

A Weekly Note From

Pastor Mike Bronson

Good morning! I trust Christmas was a blessed day for you. Today will be a good day also as we gather in the Name of the Lord!

We finish our series entitled “At Christmastime” this morning. I plan to explore a topic that has affected most people in 2020 and that is discouragement. While Christmas was a time of great joy when Jesus was born, we also find heartache and suffering surrounding Jesus’ birth. How do we deal with discouragement? I pray for the Holy Spirit to give us wisdom and encouragement this morning.

We have a lot on our plates for 2021. It is going to be a good year for West Haven. I hope you will pray with us, that God will give us wisdom and knowledge and understanding to lead His church in a way that will bring Him glory!

Please know that we are praying for you as we enter this new year. 2020 was a year of rapidly accelerating change. I am grateful that God’s word assures us (Heb. 13:8) that “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”

December 27, 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.

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.

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!

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
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MEMBER INFORMATION

Budget Detail as of 12/20/2020

Weekly Budget Req. - \$9,518.96

General Fund Rec. - \$13,188.30

Mo. to Date Budget Req. - \$28,556.88

Mo. to Date Giving - \$43,371.30

*Weekly giving receipt is subject to change upon final Breeze Giving based on deposit 12/24/2020. Numbers reported 12/21/2020.

Sermon Notes

Matthew 2:16-18; John 12:27-28a

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Discouragement 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. so if you are not part of a group, we would love to help you find one!

Class/Teacher	Time	Age	Location	Current Study
Adult I Todd Janssen	8:30 a.m.	All Adults	Fellowship Hall	2 Samuel
Adult II Gordon Brest	10:00 a.m. (begins Jan. 10)	All Adults	Fellowship Hall	Bible Studies for Life
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
Adult V Jon Hain	8:30 a.m.	Young Adults	Classroom at the bottom of the stairs	Jesus in the Old & New Testament

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 20, 2020

Anita Rafferty: numerous health issues , some unidentified (Donna Osborne's step mom)
Revival & awakening in this country. Truth & justice restored. Fear replaced by hope in Christ. (Kelly & Chris Bingham)
Nadene Snyder: Hospice Care (Helen Craig's sister)
Unspoken (Helen Craig)

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)

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 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)