

*A Weekly Note From*  
**Pastor Mike Bronson**

**Welcome to West Haven.** It's 2022. I remember being a kid and hearing about a movie entitled "2001: A Space Odyssey." I thought 2001 was a million years away. It turns out it was only about 30 years away. And now we are well past 2001. The moral of the story? "Man is like a mere breath. His days are like a passing shadow." (Psalm 144:4). So Paul wrote, "Redeem the time." I pray that God would accomplish His will in each of our lives this year.

**I want to start the year with a brief series entitled "Building Bridges in Babylon."** We'll start today in Jeremiah 29. The Holy Spirit lays out truth here that speaks so clearly to us here in 2022. I think we are poised to have a great year as a church! It's all in His hands. And I am so glad!

**I hope that this will also be a new, and healthy start for you in terms of good spiritual habits.** I am thinking of four in particular:

1. Daily Bible reading.
2. Focused prayer.
3. Church participation.
4. Involvement in our outreaches and ministries.

Be involved and you'll be amazed at how God begins to grow you spiritually!

**It's very important to study the Word of God.** But it is also true that "going deeper with God" isn't just found in what you study. "Going deeper with God" is found in what you do! (It's not an "either, or." It's both!)

**Please pray for me, Nathan, and Kirk.** We will be sequestering ourselves the entire day tomorrow. We want to spend the day praying, thinking, and planning for 2022. The day is short. Night is coming when no man can work.

# 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. - will resume on Jan. 9

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!

## Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study

Bring your Bible! Adult Bible Study starts back up on **Wednesday, January 5 at 6:20 p.m.** with Pastor Mike.

## AWANA & Student Ministry—Begins again on Jan. 5

Wednesday nights AWANA for kids is for ages 3 to 6<sup>th</sup> grade and takes place from **6:15 p.m.—8:00 p.m.** Student Ministry is held from **6:30-8:00 pm**. If you have AWANA questions, please contact Bill Mages at (913) 645-4065. If you have questions about student ministry contact Nathan LaFave (816) 344-1472.

## Wednesday Night Meals—Begins again on Jan. 5

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 includes: chicken quesadillas, salsa, carrots, and cookies.

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

## 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.

# NEWS & UPDATES - *Continued*

## **Shema Homeschool Co-op**

Shema is a local resource and community opportunity for homeschool families that is starting to meet at West Haven, beginning January 11<sup>th</sup>. They meet once a week for enrichment, community and fellowship from 9:00-11:30 a.m. Classes range from high school down to nursery for infants. Shema is a Christian homeschool co-op whose purpose is to educate our children in a Christ-centered environment, providing unique educational opportunities that capitalize on the strengths of the parents involved. Secondly, we seek to foster community among our families and provide support and encouragement to one another on the homeschooling journey. For more information visit [www.shemacoop.com](http://www.shemacoop.com) or contact Jennifer Belcher, 913-909-9028.

## **New West Haven Shirts**

We now have "West Haven Loves Tonganoxie" long-sleeved shirts! We are accepting preorders until **December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021!** See the link for more details! <https://west-haven-baptist-church.square.site>  
If you have questions, please visit with Pastor Nathan.

## **Member Meeting—Jan. 23**

We will have a brief church member meeting after Worship on Sunday, January 23.

## **Band of Believers—Feb. 5**

A "Band of Believers" event (for men and women) will be Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Be New in Tonganoxie, 707 E. 4th Street. The event is free. Speakers will include: Pastor Mike Bronson, Xzander Graves, and Pastor Doug Bundy. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. with donuts and coffee. Please call Kevin Cobb for more information (816) 830-0132.

## **Upcoming Eyeglass Clinics— Jan. 29 in Lawrence**

We are partnering with Vision 3:16 to conduct an eyeglass clinic on Jan. 29 in Lawrence. It will be held at Victory Bible Church, 1942 Massachusetts.

It has been some time since we participated in one. Many of you are unfamiliar with an eyeglass clinic so here's a brief explanation:

It is intended to equip people who cannot afford glasses with a useable pair. Vision 3:16 has thousands of used glasses. They've been cleaned. Their prescription has been read. People look through a refractor. Then they are matched with a pair of glasses that fits their vision impairment. Then we share the gospel with them. We wait until they have glasses to share the gospel because we do not want any element of coercion to enter the gospel presentation.

Our church has participated in many of these. We've served various ethnicities in parts of Kansas City, and in Matamoros, Mexico in the past. If you've never been involved, there is a job for everyone, even kids. We will need about 20 people to do this, perhaps more.

If you will be there that morning, would you email me at [mike@westhaven.church](mailto:mike@westhaven.church)? Or you can contact Dan Williams at [dwws27@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dwws27@sbcglobal.net). Let us know if you have questions! - Pastor Mike

## **Save the Date—Eyeglass Clinic – April 9 in Kansas City**

House of God Community Church with Pastor Juoty Jalarue.  
Details to follow.

### **MEMBER INFORMATION**

Budget Detail as of 12/26/2021

Weekly Budget Req. - \$9,702.36

General Fund Rec. - \$8,615.10

Mo. to Date Budget Req. - \$38,809.44

Mo. to Date Giving - \$52,729.60

Sermon Notes  
**Jeremiah 29:1-11**  
Pastor Mike Bronson  
January 2, 2022

## Building Bridges in Babylon

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A. \_\_\_\_\_ Your \_\_\_\_\_

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# BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CLASSES & SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

(WINTER—Dec., Jan., Feb.)

## 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
<b>Adult I</b> Bill Mages/Todd Janssen	All Adults	Room 102 Fellowship Hall	Romans
<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	Ezekiel; Daniel
<b>Adult V</b> Jon Hain	All Adults	Room 100 Downstairs Classroom	Psalms
<b>Student Ministry Class</b> Bill Weatherford & Bob Link	7 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade	Room 105 Fellowship Hall	Zelos Journal: Radically Changed
<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 Slusser, & 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:

### December 26, 2021

Steve Trieb: has pancreatic cancer. (Nancy Millison's brother)  
Donna Adee: had a seizure from severely low sodium. She's in ICU at Salina. Full recovery will take time. Monday update: She has begun to wake up, answer questions and eat a little. Please pray for her recovery. (Chris Bingham's mom)  
Eric: in Holton Hospital with double pneumonia, not Covid (Chris Bingham's brother)  
Jen Klamm: back and arm pain  
Drew: health (Amber Workman's son)  
Beth Hadel: before Christmas had to go to the ER for severe gastrointestinal symptoms, but is home recovering. Keep praying for her. (Pastor Mike & Tara Bronson's daughter)  
Husband is unable to do simple jobs, need someone who is a handyman around the house. Will pay for services. We live in rural Tonganoxie. (Julia Snyder)

### December 19, 2021

Lori: has been diagnosed with bone cancer. She's admitted at KU to get a bone biopsy and possibly surgery on her hip. Please pray for her. (Alicia Wylie's sister)  
Joy Gainer's granddaughter was killed in the SUV/fire truck accident in Westport. She was in the SUV. Please pray for Joy and family.  
Healing for my sister Shelly after her shoulder surgery. Healing for my sister Dwyne after her emergency appendix surgery. (Terri Brest)  
Paula McAlister: is home from the hospital. Please continue to pray for a full recovery. (Reann French's sister)  
Charlotte Buerge: released from the hospital after having Covid pneumonia. She is home! We cannot thank you enough for all your prayers! Please continue to pray for complete healing. "Praise the Lord! Oh, give thanks for the Lord, for he is good. His mercy endures forever." Psalm 106:1 (Becky Derzinski & Stacy Bradley's mom)

### Expecting Mothers of WHBC:

Ashley Boor: April 7  
Kristen Hain: April

### Other Expecting Mothers of WHBC:

Jamie Palmer: May (family of the Lewallen's)  
Krystin Millison: April (Stephen & Nancy Millison's daughter in law)

### 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 & good health as he studies abroad in China (son of Michael & Michelle McIntyre)  
Cora Lee Huffines & 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.  
Karli Harnden: Kneist dysplasia & 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)