

A Weekly Note From

Pastor Mike Bronson

Welcome to the gathered church on this Lord's Day. Sometimes I get questions about the phrase "the Lord's Day." What is the "Lord's Day?" Why do we meet on Sundays? Why did there used to be "blue laws" that outlawed most commerce on a Sunday?

"The Lord's Day" is a phrase used to describe the day the church gathers. Jesus was resurrected on a Sunday. The Holy Spirit came on the Day of Pentecost, a Sunday. The early church met on a Sunday. Throughout all of history, regardless of country, language, or ethnicity, God's people have met on Sunday. The Lord's Day is a day to be recharged and edified by the preaching of the Word, the teaching of the Word, fellowship, and prayer. The Lord's Day is God's gift to His people. Let's never forsake our assembling together!

As of today, this is Nathan's first anniversary of serving us vocationally. I'm very grateful for him. Thank him and his wife Jenny for their service to us this morning. I rejoice that God brought them here and in the ways he is using them. Speaking of Nathan, he updated our website this week. It looks great. And it's an important tool we need to reach people.

In today's bulletin you'll see an order form for "West Haven Loves Tonganoxie" T-Shirts. We would like EVERYONE to have this T-shirt for the Community Carnival during Tongie Days in September (and for other days we are involved in public outreach). Not only that, we'd like you to have one to wear around town. If you find that the cost is prohibitive to your family, let me know. We'll find a way to get you one.

We are working to increase the safety of our children. Soon we expand our check-in procedures to include 1st-3rd graders in Sunday School. We will also put doors at the front of the children's wing and have three iPads there for check in. We'll give you more details closer to the date.

As I requested last week, please pray for us. We are trying to lead in effective and even unique ways. I was very excited about something I have been researching since the start of the year. It fell through last week. However, in God's grace a possible mission opportunity has been presented to us. Sometimes doors are closed because God has something else for us, something we could never anticipate. Pray that God would use all of us in His great mission enterprise of preaching the gospel locally, and around the world.

August 1, 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—8:45 a.m.

Children's Sunday School is available for ages 3-4 years, Kindergarten through 3rd grade, as well as, 4th to 6th grade. Students 7th-12th grade 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—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!

Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study— Aug. 25

In order to select an appropriate room within the building for Wednesday night Bible study beginning Aug. 25, can you please sign up at the kiosk in the foyer? We need to have an approximate idea of how many people will be attending. You are not committing yourself to being there by signing up. We are only looking for an estimate crowd size. Thank you! Bro. Mike

Donut Distribution Restarted

We are distributing donuts every Tuesday to area businesses. Donna Gambrell, Kathy Link, Terri Brest, and Ronda Wager make them and then deliver them. We've received a lot of positive responses from this. They could use more drivers. You would start around 9-9:15 a.m. It takes about 30-45 minutes. If you are interested in helping, contact Donna at (816) 810-2665.

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 Fellowship/Luncheon—Aug. 9

All senior adults are invited to meet at Pullman's in Leavenworth at **11:30 a.m. on Monday, August 9**. If you can attend it is important to please let Rose Swain know by Friday, Aug. 6 as reservations are required. Rose can be reached at (913) 271-6250.

Fall Wednesday Night Activities—Aug. 25

Mark your calendars for August 25! AWANA will start back up at 6:15 –8:00 p.m. and Student Ministry resumes as well from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Please contact Pastor Nathan if you have questions regarding Student Ministry. Contact Gordon Brest or Bill Mages if you have any questions about AWANA.

Save the Date—Sept. 18

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

West Haven T-Shirts for Sale

We have branded West Haven Loves Tonganoxie t-shirts for sale for \$12-14. Orders are due August 15. Order forms are attached to the bulletin. Please submit form and payment to Pastor Nathan or place in the basket at the back of the Worship Center.

Help Needed for upcoming Outreach

We have around 250 backpacks that we need to “iron-on” a West Haven patch. Seeking some crafty individuals who would like to take a box or two of backpacks and attach the logo. Please let Nathan know if you are willing to help: nathan@westhaven.church.

Mission Trip Update

We are still planning on going to Nicaragua through Compassion International sometime in 2022, likely late in the year. There is much up in the air but we do have a very approximate cost for you. They are estimating between \$2,100-\$2,600. We hope you will pray and plan on going!

Prayer & General Communication Text Lists

If you are a member or regular attender and would like to be added to the West Haven text/ email prayer list, contact the church office (913) 369-9422. Or you can add yourself by using the church database online or the phone app called—Breeze.

The online web address is: westhaven.breezechms.com. Click on “edit” on the “contact” section, update your contact information, and click “yes” to opt-in for the church prayer text notifications. You also have an option to opt-in and receive the general church text notifications about church updates. As a side note: please be sure your cell phone number is not listed in the home phone box but is in the cell phone box. If you have any questions contact the church office at (913) 369-9422. The Breeze phone App is Breeze CHMS. The first time you open it, type: westhaven in the Church ID box. Next, to sign in, type the username and password you created. You can update your profile information under the people tab.

Using your user name and password the website and app offer the same access to our church management database.

MEMBER INFORMATION

Budget Detail as of 7/25/2021

Weekly Budget Req. - \$9,702.36

General Fund Rec. - \$10,687.00

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

Mo. to Date Giving - \$40,844.30

The Battle Against Spiritual Adultery

1. _____ in the Battle Against Spiritual Adultery

A. The _____

B. The _____

1. The _____ Work of the _____

2. The _____ Work of the _____

2. _____ in the Battle Against Spiritual Adultery

A. You Can Choose _____ and Therefore, _____

B. You Can Choose _____, and Therefore _____

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
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 Gambrill, 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	The Gospel Project

2021 Prayer Requests:



July 25, 2021

Please pray for the family of Nancy Payne. She was diagnosed & passed away from cancer within a week. Her family is devastated. (Grandma to Jenny Slusser's niece)

Barry Johnson: had tests to determine if he will need a heart transplant. Tests showed he will not need surgery for his heart. He will have medication to help. (Phillis Hammond's brother)

Please pray for legal & financial help. I'm having family issues. Praying to get my daughters to come to church with me. Pray I beat my addictions and get more connected to God and take better care of myself. Pray I focus on the future and forgive myself for my past. (Megan Williams)

Prayers for my family and others who are lost, that they find the path back to the Lord. (Bambi Dome)

Waneta Sitz: awaiting test results, as they think her cancer may have spread to her lungs. Please pray for a positive outcome. (Becky Derzinski's aunt)

Erica Adams: pregnant with first baby, and has now been placed on the ventilator due to Covid. She is the daughter of one of my friends. (Becky Derzinski)

July 18, 2021

Prayers for Melanie's grand baby (Lindsey Anderson's friend)

Karla Thomas: fell, breaking her ribs, suffering a concussion & was transferred to KU medical center.

Kim Bachelor: fighting covid, has been put into an induced coma, and is on a ventilator. Her sister said this is her third week in ICU. (Melissa Lewallen's best friend)

Tim Slusser: had knee surgery; please pray for his continued recovery

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. Is on an experimental radiation 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 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)