

SERMON NOTES

Pastor Mike Bronson
Phil 3:1-6

The Least Confidence

1. How to Rejoice

2. Who to Reject

3. Who to Revere

4. What to Repudiate



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!

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!

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 6, 2019

5:30 p.m. Churchwide Prayer

Tuesday, January 8

7:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting

Wednesday, January 9

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

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

Noon Senior Adult Luncheon
at West Haven

Wednesday, January 16

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

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

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

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)

Wednesday, January 30

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

6:15 p.m. AWANA

6:30 p.m. Student Ministry

MEMBER INFORMATION

Budget Detail as of 12/30/2018

Weekly Budget Requirement - \$8,830.43

General Fund Receipts - \$5,816.05

Month to Date Budget Requirement - \$44,152.15

Month to Date Giving - \$45,510.69

NEWS & UPDATES

Giving Statements

If you want to receive a digital copy of your giving statement this year, please send an email today to the West Haven Financial Secretary, Alexa Ferguson at alexa@westhavenbaptist.org. Thank you!

Ready Conference - Jan. 25th—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/

Senior Adult Luncheon—Jan. 14

Noon on January 14, Senior Adult Fellowship will have soup, salad, and dessert. Let Rose Swain know what you plan to bring. Bring a friend.

Church Directories

New directories are in the foyer—please take one.

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.

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! —Bro. Mike

A Weekly Note From

PASTOR Mike Bronson

Good morning! I'm entering 2019 with a very optimistic hope. If you weren't here last Sunday, please take a few moments to listen to the sermon Ryon and I preached. There are some key themes we want every member to hear as we enter 2019 and the years beyond.

There are a number of reasons for optimism. After reviewing my prayer journal for the past year, I am reminded that God powerfully answers prayers. By His grace, He has warmed my heart in these recent days. I am asking for boldness. Based on the feedback I got from last week's sermon, there is a divine stirring beginning at West Haven. AWANA and Student Ministry continue to be strong. Our Missions Team met on New Year's Eve and has some excellent ideas for the year. The metrics from last Sunday's Facebook feed show over 2,000 reached with 716 unique viewers. Many of you have mentioned that this will be the year you will share Christ with your neighbors. What a blessing to pastor a church that wants to follow Christ!

One of the most important activities we ask you to engage in is our monthly prayer meeting. It is tonight at 5:30 p.m. in the Train Station. As I said last Sunday, if we gather to pray we should expect everything. If we don't, we should expect nothing. Paul told the church at Corinth to "devote yourself to prayer." He told the Ephesian church "pray at all times." And James 5 tells us to "pray for one another." And we know that God answers prayer so we have an incredible incentive to pray. I hope to pray with you tonight!

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-4th 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 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.

Spiritual Growth Conference

I couldn't be more excited to announce that Dr. Tom Elliff will be speaking at the 2019 Spiritual Growth Conference. He is the two-time President of the Southern Baptist Convention and the past President of the International Mission Board. He will preach once on Nov. 1, twice on Nov 2, and on Sunday morning Nov. 3.

There is no preacher I would rather have for this conference than Dr. Elliff. Next to Stephen Olford and Adrian Rogers, both of whom are in heaven, Dr. Elliff is the preacher who has influenced me the most. (I am not Tara's favorite preacher. Tom Elliff is. Ask her ☐) His sermons contain truth, clarity and passion. His preaching is so clear that a third grader can understand yet his exposition so accurate the meaning of the text is unmissable. He is a master at exposition, illustration and application. He gives an invitation at the end of every sermon which is unique. At the start of the sermon he often states that there will be an invitation, why he is giving the invitation, and what he wants you to do for the invitation.

I talked with him on New Years' Eve. He preaches at many conferences like these and he has been finding that there are numbers of people who have some kind of church background but are lost and not part of a church any longer. And while a conference is not intended to be a "revival" or a "crusade" he finds that an evangelistic harvest takes place. So by all means bring lost friends and relatives.

We carefully considered every suggestion you graciously provided. Thank you for giving us the feedback! Some of it we were able to incorporate. Some of it we were not. We truly appreciate every suggestion. You can buy tickets now for \$10 at spiritualgrowthconference.com. The cost includes a Chik-Fil-A lunch. Use the coupon code mywesthaven. We only raised prices \$2 for members and attenders. We raised it more for nonmembers in order offset more costs. You will note that there are super early bird rates which end Feb. 28, early bird rates which end May 31, and then the regular rate.

There is \$3,500 in our budget to help with the conference. I would like to not use that money in case our giving lags this year. If you would like to give beyond your tithe to the conference, you can designate it on your offering envelope. However, please designate 'givers', i.e. give to the general fund to be used for the overall needs of the church.

I love you all and I know Christ will be honored this fall. It will be an exclamation point on what I think will be a blessed year!

2019 Prayer Requests:



December 30, 2018

New Year bring more growth in our relationships with the Lord and with our family and friends. (Kelly & Chris Bingham and Sam & Mary Bingham)

Continued prayers for Jacob Stine (Olive McCracken)

Our leaders in church, state and country (Helen Craig)

I love my church family! (Mike & Gail Drake)

Please pray for the Buerge family. They were in an accident in Western Kansas this past week & they lost their 16 yr. old son Jaxon. Their other son & both parents were badly injured.

Family of Joyce Evans (Rosemary O'Bryan)

Please keep Gail Keifer (TES teacher) and her family in your prayers as they grieve the loss of her husband Rob.

Please pray for healing for Mike, Michelle Fridlington's friend. He lost the ends of two fingers in a shop accident Monday afternoon.

Please pray the government budget is resolved quickly & for all the government workers that are on furlough.

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)

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)