

A Weekly Note From

Pastor Mike Bronson

Welcome to West Haven as we continue our series through the book of James entitled "Practical Christianity." James 4:13-17 will remind us of the importance of knowing God's Word and making His will the top priority in all of our plans. I'm glad you are here. If you are visiting, I hope to meet you before the day is over!

Today, we turn our attention toward preparation for our Community Carnival at Tongie Days on Sept. 18. If we've ever had an "all hands on deck" day, this is it. In the foyer, you'll find a whiteboard with a variety of needs. There are spaces to sign up for an hourly shift. Aside from taking a shift, we'll need you to be around to mingle with people, troubleshoot, and help with anything that might come up.

Because we want to be generous with our community, we are giving away a number of items. There are approximately 250 backpacks we will give away. We are also going to put some school supplies in the backpacks. We are giving away six \$50 gift cards to Brothers Market. Everyone who enters the drawing will receive a "thank you" letter and an invitation to church. We want to have a "prayer section" at our hospitality tent for anyone who wants prayer. And we hope those lead to gospel conversations. If you would like to volunteer to be part of the "prayer section" please contact Nathan or me. We are also having most of the games we've had at the Carnival in the past (and one of the games is called **FLINGING FROGS** - I don't know what that means but it has to be awesome!). There will also be inflatables.

All of this is contingent on your participation so I am praying that every one of you will be there for as much of the carnival as possible.

And NONE of this would happen without the leadership of the group putting this together behind the scenes. This group met for two hours after church last Sunday. I always hesitate to recognize people because invariably, someone is left out but here's who I know was part of this meeting: Gordon Brest, Terri Brest, Bill Mages, Donna Mages, Dan Williams, Sherri Williams, Rebekah Schultz, Michelle McIntyre, Kenny Schultz, Donna Schultz, and Randy Wager. We could not do this without their fantastic leadership.

Pray for this opportunity. This will lead to other opportunities to bless and be visible in our community. It's a lot of hard work but Jesus is worth it!

August 29, 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!

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.

Wednesday Night Cancellation Policy

In the past, our cancellation policy was tied to whether or not USD 464 was in session. This is no longer the case. In the event of inclement weather, each ministry determines separately whether or not to meet.

1. If AWANA cancels, you will be notified via the church text service and our website.
2. If Student Ministry cancels, you will be notified via the church text service and our website.
3. Adult Bible Study will always follow AWANA. If AWANA is canceled, so is Bible Study.

It is possible that one ministry will cancel while the other meets. The most likely scenario is that Student Ministry meets but AWANA cancels. And as always, check the church calendar for cancellations.

New—West Haven T-shirts

If you ordered a new West Haven/Tonganoxie T-shirt from Pastor Nathan please visit the foyer this morning to pick yours up! If you did not get a chance to order one, there are a few extras you can visit with Nathan about purchasing.

NEWS & UPDATES - Continued

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 Taken for Children's Sunday School and Children's Church

Because of the increase of COVID-19, we are taking the temperatures of children arriving for Sunday School and Children's Church. Thanks for your understanding!

Senior Citizen Fellowship/Luncheon—Sept. 13

All senior adults are welcome to meet at 11:30 a.m. at the Rodeo restaurant in Basehor on **Monday, September 13** for a fellowship luncheon. Please RSVP to Rose Swain by texting or calling her at: (913) 271-6250.

Church Directory

We are updating our church directory and hope to print it this fall. 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.

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 or cancelations. 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.

Save the Date—Sept. 18

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

MEMBER INFORMATION

Budget Detail as of 8/22/2021
Weekly Budget Req. - \$9,702.36
General Fund Rec. - \$7,467.15
Mo. to Date Budget Req. - \$38,809.44
Mo. to Date Giving - \$49,927.30

Practical Atheism

1. The _____ Of _____ God

A. The Futility of _____ the _____ of Your Life Without God

B. The Futility of _____ the _____ of Your Life Apart From God

C. The Futility of _____ the _____ of Your Life

2. The _____ of _____ Before God

A. The _____ of _____

B. The _____ Of _____

Understanding + Opportunity or Ability = Obligation

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	All Adults	Room 100 Downstairs Classroom	Psalms
Adult - Other Pastor Nathan	Music/Tech Teams & spouses	Room 202 Upstairs Classroom	Gospel Rhythms: Music in the Life of the Gathered Church
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	The Gospel Project

2021 Prayer Requests:



August 22, 2021

Praise report, some great news, that my aunt does not have cancer, even though her doctors were sure it was. God is GOOD, all the time! (Becky Derzinski)

Joy Gainer: health

Carol Stouffer: fell and broke her collar bone, ribs, & compressed fracture of vertebra. She has Parkinson's & Osteoporosis. Please pray she heals quickly. (Blake Waters mother)

Kuehn Faulkner: passed away peacefully on Wednesday. Please continue to pray for Ronda, her family, and her mother. She thanks the church family for your prayers. (Ronda Wager's daddy)

Kim: is back at home after being hospitalized. Praise God! (Melissa Lewallen's friend)

Melissa Lewallen: prayers for healing from double carpal tunnel surgery

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.

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)

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