

SERMON NOTES

Pastor Nathan LaFave
Psalm 1



Thank you for joining us on this Lord's day.

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WELCOME!

We're glad you have joined us for our weekly worship gathering. Our prayer is that during this time, you would see the beauty, grandeur, and glory of God as we worship him together in song, prayer, and the preaching of His word.

We exist to see people saved, lives changed and Jesus glorified. Our desire is that you know Jesus Christ, be born again and rest in the gospel.

Connect With Us!

We'd ask everyone to fill out a Connect Card located in the seat in front of you. Please place this card in the offering plate, as it passes by.

If you're interested in visiting with one of our members or pastors, please indicate that on your Connect Card. We'd love to buy you a cup of coffee, or simply make a phone call, to tell you more about us or answer any questions you may have. We won't surprise visit or spam you!

We value membership at West Haven. The idea of experiencing salvation without belonging to a local church is foreign to the New Testament. If you would like to explore membership, please give us your best contact information on the back of the Connect Card. One of our pastors will be in touch with you!

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 5

5:30 pm Outreach Planning & Churchwide Prayer Meeting

Wednesday, January 8

5:15-6:00 pm Meal Served- Pulled Pork & Chips
6:15 pm AWANA Jeopardy
6:30 pm Student Ministry
6:30 pm Adult Bible Study

Sunday, January 12

7 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
5:30 pm Deacon Ordination

Tuesday, January 14

7 pm Deacon Meeting

Wednesday, January 15

5:15-6:00 pm Meal Served- Soup & Cinnamon Rolls
6:15 pm AWANA
6:30 pm Student Ministry
6:30 pm Adult Bible Study

Saturday, January 18

8:30-11 am Sunday School Teacher Training; childcare available

Wednesday, January 22

5:15-6:00 pm Meal Served- Taco Salad
6:15 pm AWANA Jeopardy
6:30 pm Student Ministry
6:30 pm Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, January 29

5:15-6:00 pm Meal Served- Burgers & Hot Dogs
6:15 pm AWANA Jeopardy
6:30 pm Student Ministry
6:30 pm Adult Bible Study

Sunday, February 2

5:30 pm Prayer Meeting; childcare available

2020 Outreach Meeting—Jan. 5

The Outreach Meeting has been moved to **Jan. 5** at **5:30 pm** in the Train Station. Pastor Ryon will lead the meeting focused on vision casting and brainstorming outreach for 2020. Your ideas and input will be valuable.

MEMBER INFORMATION

Budget Detail as of 12/22/2019

Numbers not available at time of printing—please see next week's bulletin.

NEWS & UPDATES

Sunday School Teacher Training– Saturday, Jan. 18

Pastor Mike will teach this class from **8:30-11:00 am**. This is primarily aimed at adult and student teachers although teachers of any age will benefit from this. This will include textual considerations, how to understand context, website sources, and understanding the genre of literature. Non-teachers are welcome as well. Childcare will be available for 0-5. If you have questions, email Bro. Mike at mike@westhavenbaptist.org.

Prayer Chain Coordinator Change

Donna Gambrell is now leading our prayer chain. If you have a prayer request, please call her at 816-810-2665. For a less urgent request, email her at ralph102@sbcglobal.net. If she is unavailable, Kirk Baggett will be the backup. You can reach him at 913-775-3613 at kirk@westhavenbaptist.org.

End of Year Giving Statements

End of year giving statements will be available for you to pick up at the Welcome Center January 19. Please be in touch with the financial secretary at: alex@westhavenbaptist.org if you have any questions. She would also be happy to email them upon request.

Kansans for Life Petition

Kansans for Life is circulating a petition calling for our State Legislature to vote for a proposed Kansas Constitutional Amendment. The Amendment is in response to the recent Kansas Supreme Court's ruling which allows dismemberment abortion, taxpayer funding of abortion, and limits the State Legislature's ability to regulate abortion. If you are a registered Kansas voter, please see and sign the Petition at the Welcome Center.

Breeze

In the new year we will be transitioning to a new church management database called Breeze. You may be asked to update your contact information or individual photo. We will transition away from KidCheck this Spring and we will give instructions on using the Breeze App.

A Weekly Note From **Pastor Mike Bronson**

It's a blessing to be with you on this last Sunday of the year! On Wednesday morning, God willing, we'll wake up in a brand new decade. I have high hopes for the future, both for our church and for the kingdom of God. We are reaching a breaking point in many areas in our country. Moral chaos has descended upon us. We are reaping the bitter harvest. Plus this is an election year and there is every reason to believe it will be historically ugly. Yet it has been in times such as this when God sovereignly chooses to break through in power and might! So join with me in praying that 2020 is the year God revives His church and awakens this world with the power and glory of Jesus! And wouldn't it be something if this was the decade when Jesus returns?

Nathan LaFave will preach the Word of God out of Psalm 1 this morning. Psalm 1 is a great picture of the contrast between the righteous and the wicked. It's a good passage to set the stage for a new year. I love this man, his heart for Jesus, and his heart for you.

Please pray with us for what God has for our church in 2020.

We've laid a foundation to be a church that loves her neighbor as herself. We want to increase that love. We also want to grow in loving the Lord our God with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength. One of the best ways to flesh that out is to surrender yourself to be in church every week.

When you are in church, you bless others with your presence far more than you realize. Picture yourself sitting in a half empty church. You wonder where people are. The empty seats drain your morale. Your absence discourages leadership. It discourages me.

Now picture yourself sitting in church where most of the seats are full. You are encouraged by others' presence. You tangibly see other people who want to love and follow Jesus. Your heart is encouraged. I'm encouraged.

You can be a encourager!!!

So please "surrender yourself" to be in church every week. I used the word "surrender" intentionally. "Surrender" means you've irrevocably given yourself over to something. "Commitment" means you've obligated yourself but you can always change your mind. A "surrender" can't be taken back. Just by being in church every Sunday, you will make an enormous difference in the life of this church and therefore the spiritual climate of this area.

God bless you in this coming decade!

Tools to Help You

NAVIGATE OUR CHURCH CHILDREN

We have a nursing mothers area in the back of the worship center, the hospitality room in the foyer serves as a cry room and has a Live Feed of our Worship service. A nursery is on the lower level. Children's church is available for Kids K-4th on the lower level. Feel free to take your children down before the service.

AWANA

Our children meet every Wednesday night at 6:15 p.m. for our AWANA program. To register, simply come into the foyer some time after 6:00 p.m.

STUDENTS

Our 7th to 12th grade Student Ministry meets each Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m. during the school year.

FACILITY

If you have never been in our building, please stop by the visitor kiosk in the foyer. We would love to give you a tour!

RESTROOMS

There are two sets in the upper level and two in the lower level. Changing tables are available in men's and women's restrooms.

VOLUNTEERS

We do nationwide background checks on every person working with students and children.

Find Your Way

AROUND WEST HAVEN

SEATING — Feel free to sit anywhere you like!

SONGS — We stand when we sing, but it is not a requirement. You are welcome to sit.

OFFERING — Giving is a part of our worship. As a visitor, do not feel obligated to give.

Connect With

OUR STAFF

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2019 Prayer Requests:



December 22, 2019

Randy Wager's mom: slow brain bleed, pray for comfort and salvation
Erick Eyerly: serious heart issues awaiting heart cath & possible open heart surgery, 42 years old. (Bill & Denise Harnden's nephew)
Granddaughter in trouble. (Al & Annie Anderson)
Continued prayer for God to give us the strength we need each day to make it to Feb. 3rd (Chris & Liz Small)
Chris Small's niece Elizabeth: in the hospital, please pray for her, her family & her medical team.

December 15, 2019

David Windler's brother, Phillip, passed away. The family appreciates all your prayers.
My son and daughter-in-law (Al Anderson)

Expecting Mothers of WHBC:

Amber Workman: April 2020
Jessie Schultz: April 2020

Other Expecting Mothers:

Erin Miller: June 25 (Kelly & Chris Bingham's daughter)

Long Term Requests:

Nick Cox: In prison (Kevin Cobb's nephew)
Raiden Harnden: Spina Bifida (Bill & Denise Harnden's grandson)
Karli Harnden: Kniest Dysplasia (Bill & Denise Harnden granddaughter)
Patrick & Casey: salvation, and a miraculous life change from the Holy Spirit. Pray for God to protect Gage. (John & Jenny Worden)
Isaiah: prayers for him (Bambi Dome, adoptive mom)
Brent Koprivica: continued prayers for health (Lenora Baggett's boss)
Velma Morgan: cancer treatment (Cathy Stueckemann's mom)
Aunt Jo: continued recovery for bladder cancer (Cathy Stueckemann)
Jon, Lindsay, & Haylie's salvation (Cathy Stueckemann)
Jacob Stine: prayers with the daily struggle of addiction recovery
Aaron McIntyre: prayers for good health & safety while studying abroad in China (Mike & Michelle McIntyre's son)
Sarah Breuer and family
Zack Langford: (Randy & Pam Stevens' grandson)
David & Deb Compton: Work needs for David. God's will to guide us in our move.

Military:

ILT Parker Osborne, US ARMY: stationed at Ft. Jackson, SC: continued prayer (Donna Osborne's daughter)
MSGT Benjamin Goldsberry: USAF, Ft. Bragg, NC: change of rank (Donna Osborne's nephew)
CPT Dan Hopkins, Jr., US ARMY, Korea (Dan & Sesuk Hopkins' son)
CPT Tim Hopkins, US ARMY, Ft. Polk, LA, Airborne Light Infantry Team (Dan & Sesuk Hopkins' son)
CPT Tom Hopkins, US ARMY, Ft. Bliss, TX (Dan & Sesuk Hopkins' son)
CPT Kelsey Hopkins, US ARMY Reserve, Ft. Bliss TX, (Dan & Sesuk Hopkins' daughter-in-law)
LCDR Catherine Hopkins, US Navy, Univ. of Iowa (Dan & Sesuk Hopkins' daughter-in-law)
Staff Sargent Joshua Spruill: USAF stationed at Alamogordo, AFB, NM (Mike & Becky Derzinski's nephew)
Lexis Fehol: Air Force Basic, San Antonio, TX (Elisabeth Laundry's friend)
Andrew Stueckemann: Navy-Navy at Naval Air Station North Island (San Diego, CA) (Cathy Stueckemann's son)
Austin Stueckemann: ARMY, stationed at Fort Campbell KY/TN (Cathy Stueckemann's son)
Elisabeth Schaffer: US ARMY (Brad & LuAnna Lingo's niece)
A1C Rebecca Baggett: Air National Guard Tennessee (Kirk & Lenora Baggett's daughter)
Christian Hernandez: Marine, 29 Palms, California (Teresa Sickman's son & great grandson of Olive McCracken)
Joey Edwards: deployed in Afghanistan (Bob & Vicki Edwards' son)
Brendan Caufield: U.S. Navy Nuclear Power Training Command, Charleston, SC (Mike & Becky Derzinski)
Jacob Derzinski: US Marine Corp, US Army quartermaster school, Ft. Lee, VA, (Mike & Becky Derzinski's son)
Ian Wheaton: US Navy—Pearl Harbor (Kirk & Lenora's family friend)
Derrick & Angela Wagner: USAF, stationed at McDill AFB (Jennifer Belcher's brother & sister-in-law)