

A Weekly Note From

Pastor Nathan LaFave

Thank you for joining us for our corporate worship gathering this Sunday! Corporate worship is designed to lift our eyes and hearts off things of this earth and focus them on the things that are above. Its a reorientation of our values; a re-centering of our lives on the one who *gives* life. Colossians 3:1-3 says:

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

What a wonderful reminder this is for us as we gather on this Lord's day. As we sing, pray, and open God's Word, let's seek and ask God for the knowledge and wisdom that comes from Christ alone.

Today, we take a short break from our "Practical Christianity" sermon series and turn to Psalm 130. Martin Luther once called this text a "Pauline Psalm". Of course, the Apostle Paul did not write this Psalm. Nonetheless, it is one of the best expositions of the way of salvation by grace on the basis of Christ's atonement that can be found in the Old Testament. As we go through this text, I hope we are enraptured by the glory of God and the love of the Father through the redemption accomplished by the Son.

Our Community Carnival is quickly approaching! I certainly hope and pray that September 18th is blocked off on your calendars because we need every hand on deck! In the foyer, there is a board where you can sign-up to work the carnival games in hourly shifts; and so we certainly ask you to fill up those slots as soon as possible. Before you leave today, be sure to sign up. But even outside of that, we need you to be present that day. We want to love our community well on that day; we want to bless our community well on that day; and so we need to be fully engaged and present with and in our community on that day.

As Pastor Mike wrote last week, please pray for this opportunity. The community carnival will inevitably lead to other opportunities by which we can bless and be visible in our community. Indeed, it is a lot of work but Jesus is worth it!

Also, pray for all of our Wednesday night ministry leaders! Within the student ministry, we are doing on a series on "Gospel Foundations". Students will see that the gospel is the central message of the Bible and the primary word of Christianity. In very basic terms, it involves human sin, divine grace, and the work of Jesus. During this semester, students will be looking at these essential building blocks of the gospel, but perhaps just as important, work on their ability to *articulate* the gospel to their friends and family.

If you are visiting us today, you've come to the right place. This is an amazing church family and I'd love to meet you after (or before) the service!

September 5, 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 begin Bible study at 6:20 pm. Because of the anticipated size of the class, it is being held in the Worship Center. As soon as Bible study is over, we vacate the Worship Center for the end of AWANA. Parents are welcome to stay 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 help 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.

In Touch

If you have a college student living away from home please help us keep in touch with them. We will send a small care package three or four times a semester to let them know we are thinking of them and praying for them. To include your college student, please send their name and address to Grace Windler, gracewindler@gmail.com or Carol Anderson, cldanderson@yahoo.com.

Mission Outreach

Next **Sunday, September 12** is the last day to donate items to DCCCA for children in need. **Refrigerated/freezer** items will be accepted Sunday, September 12. Attached to the back of the bulletin is a list of requested items.

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.

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 8/29/2021

Weekly Budget Req. - \$9,702.36

General Fund Rec. - \$10,390.45

Mo. to Date Budget Req. - \$48,511.80

Mo. to Date Giving - \$60,317.75

A Song of Redemption

1. The _____ of _____

2. The _____ of _____

3. The _____ of _____

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

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	2 & 3 John
Adult II Gordon Brest	All Adults	Room 104 Fellowship Hall	Bible Studies for Life
Adults IV Blake Waters	All Adults	Train Station	Philippians; Colossians; Philemon
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	Zelos: Facing Death
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 29, 2021

Danny Kunard: dislocated his shoulder. He is in a sling. Please pray for healing & that his shoulder doesn't dislocate again. (Loretta Kunard's son)

Joy Brest: moved to rehab and has to be in quarantine for 15 days. (Gordon Brest's mom)

Ryan Emery: having abdominal surgery 9/3. Please pray for him and the doctors. (Orvella Schultz's grandson)

Annette Obermier passed away after battling multiple kinds of cancer since 2013. Prayers for her family and friends. (Michelle McIntyre's friend)

Denny: has started radiation treatments; he will have them 5 days a week for 6-7 weeks. Please pray for him. (Alicia Wylie's stepdad)

Annette Baggett: tests being performed to identify location of intestinal bleeding. Please pray for her & that they can identify the source. (Kirk Baggett's mother)

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

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