

A Weekly Note From
Pastor Mike Bronson

I'm glad to be with you after a week off. I'm grateful for Mark Clifton filling our pulpit last week. He does great work for the North American Mission Board. He also leads Linwood Baptist Church. They are doing there what we are trying to do here: making Jesus non-ignorable in their community. That's what I want to preach about today. So before we scatter to celebrate Christmas with family, I want to preach a sermon this morning entitled, "Ministry in a Post-Covid World: Making Jesus Non-Ignorable."

I am excited and optimistic. I believe 2022 will be a blessed year. Consider all that God has done in and through us in the last six months to make Jesus non-ignorable through us. For example, our donut distribution has suddenly become a significant way we make Jesus non-ignorable. The USD 464 Foundation reached out to us last week. They are having a teacher appreciation event Tuesday morning, bringing in Starbuck, etc. They asked if we would make donuts for the event. (And I am very grateful to the ladies who have to get up VERY early Tuesday morning to make it happen!) So it's exciting to know that our community recognizes there is a church that wants to bless them. We are going to continue to do exactly that. And in so doing, we'll make Jesus non-ignorable.

Some might contend that this isn't the proclamation of God's Word. It's not. But it is a demonstration of God's Word. And that can lead to doors opening for gospel conversations. And for people to come to Jesus. Will it work? I don't know. Here's what I do know: Jesus is worth it! And I am so grateful for you and your faithfulness to Jesus as we follow Him.

After this Sunday we'll pivot to focusing on Christmas. Nathan will preach next week and I'll preach Dec. 26, both on a Christmas theme. We'll resume "Divine Providence" some time in January.

Please join us for our prayer meeting tonight in the Train Station at 5 p.m. I hope to see you!

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!

No Wednesday Night Meal—Dec. 15

Due to AWANA Christmas Parties there will be **no meal Wednesday, December 15**.

Wednesday Night Bible Study

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 Vote is Today

Church members over 18 years old please place your vote in the black box in the foyer. 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).

Prayer Meeting—Today

Please join us for a prayer meeting Sunday, December 12 at 5:00 p.m. in the Train Station.

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.

Christmas Eve Service—Dec. 24, 5:30 p.m.

Please bring family and friends and join us on Friday, December 24 at 5:30 p.m. for Christmas Eve Worship.

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 12/05/2021

Weekly Budget Req. - \$9,702.36

General Fund Rec. - \$12,039.00

Mo. to Date Budget Req. - \$9,702.36

Mo. to Date Giving - \$12,039.00

Sermon Notes
Genesis 1:26a, Eph 1:22-23
Pastor Mike Bronson
December 12, 2021

Ministry In A Post-COVID World: Making Jesus Non-Ignorable

1. Your Divine _____

2. Your Divine _____

3. Your Divine _____

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
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	Ezekiel; Daniel
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 Journal: Radically Changed
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:

December 5, 2021

Bambi Dome: my closing is the 20th—please keep praying. Please keep praying for my family and all those that are still lost and alone, that they come out of the dark and see the light and the path of the Lord.

Douglas Anderson: He had shoulder surgery 12/3. Pray for a speedy recovery. (family of Carol & Larry Anderson)

Charlotte Buerge: please pray for her—she is at St. Luke's with Covid pneumonia. After several good days, they were able to turn her oxygen down some, but on Dec. 9th they found a blood clot in her lungs and moved her to ICU. Please continue to pray with us for God's mercy, for healing, and that this will be resolved quickly. (Becky Derzinski & Stacy Bradley's mom)

November 28, 2021

Please keep praying for my daughter and my three grandchildren. My son, his wife, and my grandson are doing better. Please pray for all who are sick and weary.

Please continue prayers for my sister as she deals with both her sons' deaths during this Christmas season. (Cathy Stueckemann)

Ray Hammond: prayers for his health

Please pray for Paula McAlister: she is in ICU with covid lung & pneumonia (Reann French's sister)

Please pray for Angie: she is in the hospital with Covid and low O2 saturation. (Bill & Denise Harnden's niece)

Karli Harnden: had her fourth eye surgery Dec. 1 at Children's Mercy (to try to keep her retina attached). (Bill & Denise Harnden's granddaughter)

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 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;

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)