

SERMON NOTES

Pastor Mike Bronson
Philippians 3:10-11

The Deepest Fellowship

1. The Experiential Life

2. The Conquering Life

A. The Power to Continually Conquer the Subjugation of Sin

B. The Power to Consistently Share The Proclamation of Christ

C. The Power to Confidently Anticipate The Culmination of Life

3. The Exchanged Life

A. Enduring the Hatred of the Word

B. Sharing The Suffering of Christ

4. The Crucified Life



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!

Reception Invitation-Feb. 16th

Everyone is invited to Gabby Janssen and Bruno Alves' wedding reception here at West Haven on **February 16** from **2:00-5:00 p.m.** Food will be provided. Gabby and Bruno wed in Colorado on Feb.9. The couple will be moving to Brazil so they are very limited on what they can take. Gift cards will not transfer. If you wish to bless the newlyweds, cash would be appreciated. If you have questions, please contact Ronda Wager.

CALENDAR

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)

Sunday, January 27

Member Meeting after Worship

Wednesday, January 30

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, February 3

8:30 a.m. Donut Fellowship
5:30 p.m. Churchwide Prayer Meeting (Train Station)

Wednesday, February 6

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, February 10

7 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast

Monday, February 11

Senior Adult Fellowship

Tuesday, February 12

Bulletin items due by 10 a.m.
7:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting

Wednesday, February 13

No Activities—School Out

Friday, February 15

5:00 p.m. AWANA T&T Girls Movie Night

Saturday, February 16

2:00-5:00 p.m. Gabby & Bruno Alves Wedding Reception (come & go event)

MEMBER INFORMATION

Budget Detail as of 1/13/2019

Weekly Budget Requirement - \$9,011.55
General Fund Receipts - \$5,795.00
Month to Date Budget Requirement - \$18,023.10
Month to Date Giving - \$16,798.20

NEWS & UPDATES

Giving Statements

Please pick up your giving statements in the foyer. If you have questions please contact, West Haven Financial Secretary, Alexa Ferguson: 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/

Member Meeting-Jan. 27th

Please join us for a brief business meeting after worship on **January 27** in the Train Station.

Next Generation Ministry Planning-Feb. 24th

If you are under 35 or if you have a child in the 6th grade or below, we invite you to have a meal with us in the fellowship hall on **Feb. 24 at 5:00 p.m.** Childcare will be available. There are sign up sheets in the foyer. Please sign-up as soon as possible so we can properly prepare.

Bro Mike and Ryon have two goals for the evening. The overarching goal is to learn how we can better equip you to lead your family and our church into the future. We want to hear on topics such as "what is your greatest fear as a parent" and "what is the biggest challenge you face as a Christian in this culture." We also want to talk to you about children's ministry. We intend to be finished by 7:00 so if you have children you can get your children to bed. Thanks!

A Weekly Note From **PASTOR Mike Bronson**

Good morning! I am praying that today will be a comforting, convicting, Christ-honoring day. God loves you. And we love God because He first loved us. So as a believer, we can live knowing that we have the security of a loving God whose promise is "I will never leave you nor forsake you." (Hebrews 13:5.)

We turn to Philippians 3 to verses 10 and 11 today.

Verse 10 is one of the most profound statements in all the Bible. Paul said his desire was "to know Him in the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His suffering, conforming unto His death." Vast riches are found in this text. Consider the first phrase: "My goal is to know Him."

We need to know Him savingly, i.e. repent of sin and trust in Christ alone for the forgiveness of sins.

But we can also know Christ **intimately**. As we obey, He reveals Himself to us through His Word. Years ago it was said, "Light received bringeth light. Light rejected bringeth night." Adrian Rogers said, "God doesn't have favorites but He does have intimates."

So we can know Him savingly and know Him intimately but we ultimately want to know Him experientially.

Jesus died for our sins but He is not a dead historical figure. He is a risen Lord! So the same Jesus who died is the same living, ruling and reigning Jesus who indwells the believer today! So you can experience Him today!

That's just the first phrase of verse 10. There is so much more truth in the rest of that verse and verse 11. Pray for me as I attempt to preach this to you. And let's pray for one another as we honor our Lord this morning.

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:



January 13, 2019

Teresa: diagnosed with lymphoma, bone marrow test this 1/15. (friend of Carol & Larry Anderson)

Marc Bethard: had a stroke and is in a coma, he is 46 (Tracy Harrison's cousin)

Christina Wager's dad has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. Prayers for Christina and family.

January 6, 2019

Thank you for the prayers for Ed; he's making a full recovery with no loss of function (Cathy Stueckemann)

Eden: in the hospital for dehydration (friend of Chris & Liz Small)

Brian: his wife has a heart condition (John Foster's co-workers family)

Please pray for our family when we go to Dodge City for the weekend (Hoffhines)

Sarah Breuer and family

Expecting Mothers of WHBC:

Maggie Estes: Jan. 2019

Other Expecting Mothers:

Amanda Hodges: Feb. 2019 (Mike & Michelle McIntyre's daughter)

Kayla Abney: 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)

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)