

A Weekly Note From
Pastor Mike Bronson

I hope you were blessed as you celebrated Thanksgiving this week. I am thankful for you, and your attendance today. If you are a guest, we are glad you are here. And maybe you are with us today, having visited family during Thanksgiving. I rejoice in your faithfulness to get up and come to church today!

For the next few weeks, we'll step out of our series "Divine Providence: The Life Of Joseph." Today I want to talk to you about running the race that is the Christian life. Hebrews 12:1 says we are to run with endurance. However, that presents a problem. We grow weary and faint. But the verses we look at today will show us how to overcome those obstacles. You CAN run the race with endurance. You can hit the finish line running.

Starting tomorrow, I am taking 10 days off. I'll be back on Dec. 9 and in the pulpit Dec. 12. I need time to rest physically, mentally, and especially spiritually. I want to lead us well as we approach 2022. Sometimes people say "how can I help?" One of the best ways you can help right now is to volunteer to serve in our Sunday morning nursery. There is information in our bulletin on how to do that. I am very grateful for the faithful saints that love on that next generation!

Warmly greet Mark Clifton as he fills our pulpit next week. He is the church replanting and revitalization specialist for the North American Mission Board. He is good at what he does. They fly him all over the country to teach aspiring pastors how to bring dead churches back to life. He is also the lead pastor at Linwood Baptist Church. So he is taking a Sunday off there to fill the pulpit here. **You will want to be here!**

Thanks for your generous giving. Our general fund offering last week was over \$73,000! I cannot express how grateful I am for a church that faithfully AND generously gives to God's work!

Thanksgiving is always a good time to count your blessings. Here is a very brief list of mine!

I am thankful for:

Being called here 15 ½ years ago and being able to plant our lives with you.

For the best wife in the world.

For the freedom and safety of America.

For being called into ministry.

For my kidney donor.

For food, shelter, and clothing.

For the printed Word of God.

For being able to have a large number of friends over the years.

For a Savior who will never leave us!

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!

Wednesday Night Meals

Wednesday night meals are from **5:15-6:00 p.m.** Extra help would be greatly appreciated, please contact Becky Derzinski. This week's menu: meatball subs, veggies, and lemonade.

- Kids 2 & under— eat FREE
- AWANA kids—\$2.00
- Student Ministry & adults—\$3.00
- Families more than 3—\$10

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. Due to Christmas and the holiday break, Bible Study **will NOT** meet on Dec. 22 & Dec. 29. It will start back up on Jan. 5 at 6:20 p.m.

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.

NEWS & UPDATES - *Continued*

Proposed 2022 Budget Hearing

Copies of the proposed 2022 budget are in the foyer by the office window. 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 Laundry, 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.

Sermon—Dec. 12

I hope you'll make it a point to be here on that Sunday. I'm preaching a sermon entitled "Ministry In A Post-COVID World: Making Jesus Unmissable." I want to recap some of what we've accomplished in the past two years. I also want to give you a roadmap for where I see us headed in the future. We are already making Jesus "Unmissable." I want to make Him so "unmissable" that Leavenworth County would become a hard place to go to hell from! So please, if you can, be here on the 12th. If not, stream it later. And (very important) – for anyone you know who has dropped out of any church, pass the recording on to them. Let's step into the doors the Lord has opened for us! – Pastor Mike

In Touch Ministry

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.

MEMBER INFORMATION

Budget Detail as of 11/21/2021

Weekly Budget Req. - \$9,702.36

General Fund Rec. - \$73,129.00

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

Mo. to Date Giving - \$97,010.15

Sermon Notes
Hebrews 11:39-12:2
Pastor Mike Bronson
November 28, 2021

Running the Race With Endurance

1. On A _____

2. With A _____

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

3. Toward 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 21, 2021

I just want to thank God so much for leading me to West Haven. Thank all the church that have helped me and prayed for me and my family. Please keep praying and helping everyone who is lost or just need prayed for. Prayers for all. (Bambi Dome)

Ray Hammond: prayers for his health

My family's health (Parry Choate)

Viny Burns: has been very sick for ten days. She would appreciate prayer for wisdom for the doctors. (friend of Kathy Link)

Terry Palmer: pray for him, as he is hospitalized with Covid and on a ventilator. (Mike & Michelle McIntyre)

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)

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)