

It's good to see you this morning! We continue through the book of James by going to James 3. There he writes about the power of the tongue. With it, we can bless or curse. May the Holy Spirit give us self-controlled and wise words as we walk through this life.

We gladly celebrate Independence Day today. God has blessed us beyond measure. Yet today among many evangelicals, any show of patriotism in a church is disparaged. We are accused of being Christian “nationalists.” We are told to remember that God is the God of all nations. And then accused of idolatry.

I will grant you that it gets carried away in some churches. But it's only idolatry if you make it idolatry. We should be grateful to God for what He has given us. To fail to do so is ingratitude and even presumption. He has given us freedom, prosperity, and peace. He has also given us people who have served to protect and perpetuate those blessings. We give honor to them as someone to whom honor is due (Romans 13:7).

I have friends in the metro area who are pastors and immigrants. Two of them told me in 2020 how grateful they are for this country. One of them told me (and I'm paraphrasing), that this country gave him a wife, children, a ministry, freedom, and prosperity. He is baffled that America is often disparaged. We talked about people who have come here from repressive or communist countries. They are extraordinarily thankful to God Almighty for creating a country like this.

Tara and I ate supper with a Kansas City area pastor and his wife earlier this year. They were in a UN refugee camp circa 2010. They had a choice as to what country they could emigrate to and chose America. Now he is a bi-vocational pastor of an ethnic church (Bhutanese) in Kansas City, Kansas. He got his real estate license and is doing well in that area. I couldn't help but notice his wife had an Apple watch on her wrist. 11 years earlier, she was in a UN camp and penniless. I'm not sure there are many other places in the world that could have happened.

We acknowledge America has deep-rooted sins. We have a sordid history of slavery and racism. That sin will reverberate for generations to come. But let's compare America to other nations. Have our sins been worse than Russia or Germany or China? Wherever there are human beings, there will be sin.

God has used America to distribute Bibles around the world. She has sent countless missionaries. The land is saturated with Christian teaching. People from all ethnicities desire to live here. Yes, it's an incredible tragedy that like Esau, we are exchanging extraordinary blessings for that which is temporal and fleshly. We treat God lightly, the church flippantly, and His Word carelessly. And it appears that His judgment has begun. But none of that takes away from the fact He has blessed us.

Let's reverse the tide. Be holy for He is holy. Give Him the praise and thanksgiving due Him. Thank Him for your blessings. Purpose in your heart not to waste a single one. And then go shoot off some fireworks tonight. Happy Independence Day!

July 4, 2021

NEWS & UPDATES

Visitors

If you are visiting today, we are so glad you are here! We would like to touch base with you, please fill out the worship information card in the back of the chair and place it in the basket by the doorway. Or text us your contact information to: (913) 369-4450. Thank you for being here!

Sunday School & Bible Fellowship start at 8:45 a.m.

Children's Sunday School is available for ages Kindergarten through 3rd grade as well as 4th to 6th grade. Students 7th-12th grades can join the Student Ministry Class downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Please see the back of the bulletin for adult class options and room locations.

Worship Service is at 10:00 a.m.

- During worship service, Children's Church is available for kids who are currently in K-2nd grade.
- Nursery care is available for ages 0-5, during 8:45 a.m. Sunday School, and 10:00 a.m. Worship service. The nursery is located in our lower level. To access the nursery, enter the north door. Take the steps on your left. At the bottom of the steps, there is a hallway to the right. Down the hallway is the nursery area. Security procedures are in place and every volunteer has undergone a background check.
- Worship service is streamed to the classroom off the foyer, Room 202. There is a chair for nursing mothers available in this room.

Children's Ministry Volunteer Rotation

To serve on the nursery rotation, please contact anyone on our Nursery Leadership Team (Cindi Benson, Vickie Ewoldsen, Jessie Schultz, or Amy Inlow) at: nursery@westhaven.church.

To serve in Children's Church, please contact Shelly McGhee at (913) 461-6558. Thanks for serving our children in the name of Jesus!

Children's Ministry Volunteers

This past week our nursery team emailed out the volunteer schedule for the next three months. They are using Breeze to send the communication for the first time. For that reason, if you are signed up to serve in the nursery but did NOT receive the email/schedule, please let Nathan or the Nursery Coordinating Team know as soon as possible.

Spring/Summer Wednesday Night Adult Bible study

Wednesday night Bible study is on the following dates:

- The first three Wednesdays in July

The Study is: Church History led by Dr. John Mark Yates from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Church Directory

We are in the process of updating our church directory. Rose Swain has been taking updated pictures of individuals and families. Please text or call Rose (913-271-6250) to set up a time any Sunday to get your picture taken. Pictures are solely used for the church database. Thank you.

NEWS & UPDATES - Continued

Senior Citizen Luncheon & Fellowship—July 12

All seniors are invited to a Noon Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall on **Monday, July 12**. Sandwiches will be provided. Please bring a salad or dessert. Please let Rose Swain know if you plan to attend the luncheon (913-271-6250).

Faith & Family Night—July 17

West Haven is sponsoring an outing at the KC Royals annual 'Faith and Family Night' this year, and we hope you can join us for what will be a great time at the ballpark! The game is on **Saturday, July 17** against the Baltimore Orioles and is scheduled for a **6:15 start**. West Haven is going to put on a tailgate party before the game, and there will be a postgame presentation including speakers from the Royals, Scott Dawson of 'Safe at Home', and a concert by Zach Williams. This event is intended as an opportunity for much needed and overdue fellowship, but also as a great opportunity to invite a friend, who doesn't know the Lord, to join us.

We are encouraging early sign up for the event by discounting the first 20 tickets to the game by 50%. The seats we reserved are in the lower level just beyond the infield (section 242), and are priced at \$34 each. So the first 20 tickets claimed will be discounted to \$17 each! **You can find the link on the home page of our website. Click on the "Register Now" box to buy tickets.** If buying them online doesn't work for you, please just contact me and we'll accommodate you. (785) 713-2929 or jonhain1@gmail.com.

More than the good deal on a ticket, I am really looking forward to spending half a Saturday with friends from West Haven out at the K, and hopefully seeing some new faces as well. I will follow up with an update when we're closer to the event regarding specifics on our plans for parking, logistics, etc. Hope you'll join us at Royals Faith & Family night on Saturday July 17!

—Jon Hain (785) 713-2929

Parent/Child Dedication—July 18

There will be a Parent/Child Dedication during Worship Service on **Sunday, July 18**. If you have a child age 2 years and under that you would like to have dedicated during this service, please sign-up in the church foyer or call the church office.

Member Meeting-July 25

We will have a brief member meeting after worship on Sunday, July 25.

Save the Date—Sept. 18

Please save **Saturday, September 18** on your calendars for the Community Carnival and Tonganoxie Days, Sunflower Stroll event.

MEMBER INFORMATION

Budget Detail as of 7/04/2021

Weekly Budget Req. - \$9,702.36

General Fund Rec. - \$9,686.00

Mo. to Date Budget Req. - \$38,809.44

Mo. to Date Giving - \$38,911.77

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BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CLASSES & SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

(SUMMER)

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, we would love to help you find one!

High School Students

Multi-generational fellowship and study is vital for your spiritual growth and health. To that end, Pastor Nathan encourages you to attend one of the "Adult" classes. Please talk to Nathan if you have any questions!

Class/Teacher	Age	Location	Current Study
Adult I Bill Mages/Todd Janssen	All Adults	Room 102 Fellowship Hall	1 John
Adult II Gordon Brest	All Adults	Room 104 Fellowship Hall	Bible Studies for Life
Adult III Brian Klamm	All Adults	Room 106 Fellowship Hall	James
Adults IV Blake Waters	All Adults	Train Station	Job; Ecclesiastes
Adult V Jon Hain	Young Adults	Room 100 Downstairs Classroom	Jesus in the Old & New Testament
Student Ministry Class Bill Weatherford & Bob Link	7 th -12 th grade	Room 105 Fellowship Hall	The Gospel Project
Children's Classes Director: Kathie Riddle & Elizabeth Spurlin	K-3 rd grade	Downstairs Classroom Red Room	The Gospel Project
Teachers Rotate Leaders: Donna Gambrell, Kathy Link, Michelle McIntyre, Rebekah Schutz, Diane Titterington, Jenny Worden, & Alicia Wylie	4 th -6 th grade	Downstairs Classroom Blue Room	The Gospel Project
Nursery: Available during 8:45 a.m. Sunday School & 10 a.m. Worship	Infants-4 years	Downstairs	

2021 Prayer Requests:



July 4, 2021

Katlyn Gordon: is due to deliver baby boy in 5 weeks, kidneys are not developing properly (Great niece of Rose Swain)

Ann Rogers: has health issues/coughing continuously & hopefully will see a doctor. She's 86 and afraid of doctors. (Cathy Stueckemann's friend's mother)

Terri Brest: Please pray for her. She had complications from a routine procedure and is in the hospital for a couple of days. Surgery is not needed.

Katelyn: having stomach issues, found mass on spine, elevated liver enzymes, & inflamed colon. Seeing oncologist & orthopedic doctor (Angelina Steiner's daughter)

Cora: in the hospital with severe diverticulitis (Loretta Kunard's Sister in law)

Prayers for my unborn son and his health; for my wife as she carry's this gift God has given us. (Michael Boyd)

Please pray for an associate and the health of her daughter. (Michael Boyd)

June 27, 2021

Stephen: had surgery at KUMC, please pray for him and his mom. (Cathy Stueckemann's nephew)

Christine Janssen's mom in hospital, sharp back pain, heart ok, needs CAT scan. Might be plaque buildup, small blockage, etc. Please pray for her parents.

Expecting Mothers of WHBC:

Other Expecting Mothers:

Long Term Requests:

Nick Cox: in prison (Kevin Cobb's nephew)

Pastor Bryan Baggett: malignant brain tumor; given a year to live. He will begin an experimental radiation therapy on April 27 in Dallas, TX. 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)

Cora Lee Huffines and her grandson Jarrett Russell: he is completely paralyzed and stays with Cora, but had surgery which has now allowed him to be able to speak. Please pray for them both and for more reliable nurses that can help. (Rosemary O'Bryan)

Karli Harnden: Kneist dysplasia and vision loss and

Raiden Harnden: spina bifida (Bill & Denise Harnden's grandchildren)

MILITARY:

CPT Parker Osborne, US ARMY: TDY Fort Lee, VA for training (Dan Osborne's sister)

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: back from successful deployment, stationed in Atsugi, Japan (Cathy Stueckemann's son)

SrA Rebecca Baggett, Air National Guard: Tennessee (Kirk & Lenora Baggett's daughter)

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

(Mike & Becky Derzinski's son)

A1C Jon Derzinski, Kansas Air National Guard: 190th Air Refueling Wing, Forbes Field, Topeka, Kansas (Mike & Becky Derzinski's son)

HN Emmie Derzinski, US Navy: Naval Station Great Lakes, IL Dental Clinic, USS RED Rover (Mike & Becky Derzinski's daughter)