

**I'm excited that we are approaching the day when we can regather!** As the old hymn says, "What a day of rejoicing that will be!" If you've seen your email, you know we are looking at May 24 as a possible date to open. There are many details to be determined so please keep checking your email. (If you don't have several emails from us, please check your spam folder. If you still don't find it, contact Christina Lindholm at christina@westhavenbaptist.org to be added to the email list.)

**God bless all of you mothers this Mother's Day weekend.** I've pastored long enough to learn that for some, Mother's Day is not a day of celebration. Neither is Father's Day a day to celebrate. If you grew up in a broken or dysfunctional home (or are in one today) you know how that feels. So today I want to preach about one of the most difficult challenges we face: forgiveness, and the bitterness that occurs when we don't forgive. A root of bitterness defiles many. But the fruit of forgiveness is eternally blessed. Only God knows how many people will be greatly blessed when you choose to forgive an offense against you.

**I think this is the time during this "shelter-in-place" when many are feeling weighed down.** There are many unanswered questions. If you're struggling right now, pray. Tell God exactly what is on your heart. Pray honestly. Pray consistently. Pray confidently. The Lord hears you. Psalm 34:19 is a fascinating verse. It says, "Many are the afflictions of the righteous but the Lord delivers him out of them all." I have two brief thoughts to share from that verse:

**1. Many are the afflictions of the *righteous*?** It's very popular in evangelicalism to believe the "righteous" will experience ease. Just develop enough faith and God will make you prosperous. But the Bible teaches the opposite. Many are the afflictions of the righteous.

**2. The Lord delivers him out of *all (his troubles)*?** But I still have troubles. So what does that phrase mean? It means exactly what it says. Sometimes God delivers the trouble from us. Sometimes, God delivers us from the trouble. The ultimate day of deliverance will be on the day we go to be with Jesus. Keep your eyes on that prize. Jesus is alive. The Bible is without error. All of God's promises will come to pass. And the believer will reign with Him for all of eternity. I trust God is reinforcing that truth in your heart today!

# NEWS & UPDATES

## Sermons

**Internet Website**—LIVE and posted later on: [www.westhavenbaptist.org](http://www.westhavenbaptist.org)

**Facebook.com:** West Haven Baptist Church

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You do not have to pay to view it on YouTube or have a subscription.

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## Sermon DVD's

Please let the office know if you would like a copy of a DVD of the last two weeks sermons. We can mail one to you. Email: [christina@westhavenbaptist.org](mailto:christina@westhavenbaptist.org)

## Prayer List

Please email prayer request information to [christina@westhavenbaptist.org](mailto:christina@westhavenbaptist.org) or call 913-369-9422.

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## SERMON NOTES

Pastor Mike Bronson

Hebrews 12:15

### **Bitterness and Forgiveness**

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Bitterness

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ Against Bitterness

### **MEMBER INFORMATION**

**Budget Detail** as of 5/03/2020

Weekly Budget Req. - \$9,506.19

General Fund Rec. - \$13,121.05

Mo. to Date Budget Req. - \$9,506.19

Mo. to Date Giving - \$13,121.05

We exist to see people saved,  
lives changed, and Jesus glorified.

## 2020 Prayer Requests:



### May 3, 2020

Pastor Bryan Baggett: in TX, will be having brain tumor 5/13. Please be in prayer for him and his family. (Kirk Baggett's cousin)

### April 26, 2020

Keith Hable's mom: fell and broke her hip Monday and had to have surgery. Please pray for healing.

Corey King: (Hal & Nancy Brock's grandson)

Gail Drake is home from surgery and doing well. Thank you for praying. She needs rest & requests some time before contacting her. Continued prayers for healing.

Sarah Breuer: continued prayers for her health

Suzanne May: continued prayers for her health

Mike Frye: prayers

Rosemary O'Bryan: ill at home but on antibiotics and doing better; thank you for praying

### Expecting Mothers of WHBC:

### Other Expecting Mothers:

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

Jonathan Clubine & Jenna Lucas: July 2020 (Donna Bartkoski's son)

### Long Term Requests:

Nick Cox: In prison (Kevin Cobb's nephew)

Raiden Harnden: Spina Bifida (Bill & Denise Harnden's grandson)

Karli Harnden: Knies 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)

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)

### 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-moving to Japan in January (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, Ft. Schwab, Okinawa, Japan (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)