

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.

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

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!

Giving Options

At the end of the service, we'll quickly explain the various giving options you have. One of the options that is somewhat unknown is the Square app on the iPad at the Welcome Center. We'll walk you through the screens so you are familiar with that. Please pray about your giving. We want to hit the 2019 running hard. I am excited about the future! Bro. Mike

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: www.westhavenbaptist.org select: "resource", "member resources"—under "Communication" click "Sign-up for our Texting Service" click "West Haven" in blue letters—and fill out the form. Be sure to reply YES to the "Opt-in" request so you can be sent church messages. Questions, contact the office.

CALENDAR

Sunday, December 2

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

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

Monday, December 17

9:30 a.m. WOW meeting

Tuesday, December 18

Noon Bulletin deadline

MEMBER INFORMATION

Budget Detail as of 11/25/2018

Weekly Budget Requirement - \$8,830.43
General Fund Receipts - \$9,698.00
Month to Date Budget Requirement - \$35,321.72
Month to Date Giving - \$31,331.08

NEWS & UPDATES

Churchwide Prayer — Today

Please join us at **5:30 p.m.** for a churchwide prayer meeting in the Train Station. Childcare is available.

Christmastime Worship — Service Time Change

We'll cancel Sunday School on **Dec. 23 and Dec. 30**. We will **move the worship service time to 10 a.m. instead of 10:30 a.m.** We will resume Sunday School classes and our regular times on Sunday, Jan. 6.

Christmas Eve Service

It will be at **5:30 p.m. on Dec. 24**. It would be an excellent time to bring unsaved persons. Bro. Mike will be preaching a brief evangelistic message. If you would be willing to provide childcare, please contact Christina Lindholm at christina@westhavenbaptist.org.

Childcare Workers Needed

From time to time, we have needs in our Sunday morning nursery ministry. If you would be willing to serve, please contact Joan Cobb or Christina Lindholm. This is an opportunity to impact little children by showing them the love of Christ at a very early age. You also impact young families who can leave their little ones to learn the Word of God. It's an opportunity to be like Jesus who said "let the little children come to me" and children came to Him, even after He drove the moneychangers from the temple. This is a crucial and highly valued area of service. If you are part of this church and physically able, you should be in the rotation. This is a very important ministry in a local church. Thanks to those who already serve and to those I know God will call to this work. Thanks! Bro. Mike

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 183rd 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. 9th (913) 271-6250.

A Weekly Note From

PASTOR Ryon Sander

Good morning West Haven family! We are almost finished with our first year of ONE Life. Whether your one life has come to know Jesus as Lord and Savior or you are going to help someone in the church invest in ONE Life, replication is critical. We must pass on what we have learned while investing in ONE Life.

Why is it important to pass on?

The church is commissioned to carry out the great commission in Matthew 28. Yet, churches are just now starting to return to their evangelistic "loving your neighbor" roots. Hosea 4:6 "my people are destroyed because of their lack of knowledge" screams of previous generations that forgot to impart knowledge to others. This is loosely the same reason churches have mistaken evangelism for programs and all but ignored this Biblical charge to all Christians. I have no intentions of ever watering down "evangelism". It is not easy and rarely convenient, that is the Gospel I see in scripture. It will stretch us all and it must be passed on!

How do I pass it on?

People learn by hearing and doing. Yes, it is that simple. Show them what scriptures you use. Tell them what you are doing in great detail, AND take someone with you/go with them.

Where can I find the time?

I heard a minister say, "how do I carry out all the duties of a good minister and still have time to be a dad?" The response from a seasoned minister, "Why are you not including your children in your ministry?" He said, "when I tell someone about Jesus, I want my son with me, learning." This is where we find the time.

Please feel free to set up a time if you would like to talk about ONE Life. I want to help anyone I can be effective at loving people and sharing the Gospel!

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-4th 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 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.

"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 25, 2018

Col. (Ret.) Ronald Baggett: on Hospice, has been given at most 6 months/liver failing (Kirk Baggett's dad)
Loretta Kunard: health issues
Tara and Iris: sisters that both have short bowel syndrome . They have hard decisions to make. (friends of Bob & Kathy Link)
Be with people who are on the road with this weather (Kinnley Hoffhines)
Jack Nichelsen: cancer (Donna Gambrell's brother-in-law)
Jon, Lindsay, Haylie, Alexa's salvation (Cathy Stueckemann)
David Bronson: his health, healing, pain management, and for his family, and medical team. (Tara & Mike Bronson's son)
Bob Links dad passed away. If you could pray for the family it would be much appreciated. (Bob & Kathy Link)
Susie: Has many issues but has constant pain. Pray God will comfort her. She is clinging to her faith to get through but needs encouragement. (Kathy Link's sister)
Darrow Maley: admitted to the hospital. High heart rate, no output, not eating/drinking, & has fifth disease.

November 18, 2018

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

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)