

# SERMON NOTES

Pastor Mike Bronson & Pastor Ryon Sander  
Revelation 2:4-5

## Becoming a Thriving Church

### 1. The Problems That Beset Us

A. Stark Reality

B. Simple Reason

### 2. The Possibilities Before Us

A. A Negative Future

B. A Preferred Future



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

We exist to see people saved,  
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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!

## Sunday Morning Live Feed/Sermon Archives

At the start of each sermon, I ask you to go to our Facebook page and share the sermon feed on your page. Please do that every Sunday. The metrics have steadily increased so it's a good way to get the Word out. Nathan LaFave has also enabled the livestream through our website at westhavenbaptist.org. Plus all sermons are archived at the website and at our YouTube channel. You can subscribe to our YouTube channel by searching for West Haven at YouTube. The sermons are also available through Android Play Music or iTunes. We pray that you use these resources to bless yourself and to reach others!

## Church Directories

New directories are in the foyer—please take one.

## CALENDAR

### 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

### Friday, Jan. 25-Sat., Jan. 26

Student Ministry at READY  
Conference (MBTS)

## MEMBER INFORMATION

### Budget Detail as of 12/23/2018

Weekly Budget Requirement - NA  
General Fund Receipts - NA  
Month to Date Budget Requirement - NA  
Month to Date Giving - NA

# NEWS & UPDATES

## Podcast Questions

I've heard interest from several of you about this. It would be content for you to listen to during drivetime. I'd love to hear your ideas on what that content might be. Let me know at [mike@westhavenbaptist.org](mailto:mike@westhavenbaptist.org)! —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.

## End of Year Giving

If you are praying about your year-end giving, and for tax purposes you want to count that gift on your 2018 taxes, you must do the following:

1. The cash, check or money order must be in possession of the church by Dec. 31 at 11:59 p.m.
2. If the gift is digitally given do so by Dec. 31 at 11:59 p.m.
3. Sent through USPS, it must be postmarked by Dec. 31.
4. If it is sent through FedEx, UPS, etc. must be received by Dec. 31.

If you give in the form of appreciated stock, please consult your tax advisor. We appreciate your generous giving for the cause of Christ.

## Giving Statements

Reminder: all church reimbursements for 2018 need to be turned in prior to **December 31<sup>st</sup>**, 2018 to go on the current budget. Giving statements will be available via email or paper copies. This will save time and money. If you have not provided an email address to the church office a paper copy will be available the second week of January at the Welcome Center. Thank you!

## Ready Conference - January 25<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>, 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 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> 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/](http://westhavenbaptist.org/events/ready19/)

## *A Weekly Note From* **PASTOR Mike Bronson**

I'm glad God brought you here on this last Lord's Day of 2018. I want you to find Revelation 2 in your Bible. Ryon and I going to "co-preach" a sermon this morning as we lay out what we see for our church in 2019 and beyond. I pray that Lord would use us to speak for His glory this morning.

Then beginning next Sunday we'll start a six week series out of Philippians 3 entitled "One Lord." In 2019, we are continuing the "One Life" theme. Focus on a person who lives near you and try to present the gospel. Wherever God has planted you ought to give the people around you a "leg up" on knowing Jesus. But there will be little or no movement toward pursuing a "One Life" unless you truly have only "One Lord." So we pray this series would be used to rekindle your love for Jesus. Here's what it will look like (subject to change):

Phil 3:1-6 – The Least Confidence (today)

Phil 3:7-9 – The Highest Goal

Phil 3:10-11 – The Deepest Fellowship

Phil 3:12-16 – The Sharpest Focus

Phil 3:17-19 – The Closest Walk

Phil 3:20-21 – The Strongest Desire

After that, I'll resume Luke and we will finish that book this year.

Remember that there are no activities this Wednesday. If you are new to West Haven, we meet on Wednesdays when USD464 meets. If they let school out early, that means we cancel. Also be sure to sign up for our new texting service to get updates on church closings and other information we need to get out on a timely basis. See the insert in our bulletin about how to sign up!

## *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-4<sup>th</sup> 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 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.

## *Connect With*

# OUR STAFF

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## 2018 Prayer Requests:



### December 23, 2018

Continuing and progressive health issues (Loretta Kunard)  
Surgery Friday (12/28), melanoma under right eye (Trisha Masters)  
Lindsay, Jon, Haylie—salvation; Jon-in hospice has also contracted MRSA; cousin Marc in hospice with cancer in San Diego; Thank you church for your prayers & words/cards of encouragement (Cathy Stueckemann)  
Please pray for my nephew & family as he returns from Korea with Air Force—they are experiencing a difficult time since he has been away from his wife and two little girls for 18 months; his wife Jodie is already asking for a separation on his return (Mike & Becky Derzinski)  
Pray for our President & America (Al & Annie Anderson)  
Gricell Sisk: waiting on test results (Nancy Brock's dear friend/co-worker)  
Titus Emery: MRI and a stress test on his heart 12/28/2018. Prayers are greatly appreciated. (Orvella Schultz great grandson)  
Be with the people who do not know the Lord (Kinnley Hoffhines)  
Mia: needs a kidney transplant (friend of Kaylah)  
For my family to continue to follow & live the path of our Lord & Savior. For communication between members of my family. For my spouse and I to pass down our teachings of the Lord to our children. (Michael Boyd)  
Please pray for Blake Waters' new grandson, Kolbe Waters, born premature on 12/26. Kolbe is in the NICU and has to have surgery on 12/31. It's a life-threatening situation. He asks for prayers for healing, comfort, and support. Thank you.  
Joyce Evans is on hospice care. Please pray for the family.

### December 16, 2018

Sale of daughter's house in Colorado (Al & Annie Anderson)  
Good Christian's come into the lives of Doug, Eric, and Lindsey (Carol & Larry Anderson)  
Friends Don & Mark both have health issues. Please pray for them both. Another friend Butch Lindberg is still struggling with the loss of his wife (all friends of Donna Gambrill)  
Marvin Adcox Family after the passing of Marvin (Lorraine Fain's father)

### 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)  
Raiden 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)