

West Haven exists to see people saved, lives changed, and Jesus glorified!

A Weekly Note From
Pastor Mike Bronson

I'm glad you are here today! And I am grateful that you are here! If you are visiting, I would love to meet you after the service!

The second Sunday in January is always good. Many of you have been gone over the Christmas season. This is usually the Sunday when most people are back. I love it because I haven't seen many of you in two or three weeks. So I am very glad to see you today!

This morning is the second sermon in a brief series entitled "Building Bridges in Babylon." Today we will open to the book of Jeremiah and the book of Malachi. If you weren't able to listen to last week's sermon, please take time to hear it. These sermons are intended to set our direction in 2022. God has good things for us this year. He also has good things for you. We are going to build bridges in our community so they can know Jesus!

Nathan, Kirk, and I spent the bulk of the day on Monday praying and planning for 2022. We decided to go to the library, simply to get "off-site" and to be able to focus. We covered a great deal of ground. Thank you for praying for us. I want you to know that we systematically pray for you by praying through our church directory week by week. We love you!

You'll see a note in today's bulletin about giving statements. We've printed all giving statements in the past. The vast majority are not picked up. Also our old system contained the potential of a privacy breach. So this year we will send giving statements by request. Please contact our financial secretary Alexa Ferguson at alexa@westhaven.church if you have questions. She does a great job and will be glad to help you. I am grateful for a church that gives freely and generously.

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 Adult Bible Study

Bring your Bible! Adult Bible Study is on Wednesday nights at 6:20 p.m. with Pastor Mike.

AWANA & Student Ministry

Wednesday nights AWANA for kids is for ages 3 to 6th 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

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: meatball subs, chips, veggies and lemonade.

- 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.

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.

End of Year Giving Statements

If you would like your 2021 Giving Statements, please contact Alexa Ferguson and she will email them to you. Alexa's email is: alexa@westhaven.church, or call the church office at: 913-369-9422.

Member Meeting—Jan. 23

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

Upcoming Eyeglass Clinics—Jan. 29 in Lawrence

We are partnering with Vision 3:16 to conduct an eyeglass clinic on Jan. 29 in Lawrence at Victory Bible Church, 1942 Massachusetts. It has been some time since we participated in one. If you are unfamiliar with an eyeglass clinic, 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

Band of Believers—Feb. 5

A "Band of Believers" event (for men and women) will be Saturday, February 5th 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.

Senior Citizen Luncheon/Fellowship—Feb. 13

Sunday, February 13 is the next Senior Adult Luncheon. It will be held after worship in the Fellowship Hall. Fried chicken will be provided. Please RSVP to Rose Swain as soon as possible (913) 271-6250 so there is enough chicken for everyone! Seniors are asked to bring a side or dessert.

Tonganoxie PTC Carnival—Feb 26

Please put Feb. 26 from 1 to 4 p.m. on your calendar. This is our next opportunity to bless our community, and build bridges in our community. 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!

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

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

MEMBER INFORMATION

Budget Detail as of 1/02/2021

Weekly Budget Req. - \$9,786.95

General Fund Rec. - \$10,192.27

Mo. to Date Budget Req. - \$9,786.95

Mo. to Date Giving - \$10,192.27

Sermon Notes

Jeremiah 29:4-7a, Malachi 3:14, 16

Pastor Mike Bronson

January 9, 2022

Building Bridges in Babylon, part 2

1. Settle In

2. Grow Stronger

A. Build Your Marriage

B. Grow Your Family

3. Be A _____

A. _____ of a _____ That Can _____

B. _____ of the God Who _____ Your _____

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 Slusser, & 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:

January 2, 2022

Please pray for Stan & Connie Dunn: both have Covid, but she is in KU Med hospital now. (Loretta Kunard's niece & nephew)

Scott Ireland: has been admitted today to the hospital with covid. (Denise Harnden's nephew)

Peace, love, and happiness for all the world. (David Thomas)

Aunt Jo: God's guidance for her living situation, health & cognitive issues (Cathy Stueckemann's aunt)

Cheryl: her emotional health and depression (Cathy Stueckemann's sister)

Douglas: having MRI guided biopsy of prostate. Pray it's not cancerous & decision about his job being in a sling from shoulder surgery. (Carol Anderson's son)

Sam: is being taken to ER with breathing difficulties (Kelly Bingham's dad)

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)

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)