

## *A Weekly Note From*

### **Pastor Mike Bronson**

**It's that time of year when school starts, schedules change, and in some cases homes look different.** Home might look different because you have dropped off a teenager to further his or her education. And you are praying for that son or daughter. Others have a child who has started at a new school. That's a lot of change and you, too, are praying for your son or daughter. Some are tackling homeschool, and some are involved in Genesis or Veritas. We are going to ask every person here today who is involved in education, be it public, private, home, or virtual, to come to the front this morning. We want to recognize you. Then, we want to pray for you. We want to lift you up before the Lord so you are divinely empowered to honor the Lord in all that you do!

**Like many of you, my heart breaks over the situation in Afghanistan.** The entire situation is unconscionable. Several Christian pastors do not expect to live more than a week. It's been accurately said many Christians will die this week because they chose faithfulness over safety. We pray for them this morning. And their example of DYING for the faith once for all delivered to the saints certainly encourages me to faithfully LIVE for that very same faith.

**We start our Wednesday night ministries this week.** AWANA begins at 6:15 and Student Ministry at 6:30. Adult Bible Study will meet at 6:20 in the Worship Center because of the anticipated size. And we will have to vacate the worship center by 7:20 so AWANA can finish there. We are still investigating the possibility of meals on Wednesday nights. We'll let you know!

**Tomorrow we will deliver "Welcome Back" bags to every employee at Tonganoxie Elementary School.** Thank you to Jenny Slusser for leading and organizing this effort!

**We are hitting the home stretch in preparation for the Community Carnival.** Very soon (probably next Sunday) we will have a whiteboard in the foyer for you to sign up to help. No matter what, we are asking everyone to be there. Wear your green West Haven T-shirt. And if you neglected to order one, talk to Nathan. We ordered a few extras. I'm looking forward to seeing what God will do through this! Pray for God's blessing.

**As we think about the Community Carnival, let's keep our focus outward.** We never want to become an inwardly focused church. We are here to fulfill the Great Commission. How can we be the hands and feet of Jesus in a bolder and broader way in the future? What can we do to more significantly impact our community? And ultimately, in so doing, how can we proclaim the gospel? Please pray that God would reveal His will. And through what only He can do, that large doors would swing open for the fruitful proclamation of the gospel!

**August 22, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, as well as, 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Students 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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-2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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!

## Adult Bible Study on Wednesday Nights—6:20 p.m.

This year we will begin Bible study at 6:20 pm. Because of the anticipated size of the class, it will be held in the Worship Center. As soon as Bible study is over, we will need to vacate the Worship Center for the end of AWANA. Parents are welcome to stay to for AWANA large group time.

## 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](mailto: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.

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## Save the Date—Sept. 18

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

## Birthright Volunteers

Birthright Volunteers offer hope, understanding and love to women distressed by pregnancy. We hope they 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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. 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](http://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 8/15/2021

Weekly Budget Req. - \$9,702.36

General Fund Rec. - \$18,431.00

Mo. to Date Budget Req. - \$29,107.08

Mo. to Date Giving - \$42,460.15

## The Problem of a Critical Spirit

1. It \_\_\_\_\_ A Brother or Sister Who Is \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

2. It \_\_\_\_\_ A \_\_\_\_\_ You \_\_\_\_\_ And \_\_\_\_\_

3. It \_\_\_\_\_ A \_\_\_\_\_ That Is \_\_\_\_\_

# 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!

<b>Class/Teacher</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Current Study</b>
<b>Adult I</b> Bill Mages/Todd Janssen	All Adults	Room 102 Fellowship Hall	1 John
<b>Adult II</b> Gordon Brest	All Adults	Room 104 Fellowship Hall	Bible Studies for Life
<b>Adults IV</b> Blake Waters	All Adults	Train Station	Job; Ecclesiastes
<b>Adult V</b> Jon Hain	All Adults	Room 100 Downstairs Classroom	Psalms
<b>Adult - Other</b> Pastor Nathan	Music/Tech Teams & spouses	Room 202 Upstairs Classroom	Gospel Rhythms: Music in the Life of the Gathered Church
<b>Student Ministry Class</b> Bill Weatherford & Bob Link	7 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade	Room 105 Fellowship Hall	The Gospel Project
<b>Children's Classes</b> Director: Kathie Riddle & Elizabeth Spurlin	K-3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> grade	Downstairs Classroom Blue Room	The Gospel Project
<b>Nursery:</b> Available during 8:45 a.m. Sunday School & 10 a.m. Worship	Infants-4 years	Downstairs	The Gospel Project

## 2021 Prayer Requests:



### August 15, 2021

Amber Workman: went to urgent care for sinus pressure & got diagnosed with COVID. Please pray that she heals quickly and the rest of her family doesn't get it.

Kim: moved to a rehab facility and will spend about two weeks there. She told me she was one of only 20% who make it off the ventilator. Praise God! (Melissa Lewallen's friend)

My eyes are getting weaker. (James & Julia Synder)

Please pray for my friend Bambi and her family. Also, thank you for all your prayers. (Megan Williams)

### August 8, 2021

Katelyn: prayers for recovery from surgery on Monday. Surgery went better than expected. (Angelina Boyer's daughter)

Sue Amego: passed away. Please pray for the family. (Donna Gambrill's sister in law)

Barry: after running further tests, he will be needing a heart transplant. He will be admitted to the hospital Tuesday for further evaluation. (Phyllis Hammond's brother)

Prayers for Marilyn Domke and family at the passing of David. David and Marilyn were former members of our church.

Mike C.: bladder cancer (friend of Larry & Donna Schutz)

Heal and bless my daughter and grandsons. Thanks. (Paul W., New Jersey)

Thank you church for continued prayers for my family. (Cathy Stueckemann)

Rick Vogler: cancer (friend of Michelle McIntyre)

Joy: had a pacemaker put in and is still recovering (Gordon Brest's mother)

Bill Harnden: Angioplasty opened up one 95% blocked artery. Two stents; heart ok. Thank you for praying! (Bill & Denise Harnden)

Steve: scheduled for open heart surgery and isn't saved. (Carol Anderson's brother)

### Expecting Mothers of WHBC:

#### 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

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 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 on deployment (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)

## **Mission Outreach**

**When we held our Community Wide Garage Sale recently, one of the people who picked up quite a few items was Tammy Arndt.** She is a Community Resource Specialist for a company named “Developing Caring Communities Committed to Action.” DCCCA subcontracts for the Kansas Department of Children and Families. They take referrals from DCF and the general public to intervene before children must be put in the foster care system. They have an acute need for children’s items so she reached out to Pastor Mike to see if we could help them.

**For the next four weeks, you can donate items in the categories below.** There will be four signs on the south-facing wall on the Train Station. You can put the items in the corresponding boxes. The final date of collection will be Sunday, Sept. 12. **There is also a need for refrigerated items but we will only receive those on Sunday, Sept. 12.** Thanks for your generosity in helping at-risk children!

### **Food**

- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Fruit Cups
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Cereal
- Ravioli
- Spaghetti-O’s
- Juice Boxes
- Canned goods (vegetables, fruit, meat, soups, etc.)
- Snacks of all varieties
- Spices
- Tuna/hamburger/chicken Helper
- Bread
- Baby food (all kinds, including formula and snacks)

### **Hygiene Products**

- Women’s Hygiene Products (Pads & Tampons – all types & sizes needed)
- Deodorant (Men’s & Women’s)
- Body Wash (Men’s & Women’s)
- Hand Soap
- Body Soap
- Shampoo & Conditioner (All hair types)
- Kid’s Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste (All types)
- Baby Soaps, Shampoos, and Lotions
- Sensitive Baby Wipes
- Toilet paper
- Diapers and Pull-Ups: We accept all sizes but the sizes we tend to run out of the quickest are sizes 4-6 diapers and all sizes of Pull-Ups.

## **Cleaning Supplies**

- Dish Soap
- Laundry Soap
- Fabric Softener
- Furniture Polish
- Glass Cleaner
- Floor Cleaner
- Disinfectant Cleaning Wipes (Clorox or off-brand)
- Bathroom cleaners
- Toilet brushes
- Indoor brooms
- Mops

## **Clothing Items**

- New undergarments (all ages and sizes)
- New socks (all sizes)
- Shoes (all sizes: new and gently used)
- Coats (all sizes: new and gently used)
- Fall/summer clothing (all ages and sizes: new and gently used)

## **Donations for refrigerated items (only received on Sunday, Sept. 12)**

These can be taken into the kitchen downstairs, but ONLY on Sunday, Sept. 12

### o Frozen:

- ✦ Pizza
- ✦ Pizza rolls
- ✦ Burritos
- ✦ Frozen Waffles
- ✦ Hamburger
- ✦ Chicken
- ✦ Refrigerated
- ✦ Lunch meat
- ✦ Milk
- ✦ Eggs
- ✦ Butter/margarine
- ✦ Cheese
- ✦ Produce