

SERMON NOTES

Pastor Mike Bronson

Luke 20:27-40

A High View of Heaven

1. Your Daily Decisions Are Shaped in Light of the Resurrection

2. Your View of Heaven Is Higher Than Anything On Earth

3. Your Eternal Destiny Is Found In Faith In Christ Alone



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

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

December 16, 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!

Spiritual Growth Conference in 2019

Mark your calendars for **November 1 & 2, 2019** for our second annual Spiritual Growth Conference. We are trying to work out childcare arrangements that would keep West Haven people from participating. Please email any childcare ideas to Marianne Buzan at: marianne@spiritualgrowthconference.com

CALENDAR

Monday, December 17

9:30 a.m. WOW meeting

Tuesday, December 18

Noon Bulletin deadline

Last day of classes—
Christmas Break, Dec. 19-Jan.
2, 2019

Sunday, December 23

10 a.m. Worship Service
No Sunday School Classes

Monday, December 24

5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve
Service (Worship Center)

Sunday, December 30

10 a.m. Worship Service
No Sunday School Classes

Sunday, January 6, 2019

8:30 a.m. Donut Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Worship
5:30 p.m. Churchwide Prayer

Monday, January 7

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

Tuesday, January 8

7:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting

Wednesday, January 9

6:15 p.m. AWANA
6:30 p.m. Student Ministry
6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study

Sunday, January 13

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer
Breakfast

Monday, January 14

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

Wednesday, January 16

6:15 p.m. AWANA
6:30 p.m. Student Ministry
6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study

Sunday, January 20

Member Meeting after
Worship

Wednesday, January 23

6:15 p.m. AWANA
6:30 p.m. Student Ministry
6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study

MEMBER INFORMATION

Budget Detail as of 12/09/2018

Weekly Budget Requirement - \$8,830.43

General Fund Receipts - \$9,634.15

Month to Date Budget Requirement - \$17,660.86

Month to Date Giving - \$18,255.15

NEWS & UPDATES

Ready Conference - January 25th to 26th, 2019

Amidst a culture shifting like the tide, it is imperative that students are ready to defend "the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints" (Jude 1:3). To that end, students in 7th to 12th grade are encouraged to attend **Ready**, a student conference held in Kansas City, MO on January 25-26, 2019. This conference features the following guest speakers: Sam Bierig, Brian Davis, Rechab Gray, Owen Strachan, and Jared C. Wilson. Tickets are \$35. For more information and to register: westhavenbaptist.org/events/ready19/

Spiritual Growth Conference Feedback

The number one point of feedback we received was to let other churches know about the conference. That was my top activity in October. I contacted churches, often face to face, both locally and regionally. We saturated social media with the information. I also presented it on stage at a pastor's conference in Olathe and the state convention at Pratt. But each church has their own calendar and agenda so its understandable that we only had a few from other churches. This year, we will send it out to other churches but it won't be as significant of an effort as I made last year. Thanks for your feedback. We are taking it all into consideration for 2019. —Bro. Mike

Secret Church: Prayer, Fasting, & the Pursuit of God - April 26, 2019 - 6 p.m. to Midnight

Secret Church is six hours of intense Bible study and prayer led by David Platt via Live Simulcast. At Secret Church 2019, we'll take an in-depth look at the Bible's teaching on prayer and fasting. We'll see that our inabilities and weaknesses are the very place where God meets us with His strength and sufficiency. We'll also see that faithfulness to the mission of Christ requires depending on the Spirit of Christ. Through prayer and fasting, we demonstrate our need for God's power and our desire for His glory. Tickets are \$10. Registration deadline April 13th. More info and register: westhavenbaptist.org/events/secretchurch2019/

A Weekly Note From **PASTOR Mike Bronson**

It's good to see you this morning as we eagerly anticipate the celebration of Jesus' birth! Isaiah 9:7 (NASB) says, "There will be no end to the increase of *His* government or of peace, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness from then on and forevermore." This verse is often used at Christmastime but it's a wonderful promise for every day of our lives!

Verse 6 tells us the Savior would be born as a child. The "government shall rest on His shoulders" refers to the invisible kingdom made up of those who obey Him. So when verse 7 refers to the "increase of His government or of peace" it is speaking of that time when His rule and reign is consummated after the Second Coming. And that kingdom will be upheld "with justice and righteousness from then on and forevermore." What a hopeful promise of a perfect future with the Lord Jesus under His rule!

Here's what the upcoming calendar looks like:

1. Today we'll stay in Luke 20. I'll preach a sermon entitled "A High View of Heaven."
2. Next Sunday Ryon will preach a Christmas-themed sermon.
3. Next Monday is our traditional Christmas Eve service at 5:30. I'll preach a brief sermon. It will be evangelistic so it would be a good time to bring a friend or relative!

Please be sure to be here Dec. 30. Ryon and I want to set the stage for 2019. I am looking forward to these next few weeks and the upcoming year. God bless you!

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.

NEWS & UPDATES

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 the church office at christina@westhavenbaptist.org.

Dec. 30 Service

Please make every effort to be here on Dec. 30. Ryon and I are going to "co-preach" a sermon to set the stage for 2019 and where we want to see this church go. I think this is a crucial time in the life of our church. I want you to grasp the vision we believe God has given us and we also want you to hear our hearts. (We picked Dec. 30 because last year Sunday was Dec. 31 and we had a large crowd. We are assuming most people will be back from Christmas travels.) I hope you can make it. – Bro. Mike

Sharing our Service via Facebook Live

The last two Sundays we've asked you to share the sermon on Facebook as it starts. Please continue to do that. The metrics have gone up substantially. This week I received two emails from non church members as a result of the sermon. This is just another outreach tool we can use and it's very simple! Thanks for participating! Bro. Mike

Childcare Workers Needed

If you would be willing to serve in the nursery, please contact Joan Cobb or Christina Lindholm. This is an opportunity to impact little children and young families by showing them the love of Christ.

2018 Prayer Requests:



December 9, 2018

Gordon Harrah: cancer (Michelle McIntyre's dad)
Friend Pauline's suicide will lead her family to Christ & God will comfort & convict them (Cathy Stueckemann)
Son's marriage (Al I& Annie Anderson)
Daughter/son-in-law move from Denver to Shawnee (Al & Annie Anderson)
Salvation for Portland daughter & her family (Al & Annie Anderson)
Prayer request for Lorraine Fain and her family while they grieve the loss of her father who passed away on 12/10.
12/14—Randy/Pam Stevens 7-yr-old grandson Zachary needs a heart transplant immediately. Please pray for him & the family

December 2, 2018

Dec. 2nd Col. (Ret.) Ronald Baggett passed away, please pray for Kirk Baggett and his family (Kirk's dad)
Chris & Liz Small
Cameron Benson: high fever (Cindi & Matt Benson's newborn)
Ashley Lewandoski: high risk pregnancy (Dave & Deb Compton's daughter)
Elizabeth: numerous health issues and not doing well. Pray for her health and strength for Matt & Patti (her parents). Also for all of their salvation (Chris Small's niece)
Joshua Spruill: serving in the Air Force. Coming home to his family in late Dec. from Korea. Difficult situation with his wife and two little daughters (Mike & Becky Derzinski)
So thankful for this church & my church family (Mike & Gail Drake)
Julie Devader: halfway thru Chemo—prayer for strength (Randy & Ronda Wager's daughter-in-law)
Please pray for my wife Annie (Al Anderson)
Please pray for my cousin Amy, she has to have Chemo and radiation, pray God will give her the strength to go through it (Yvette Laundry)

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)
Ashley Lewandowski: June 2019 (Dave & Deb Compton's daughter)

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:

ILT 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)
ILT 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)