

A Weekly Note From
Pastor Mike Bronson

I hope you had a great Christmas celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! And I'm grateful and glad that you are here this morning!

We are going to stay on the subject of Christmas this morning. I want to pose this question: For Whom Is Christmas "Good News?" We'll look at prophecies, and promises, and answer that question as we open God's Word. What a wonderful Savior we worship!

Most of you know that last Wednesday's storm took out the power at Tonganoxie Elementary School. They had a significant amount of milk and produce that was going to go bad. Therefore, they offered it to us. And we made good use of it! Dan Williams took 850 cartons of milk, and produce to City Union Mission. Kirk Baggett took 500 cartons of milk, and produce to Good Shepherd. They gave the library 150 cartons, and Life Day Care 400 cartons.

Lord bless the folks at TES, and Dan and Kirk, and anyone else I might have left out! I'm grateful for a church that wants to bless the community in the name of Jesus.

Please put Feb. 26 from 1 to 4 p.m. on your calendar. This is our next opportunity to make Jesus non-ignorable. The Tonganoxie Parent Teacher Council has asked us to help them operate their annual PTC carnival that day. They use our carnival games, and they need our manpower. We will probably need 30 people. Students and kids are welcome! We'll have a link to sign up for shifts in a few weeks. Wear any West Haven garb that you might have.

We are moving in the right direction as a church. Much of what we are doing by serving our community is building a bridge. To reach people, we have to show them that we care. A church should make the community around it visibly better – and that's what you are doing!

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 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 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*

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 dwms27@sbcglobal.net. Let us know if you have questions! - Pastor Mike

Member Meeting–Jan. 23

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

MEMBER INFORMATION

Budget Detail as of 12/19/2021

Weekly Budget Req. - \$9,702.36

General Fund Rec. - \$15,113.50

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

Mo. to Date Giving - \$44,114.50

*GF giving subject to change upon 12/23 Breeze deposit, Giving reported 12/19.

Sermon Notes

Luke 1:76-77, Matt 1:21, John 1:29

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December 26, 2021

For Whom Is Christmas "Good News?"

1. The Christmas _____

2. The Christmas _____

A. For Those Who Will _____ The _____ From A _____

B. Who Will _____ in _____

3. The Christmas _____

1. Jesus Was Born To Be A _____

2. Jesus Was Born To Be A _____

3. Jesus Was Born To Be A _____

a. Christmas is good news if you want to be _____.

b. Christmas is good news for the one who _____.

c. Christmas is good news for the one who _____.

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 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)

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)

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

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)