

A Weekly Note From
Pastor Mike Bronson

Merry Christmas to you! We celebrate this time of the year because of the birth of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. John 1:14 puts it this way: "The Word became flesh." 1 Tim 3:16 puts it this way: "He was manifested in the flesh." An angel in Luke 2:12 put it this way: "This will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." I am so grateful to know that by grace through faith, we can know we have eternal life. Whether you are here for Christmas or you'll be out of town, on behalf of Tara and myself and the entire West Haven staff, we wish you a Merry Christmas!

Pastor Nathan will be preaching this morning. His sermon is entitled "Eternal God Incarnate" from John 1:1-18. I'll be preaching on Dec. 26 about Christmas from three texts in the gospels. The sermon is entitled "For Whom Is Christmas "Good News?" (I'll also be preaching on Jan. 2, a change from what was mentioned here last week.) I trust you'll be blessed all three Sundays. If you will be gone during Christmas, I hope you can make it to a local church where you are. And you can always watch or listen to the services here.

Our Christmas Eve service will start at 5:30 p.m. We'll sing Christmas carols, preach God's Word, and serve hot chocolate. That all sounds good to me! I hope to see you on Christmas Eve. I always greatly enjoy that service!

Nathan is taking this week off. It's a well-deserved week. Please pray for him, that the Lord would refresh and recharge him. If you need something, contact Christina, Kirk, or me.

As you can see, we are on the cusp of new check-in procedures in our children's wing. We should be able to get that up and running by the start of the year. We'll get you ample notice before we start. We are also getting closer to adding two cameras to our Sunday morning livestream. Please pray for us in this regard. We are starting from scratch and we want to do it with "relaxed excellence" because we want to honor Jesus and make Him non-ignorable in Leavenworth County!

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 Activities

Reminder: due to Christmas Break there will be **no** meal, Adult Bible Study, AWANA or Student Ministry on **Wednesday, December 22 & 29**. Wednesday night activities will resume on January 5th.

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 Results

The budget vote passed unanimously. 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).

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.

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 11th. 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 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 31st, 2021!** See the link for more details! <https://west-haven-baptist-church.square.site>
If you have questions, please visit with Pastor Nathan.

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.

Eyeglass Clinic— 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? Or you can contact Dan Williams at dwm27@sbcglobal.net. Let us know if you have questions!

- Pastor Mike

MEMBER INFORMATION

Budget Detail as of 12/12/2021
Weekly Budget Req. - \$9,702.36
General Fund Rec. - \$16,962.00
Mo. to Date Budget Req. - \$19,404.72
Mo. to Date Giving - \$29,001.00

Sermon Notes
John 1:1-18
Pastor Nathan LaFave
December 19, 2021

Eternal God Incarnate

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
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 12, 2021

Mindy: asking for prayers for her family. Her husband is battling Covid and he is showing signs of respiratory failure. (Angelina Steiner's friend)

Sam: has pneumonia & dementia & it seems to be progressing. Please pray for physical healing & emotional calmness. (Kelly Bingham's dad)

I hope and pray for all who are weary, broken & has fallen from God's love. Open their hearts. I know he loves, forgives, and watches over each and everyone. I thank God for caring & watching over me. My house will be closing maybe the 17th instead of the 20th. Thank you all for your prayers for my family. Thanks to God and WHBC. (Bambi Dome)

Madeline: had successful emergency appendectomy surgery this week and is home resting. Please pray for healing and thank you for your prayers. (Gordon & Terri's granddaughter)

Charlotte Buerge: please pray for her—she is at St. Luke's with Covid pneumonia. After several days of bad reports, mom has been moved out of ICU, and they were able to turn her oxygen down some more. She texted me and said she was able to get out of bed for the first time since going to the hospital two weeks ago. Praise God for this good news! Please continue to pray for complete healing. (Becky Derzinski & Stacy Bradley's mom)

Don, Alicia, & Deb McEachron: (Ron & Kathy McEachron)

December 5, 2021

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

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;

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)