you would like materials please contact the office (913) 369-9422.** 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. 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!

## **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.  
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### **MEMBER INFORMATION**

#### **Budget Detail as of 12/13/2020**

Weekly Budget Req. - \$9,518.96

General Fund Rec. - \$20,751.00

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

Mo. to Date Giving - \$30,183.00

Sermon Notes

**1 Peter 1:3-5 and Luke 2:1-20**

Pastor Nathan LaFave

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## **Hope At Christmastime**

# **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.

<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	Jesus in the Old & New Testament
<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	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:**



### **December 13, 2020**

Carol Stouffer: complications associated with Parkinson's Disease and other physical concerns. She is a resident at Country Place Senior Living (Blake Waters mother)

Aaron McIntyre: prayers for safety and good health, as he studies abroad in China. (son of Michael and Michelle McIntyre)

Kelly Kaiser's Dad: admitted to the hospital with cancer that has metastasized to the bone & liver. Please pray for him.

Sherri: having some pain unrelated to her knee surgery. We are going to have some more tests done soon. (Dan Williams)

Deb: going back to the doctor Jan. 3rd for her eyes. (Yvette Laundry's mom)

### **December 6, 2020**

Sarah Harnden: has been admitted to the hospital with Covid19. She is 7 mo. pregnant. Please pray for her and her family.

Loretta Kunard: unspoken prayer request

Pam, Willa, & Dick: pray for Salvation (Marjorie Laughlin)

Joy Harris: diagnosed with colon cancer. Port is in and beginning treatment Monday. (Donna Gambrell's friend)

Terry Hill: admitted to hospital with non-healing serious leg wounds & in great pain (Denise Harnden's brother-in-law)

### **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 (Dec.) showed no visible cancer growth; tests ongoing. Keep praying. (Kirk's cousin)

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

Aaron McIntyre: for safety and good health as he studies abroad in China (son of Michael & Michelle McIntyre)

**MILITARY:**

**CPT Parker Osborne, US ARMY:** TDY Fort Lee, VA for training (Donna Osborne's daughter)

**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)

**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)

**Jacob Derzinski, US Marine Corp:** Ft. Schwab, Okinawa, Japan

(Mike & Becky Derzinski's son)

**Jon Derzinski:** now with 361<sup>st</sup> Training Squadron aerospace propulsion training, Sheppard AFB, 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)