

A Weekly Note From
Pastor Mike Bronson

Had a tough week? Remember that you are not saved by your performance. God gives a greater grace to His people. Believers are loved and accepted by the risen Lord Jesus. His mercy is great. This is a great place to be today.

This morning we continue in James 4 in what is a very rich passage. Verses 7-10 ultimately describe how to have a closer walk with God. I have been turning these over in my mind and applying them to my life. If there is anything I want, it's a closer walk with God.

It's amazing how much can change in a week. I wrote in this space I would be gone on Aug. 12. The church where I was going to preach changed the date to Nov. 14 so I'll be here.

I want to catch you up on the following items:

- 1. We have the opportunity to provide supplies for a group trying to keep children from entering the foster care system.** Details are elsewhere in the bulletin.
- 2. We are assembling "Welcome Back" gift bags for all Tonganoxie Elementary School employees.** Please contact Jenny Slusser at 913 449 8063 if you would like to help or donate.
- 3. We are preparing for our Community Carnival on Sept. 18.** More details on that soon.
- 4. Our cameras have arrived.** It will take quite a bit of time to get them installed, train operators, etc. I am looking forward to that improvement in our outreach and ministry.
- 5. We are assembling a social media team.** If you think you would be a good fit for that, contact Pastor Nathan.
- 6. We are increasing security for our children by expanding check-in procedures soon.** Details are elsewhere in the bulletin.
- 7. We are preparing for the resumption of Wednesday night ministries.** Details are elsewhere in the bulletin.
- 8. We are still working on meals for Wednesday nights.** More details will come soon.

Be sure and sign up in the foyer if you intend to attend my Wednesday night Bible study. We need to have an approximate number to find a suitable place in the building for the study. God bless you!

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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 looking for an estimate crowd size. Thank you! Bro. Mike

Wednesday Night AWANA Workers

We are in need of nursery volunteers for Wednesday night ministries. We are looking for enough volunteers to form a rotation. Also, we are in need of volunteers who can listen to verses for our AWANA Clubbers! To serve in this capacity, please contact Gordon or Terri Brest or the church office: info@westhaven.church

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.

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.

NEWS & UPDATES - Continued

Save the Date—Sept. 18

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

West Haven T-Shirts for Sale

We have branded West Haven Loves Tonganoxie t-shirts for sale for \$12-14. Orders are DUE TODAY. 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.

Birthright Volunteers

Birthright Volunteers offer hope, understanding and love to women distressed by pregnancy. We hope them evaluate their situation, look at resources and discover how they can give life to their babies. For 35 years Birthright of Leavenworth, Inc. has been helping women in this area carry their babies to term. If you are interested in being a Birthright Volunteer, we will be having a training wearing masks or social distancing when appropriate. We are practicing safety measures at the Birthright center. For more information or to sign up for orientation call Margaret McNamee (913) 991-7660.

Children's Sunday School and Children's Church Check-In Procedures

In the near future, we will require check-in for all children from birth to 6th grade as they enter our children's wing for Sunday School or Children's Church. There will be three iPads on the south-facing wall at the bottom of the stairs to check in. Only those 18 years old and older will be allowed to pick up children after services. These changes will be implemented as soon as we can get electrical service to the south-facing wall, the iPads purchased and installed, and the new procedures communicated to you. We will also be installing doors at the front of the children's wing. We wanted to let you know these changes are coming. God has entrusted children to us as a stewardship. We want to take wise steps to ensure their safety!

Temperatures To Be Taken for Children's Sunday School and Children's Church

Because of the increase of COVID-19, we will begin taking the temperatures of children arriving for Sunday School and Children's Church, beginning next Sunday, August 22. Thanks for your understanding!

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 8/08/2021

Weekly Budget Req. - \$9,702.36

General Fund Rec. - \$15,273.00

Mo. to Date Budget Req. - \$19,404.72

Mo. to Date Giving - \$24,029.15

Having a Closer Walk With God

1. _____ To _____

2. _____ The _____

3. _____ To _____

4. _____ Your _____

5. Be _____

6. _____ Your Sin

7. _____ Yourself Before God

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!

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	Psalms
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