

A Weekly Note From
Pastor Mike Bronson

I'm glad to be back with you today after being in Jefferson City, Mo. to preach last weekend. Thanks for letting me extend West Haven's footprint! Today we will be in Genesis 37 as we look at the "What Ifs" of life. There are times in life when we think "what if that thing never happened?" But it could be that the "what ifs" in life are unrecognized ministers sent by God to bless you. I trust you will be blessed and God will be exalted as we sing, and pray, and preach, and fellowship this morning.

As Pastor Nathan mentioned to you last week, we have many things that have just happened or are about to happen. So here's a list.

- 1. Last Sunday night, some of you were at the celebration service for the House of God Community Church in north Kansas City.** They are a Liberian Church plant. We were the first church to help them, and I'm told our help was crucial in getting them off the ground. They recognized us with a plaque, which was very thoughtful. Your giving helped bring that church into existence. And now they are self-sustaining!
- 2. We had eight men help at Tonganoxie Elementary School on Tuesday at "Dads & Donuts."** Some of the men took the morning off work to be there. You made a difference in the lives of those kids! And I repeatedly heard from the TES principal, teachers, and other Dads how grateful they were for our help.
- 3. Our donut distribution continues to be noticed.** People are very grateful!
- 4. AWANA continues to put the Word of God in the hearts of children.** The "Hungry Games" Wednesday night was a blessing.
- 5. We were the hands and feet of Jesus again last night at the "Mayor's Christmas Tree" lighting.** Thanks to those of you who prepared, set up, attended, and tore down.
- 6. Pastor Nathan led our students, and many student leaders, at a mission for the homeless at Eleos Coffee House in downtown Kansas City yesterday.** I have a couple of friends who are involved in that ministry. We may have more ministry opportunities with them in the future.

That's a lot of ministry in the name of Jesus for one week! That was done by your faithful service to our Lord. And it was done by your faithful giving. We ARE making a difference. We ARE bearing fruit for the kingdom. And we always do it because Jesus is worth it!

Tonight is our annual Thanksgiving meal. Bring a friend! Be willing to sit by someone you don't know and have fellowship with them. Also, before the meal is our annual budget hearing. I'm thankful for a Stewardship Team under the leadership of Robert Perez that has done an excellent job in creating a good budget for 2022.

Be cognizant of bringing someone to church with you as we approach the Christmas season. I do believe the fields are ripe for harvest!

November 21, 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 this text-only number: (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!

Thanksgiving Dinner—Tonight

We will celebrate Thanksgiving with an all church meal at **5:00 p.m. this evening**. This is a wonderful time of fellowship for our church family, and a great opportunity to invite friends as well. Please consider helping out in addition to attending. The meal is provided. You can sign up in the foyer to attend and to bring food.

Wednesday Night Meal & Activities

No meal or Wednesday night activities this week due to Thanksgiving Break.

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Pastor Mike will be gone Wednesdays, December 1 & 8, however Bible Study will still meet. It will be led by Blake Waters at 6:20 p.m.

Church Directory

No church directory pictures will be taken after Thanksgiving. If you still need your picture taken before then please reach out to Rose Swain (913) 271-6250. Thank you.

NEWS & UPDATES - *Continued*

Proposed 2022 Budget Hearing

Copies of the proposed 2022 budget are in the foyer by the office window. A member budget hearing is this evening **at 4:30 p.m. in room 202** (upstairs near stairs). Church members over 18 years old will vote on this budget Dec. 12 via a ballot in the bulletin. If you have any questions please visit with Robert Perez, Stewardship Chairman or any member of the Stewardship Committee (Audra Boone, Sarah Laundy, Gail Drake, Laurie Hable, and Shannon Sneed).

Senior Adult Christmas Party-Luncheon-Gift Exchange—Dec. 13

Monday, **December 13**, at **12:30 p.m.** West Haven senior adults are invited to meet at Rose Swain's residence located at, 20031 183rd St. Tonganoxie. Meat will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert. Please bring an unlabeled but wrapped gift around \$10 or less for each person who would like to participate in the gift exchange. Please RSVP to Rose Swain (913) 271-6250.

Children Singing—Dec. 19

Children's Church will sing a couple of songs during the worship service on **December 19**. Feel free to invite family or friends to come watch.

Parking Lot/Financial Update

We knew when we received bids for the parking lot that we would find hidden water issues. And we did. That increased the cost of the work. So the final total for the parking lot was \$194,900. We had \$210,000 in our General Fund and over \$73,000 in Long Term Maintenance. We took \$170,000 out of the General Fund and the remainder from Long Term Maintenance. I appreciate the leadership of Joe Sanborn, Kirk Baggett, and the Buildings and Grounds Team for guiding us through the process. This leaves \$40,000 in the General Fund and over \$48,000 in Long Term Maintenance. We also have new doors on order for the main entrance (both for maintenance and safety reasons) I do not have a final cost on those.

We are still in good financial shape because:

1. God's ongoing provision.
2. Excellent management by our Stewardship Team over the past few years.
3. Your gracious giving.

When you give, you give to more than the maintenance of a building. You are giving to an ongoing vision: to see people saved, lives changed, and Jesus glorified. We are seeking to do that by making Jesus known in our community. We want to make this area a better place to live because we exist. And as we continue to let our light shine, others will join us in our efforts. Old ways of "doing church" will never reach people. We have to leave these doors to make a difference.

At the same time, we have used our building to bless our community. The USD 464 administrative office is here at no cost to them. Many other groups use our building, and we never charge them. So we are doubly blessed, and so is our community. We also deliver donuts every Tuesday. We are becoming known as a church that loves people.

So when you give, you give to the Lord's work. And you glorify God. And whether many thousands are saved or no one is saved, we give and pray and preach because Jesus is always worth it!

MEMBER INFORMATION

Budget Detail as of 11/14/2021

Weekly Budget Req. - \$9,702.36

General Fund Rec. - \$14,321.00

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

Mo. to Date Giving - \$23,781.15

Sermon Notes
Genesis 37:12-20
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The "What Ifs" Of Life

1. The "What Ifs" In Your Life May Be _____ By God To _____

2. The "What Ifs" In Your Life _____ To A _____

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CLASSES & SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

(FALL—Sept., Oct., Nov.)

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	Romans
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:

November 14, 2021

Karli: is going to Shriner's in St. Louis on Nov. 16-17th for appointments with ortho doctors for her hips. She is having more difficulty walking & increased pain. (Bill & Denise Harden's granddaughter)

Ryan Emery: having abdominal surgery on 11/19, please pray for him (Orvella Schultz's grandson)

November 7, 2021

Carol Stouffer passed away 11/11. Please pray for the family. The funeral is at West Haven on November 20 at 10:00 a.m. (Blake Waters mother)

Please pray for the family of Don Sharp on his passing (Helen Craig)

Please pray for me that I get this house I came up with the earnest money, now I need \$600-700 appraisal money. I have two jobs here in town and want to keep coming to West Haven. This town is my home. Please keep praying for my daughter and my three grandkids. My son is doing better. Thank you all. Please pray for all who are lost! (Bambi Dome)

Sam: had surgery on his finger 11/12 with a nerve specialist. Almost cut off at knuckle & tendon/nerve damage. Please pray for him. (Titterington's grandson)

Expecting Mothers of WHBC:

Ashley Boor: April 7

Kristen Hain: April

Long Term Requests:

Nick Cox: in prison (Kevin Cobb's nephew)

Pastor Bryan Baggett: malignant brain tumor; given 3-6 months to live. Is on chemo infusion. 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)