

A Weekly Note From
Pastor Mike Bronson



I'm very glad to see you this morning! It's always good to come back after a week off. I didn't realize it but I was running on empty - mentally, spiritually, and even emotionally. 2020 was a year of extraordinary challenges.

However, after a simple week of rest, prayer, and unhurried Bible reading, I have a refreshed perspective on ministry, church leadership, and the sovereignty of our Lord! 2021 is going to be a good year. I hope you'll be on board as we move into what God has for us in this year.

Jan. 24 is Compassion International Sunday. We will partner with two churches in Managua, Nicaragua. These churches are geographically very close to each other. We will receive:

- 1. 60 Sponsorship Packets for children from those two churches.**
- 2. 90 Sponsorship Packets for children within 5 miles of those two churches.**

Our goal is to sponsor all 150 of these children!

Please pray about a long-term sponsorship for at least one of those children. Some have HIV. Others are designated as "Highly Vulnerable Children." They live in an area where they are likely to be abused or exploited. Other children who need surgery or are suffering from illness. And there are still others who have been waiting a long time for a sponsor.

On Jan. 24, you'll have the opportunity to sponsor one or more of these children. I'll be preaching about missions that Sunday also, as part of our ongoing "Great Commission Reset" series. I believe God is giving us this opportunity to make a substantial difference in many lives.

Also, I hope to be able to send you a series of videos via email. These videos will give you a good idea of what it's like to grow up in third world poverty. These will be distributed via our Mailchimp email list. If you are not on that list, please contact Christina Lindholm at christina@westhaven.church.

God bless you as you seek to follow Jesus in 2021!

Special Prayer Time This Morning

We are grieved and disturbed by the events of Tuesday afternoon in our nation's capitol. So this morning, we will take some extra time to pray for our nation, to confess our sins, to approach God in contrition and repentance, and to seek His face.

Bro. Mike will start us in prayer. Then you'll have time to pray silently. And then Bro. Mike will close us.

We can nurture our pet theories, lay blame at the feet of our favorite culprit (s), or think "God, I'm glad I'm not like other people." But we need a higher response to lead us to solutions. Let's approach God this morning with contrition, humility, and self-examination.

January 10, 2021

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!

Members Meeting-Jan. 24

Please join us for our Members Meeting **after the second service on Jan. 24**. One of the items on the agenda is proposed changes to the Stewardship Team portion of the Policy & Procedure Manual. These changes are to add to and clarify our current financial practices.

Prayer Meeting-Jan. 31

Please join us for a churchwide prayer meeting in the Worship Center on **Sunday, January 31 at 5:00 p.m.**

Senior Adult Fellowship Luncheon-Jan. 11

Monday, January 11 at Noon the Senior Adults will meet in the Fellowship Hall for baked potatoes, salad, and dessert. Please let Rose Swain know if you can attend. Her number is: (913) 271-6250.

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 Gordon Brest at (913) 416-0225 or Bill Mages at (913) 645-4065. If you have questions about Student Ministry, contact Pastor Nathan LaFave at (816) 344-1472.

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.

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MEMBER INFORMATION

Budget Detail as of 1/03/2021

Weekly Budget Req. - \$9,702.36

General Fund Rec. - \$9,651.00

Mo. to Date Budget Req. - \$9,702.36

Mo. to Date Giving - \$9,651.00

Sermon Notes

Jeremiah 29:7, 1 Corinthians 3:8

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God Is Chipping Away

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.	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.



2020-2021 Prayer Requests:



January 3, 2021

Sarah Harnden: admitted to hospital for possible pre-eclampsia. Please pray. (Bill & Denise Harnden's daughter)

Our Country & President (Helen Craig)

My sister (Helen Craig)

Please continue to pray for my mom's eyes, she has appointments this week. Thank you. (Yvette Laundry)

Kelly Kaiser: Her dad passed away. Services are pending. Please pray for her and her family.

December 27, 2020

Congratulations to Maggie & Zack Estes on the birth of their baby boy, MacArthur "Mac" Ross Estes born on 12/29. (Mike & Becky Derzinski's daughter)

Congratulations to Kirsten & Scott Robinson on the birth of their son, Jasper Kirk Robinson born on 12/29. (Kirk & Lenora Baggett's daughter)

Expecting Mothers of WHBC:

Chastin Hoffhines: April 2021

Other Expecting Mothers:

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)