

# SERMON NOTES

Pastor Mike Bronson

Luke 20:9-18

## The High Cost of Spiritual Hardness

1. The Manifestation of Spiritual Hardness

2. The Illustration of Spiritual Hardness

A. The Kindness of A Merciful God

B. The Goodness of A Merciful God

C. The Hardness of Sinful Man

3. The Devastation of Spiritual Hardness



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

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lives changed, and Jesus glorified.

November 25, 2018

# 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!

## Inclement Weather & Text Service

Church activities will be cancelled if the school district has cancelled school. Sunday's you will be notified via our free text service. To subscribe: go to [www.westhavenbaptist.org](http://www.westhavenbaptist.org) select "resources" then "member resources" - under "Communication" click "Sign-up for our Texting Service" click "West Haven" in blue letters—and fill out the form (address, employer, and interests is not necessary). Be sure to reply YES to the "Opt-in" request so you can be sent church messages. If you have questions, contact the church office.

## CALENDAR

### Monday, November 26

9:30 a.m. WOW Bible Study

### Wednesday, November 28

6:15 p.m. AWANA

6:30 p.m. Student Ministry

6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study

### Friday, November 30

6:30 p.m. Student Ministry  
Game Night

### Sunday, December 2

8:30 a.m. Donut Fellowship

5:30 p. m. Churchwide Prayer  
Meeting (Train Station)

5-7 p.m. THS Football  
Banquet

### Monday, December 3

9:30 a.m. WOW meeting

### Wednesday, December 5

6:15 p.m. AWANA

6:30 p.m. Student Ministry

6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study

### Sunday, December 9

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer

Breakfast

Budget Vote

### Monday, December 10

9:30 a.m. W.O.W. meeting

1:00 p.m. Senior Adult Potluck  
and gift exchange

### Tuesday, December 11

7:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting

### Wednesday, December 12

6:15 p.m. AWANA-Christmas  
Parties

6:30 p.m. Student Ministry

6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study

## MEMBER INFORMATION

### Budget Detail as of 11/18/2018

Weekly Budget Requirement - \$8,830.43

General Fund Receipts - \$8,684.34

Month to Date Budget Requirement - \$26,491.29

Month to Date Giving - \$21,633.08

# NEWS & UPDATES

## Family Needs

The holiday season is a tough time financially for many in our town. Thanksgiving and Christmas bring additional needs. The Tonganoxie Elementary School has identified a number of ways we can help.

1. They would like to help 12 families with \$100 of Brothers gift cards. If you would like to give to that, just write “TES Gift Cards” on the memo line.
2. They are doing a free coat pick up so if you have a gently used item, bring it to our Welcome Center **by December 2**. You can also give monetarily on the square register through the icon “family needs.”
3. We are looking into the possibility of adopting some families as well. We will let you know what we find out.

Thanks for your generosity in giving. If you have questions, please see Pastor Ryon.

## Churchwide Prayer —December 2

Please join us at **5:30 p.m.** for a churchwide prayer meeting on Sunday, **December 2** in the Train Station.

## Senior Adult Fellowship Potluck—Dec. 10

Christmas potluck Monday, **Dec. 10 at 1:00 p.m.** will be at the home of Rose Swain—20031 183<sup>rd</sup> street, Tonganoxie. The meat and beverage will be provided. Please bring a dish and a generic gift (\$5-10) for a Christmas gift exchange. You will need to wrap the gift, but do not put your name or any other name on it. Bring a friend. RSVP to Rose by Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> (913) 271-6250.

## West Haven Podcast App Available

You can get it on an Android device at “Play Music” and on an Apple device at “Apple Podcasts.” It will carry the last three sermons preached. I also hope to start a West Haven specific podcast early next year. Thanks to Nathan LaFave for putting this together! —Bro. Mike

## *A Weekly Note From*

## **PASTOR Mike Bronson**

**Happy Thanksgiving!** I trust you have been blessed during this week. If you are a guest, thank you so much for being here today!

**1 Thessalonians tells us “in everything give thanks.”** I am grateful for a national holiday set aside for this express purpose. Thanksgiving services were held in Virginia as early as 1607. The Pilgrims declared a three-day feast on Dec. 13, 1621. Pilgrim Edward Winslow wrote, “. . . we rejoiced together after we had gathered the fruit of our labors . . . many of the Indians (came) amongst us . . . for three days we entertained and feasted . . . by the goodness of God we are . . . far from want.” In 1789, George Washington issued a proclamation to celebrate a day of Thanksgiving to God under America’s new Constitution. In 1863, Abraham Lincoln set aside the last Thursday in November as a national Day of Thanksgiving. Congress permanently established it as a holiday in 1941. National holiday or not, every day we give thanks to God! And when He comes, what a day of thanksgiving that will be!

**This is a time of the year when it’s easy to neglect giving.** Help us finish the year strong. Did you know you can give electronically? Just go to our website and click on the word “Donate” at the upper right hand corner of the page. You can also give at the Square register on the iPad at the Welcome Center. You can give in cash or a check or we can take it from your bank account on a regular basis (see Alexa Ferguson at [alexa@westhavenbaptist.org](mailto:alexa@westhavenbaptist.org) in order to set that up.) You may also want to consider year-end giving in the form of appreciated stocks. Appreciated stocks are those that have been held for one year and are subject to a capital gains tax upon liquidation. A charitable gift of appreciated stock will help the donor to avoid paying capital gains tax and can reduce their income tax by listing the gift as a charitable itemized deduction. (Please be sure to consult a tax advisor before making any decision.)

## *Tools to Help You*

# NAVIGATE OUR CHURCH

## CHILDREN

We have a cry room in the back of the worship center, and a nursery is on the lower level. Children's church is available for Kids K-4<sup>th</sup> in 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 p.m.

## STUDENTS

Our 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **“One Life” and inviting people to church**

As we move into this Christmas season, it's a great time of the year to invite someone to church with you. If you have not participated in “One Life” that is a great “on ramp” to do so. Almost everyone knows someone they can invite to church.

If 150 West Haven members issued six meaningful invitations a year, and just 10% of those people came to Christ and plugged into the church, that's 90 people. And we can invite a person with confidence knowing that regardless of the text and topic of the sermon, you are still exposing someone unchurched to the Word of God and the people of God. And the Spirit of God, in tandem with the Word of God, will bring people to Jesus.

Thom Rainer, the president of Lifeway, said:

- a. Inviting churches tend to be healthier churches
- b. An invitation is most effective when it's one-to-one and in person.
- c. The most effective churches are striving to have annual invitations equal to the 10 times the average worship attendance

This time of the year is a good time to do that. I pray for each of us to extend invitations in these next few months and then we will see God do what only He can do!

## 2018 Prayer Requests:



### November 18, 2018

David Bronson: his health and pain management and for his family, and his medical team. (Tara & Mike Bronson's son)  
Prayer for salvation for all family members (Al & Annie Anderson)  
Chris' migraines have returned—please pray for hope and comfort (Lizz Small)  
For all our children to find the way to God & church again (Tracy Harrison)  
Philip Windler: stage 4 cancer (family of Dave & Grace Windler)  
Seeing doctor Wednesday about cancer below right eye (Trisha Masters)  
David St. John: surgery (Helen Craig's neighbor)  
Bronson families (Helen Craig)  
Jon, Lindsay, Haylie, Alexa's salvation (Cathy Stueckemann)

### November 11, 2018

Mollie Atchison and her children in the loss of her husband (Teresa & Jeff Sickman)  
My sister-in-law, Kayla's pregnancy she's due in May (Amber Workman)  
Randy Servaes: ICU—needs heart transplant (brother of Denise Harnden's co-worker)  
Teresa & David Burns: lost their 31 year old niece and an aunt last week (Larry & Carol Anderson's friends)  
Prayer for our 14 year old daughter (Scott & Pam Sneed)  
Rodney Reno: declining from traumatic brain injuries (Deanna Cassella)  
Steve's son Forrest on getting a job and his life together (Tracy Harrison)  
Scott Edwards: battling blood cancer (friend of Michael & Angelina)  
Sydney: battling type 1 diabetes; our friends Lizi & Gene Shriner, their daughter Bailey is battling tuberculous scoliosis; our son Brek check-up on his eye pressure tests; co-worker Jason to come to church with me to get back to Christ (Michael & Angelina Boyd)  
Cameran Elizabeth Benson was born 11/12/18 (Matt & Cindy Benson's daughter)  
Ron Baggett: health, tentative procedure date on 11/27 (Kirk Baggett's dad)

### Expecting Mothers of WHBC:

Maggie Estes:

### Other Expecting Mothers:

Amanda Hodges: Feb. 2019 (Mike & Michelle McIntyre's daughter)  
Kayla Workman: May 2019 (Amber Workman's sister-in-law)  
Robert & Joanna Windler: May 19 (Grace & Dave Windler's son)

### Long Term Requests:

Nick Cox: In prison (Kevin Cobb's nephew)  
Raideen Harnden: Spina Bifida (Bill & Denise Harnden's grandson)  
Karli Harnden: Kniest Dysplasia (Bill & Denise Harnden granddaughter)  
Joyce Evans: health—The Piper #213  
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)  
Kathy Laub: health concerns (Michelle Fridlington's mom )  
Velma Morgan: cancer treatment (Cathy Stueckemann's mom)  
Aunt Jo: continued recovery for bladder cancer (Cathy Stueckemann)  
Jon, Lindsay, & Haylie's salvation (Cathy Stueckemann)  
Lenora Baggett: health  
Jacob Stine: prayers with the daily struggle of addiction recovery  
C.J. Shiner: is leaving 9/10/18 for the World Race Gap year 9 month missions trip (Cary & Tracy Shiner)  
Aaron McIntyre: prayers for good health & safety while studying abroad in China (Mike & Michelle McIntyre's son)  
David Bronson: health & pain management (Tara & Mike Bronson's son)

### Military:

1LT Parker Osborne, US Army: assigned to S. Korea for 12 months (Donna Osborne's daughter)  
TSgt. Ben Goldsberry: USAF, Ft. Bragg, NC (Donna Osborne's nephew)  
1LT Dan Hopkins, Jr., US Army Infantry, Fort Hood, TX (Dan & Sesuk Hopkins' son)  
CPT Tim Hopkins, US Army, Fort Polk, LA, Airborne Light Infantry Team (Dan & Sesuk Hopkins' son)  
CPT Tom Hopkins, US Army, 9 month rotation to Korea (Dan & Sesuk Hopkins' son)  
Derrick Wagner: Air Force (Jennifer Belcher's brother)  
Joshua Spruill: USAF NM (Mike & Becky Derzinski's nephew)  
Lexis Fehol: Air Force Basic, San Antonio, TX (Elisabeth Laundry's friend)  
Zach Povlitzky—Army, El Paso (Amanda O'Bryan)  
Andrew Stueckemann: Navy at NAS Pensacola, FL (Cathy Stueckemann's son)  
Austin Stueckemann: Army deployment in Africa (Cathy Stueckemann's son)  
Elisabeth Schaffer: US Army (Brad & LuAnna Lingo's niece)  
A1C Rebecca Hecker: temp. active duty Kirtland Air Force Base (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: Navy Basic Training in Chicago (Mike & Becky Derzinski)