

SERMON NOTES

Pastor Mike Bronson
Philippians 3:12-16

The Sharpest Focus

1. A Singular Ambition

2. A Simple Assessment

A. Don't Allow Past Sin to Inhibit Your Progress Today

B. Don't Allow Past Success to Inhibit Your Progress Today

3. A Steady Attainment

A. A Mark Of Spiritual Progress

B. The Misery of Spiritual Regress



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 **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

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
4:00 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

Friday, February 8

6:30-10:30 p.m. WHB Game/
Potluck Night (Train Station)

Sunday, February 10

7 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
Sunday School Teacher
Meeting/Lunch after Worship

Monday, February 11

11:30 a.m. Senior Adult
Fellowship meet at El Potro
Mexican Restaurant

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)

Wednesday, February 20

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 1/20/2019

Weekly Budget Requirement - \$9,011.55

General Fund Receipts - \$11,717.15

Month to Date Budget Requirement - \$27,034.65

Month to Date Giving - \$28,515.35

NEWS & UPDATES

Member Meeting — TODAY

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

Giving Statements

Please pick up your giving statements in the foyer. Questions: contact our Financial Secretary, Alexa Ferguson: alexa@westhavenbaptist.org.

Prayer Meeting — Sunday, Feb. 3

We will hold our **February 3rd** prayer meeting at **4:00 p.m.** in the Train Station. We want to prioritize prayer but still allow opportunity for ONE Life if you are planning to host or attend a Super Bowl party.

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 from 5:00-7:00 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. We want to learn how we can better equip you to lead your family and our church into the future. Pastor Ryon and I want to hear from you 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.

Senior Adult Fellowship Luncheon — Feb. 11

Monday, **February 11**, Senior Adults will be meeting at **11:30 a.m.** at El Potro Mexican Restaurant in Bonner Springs for lunch. Please let Rose Swain know by **Feb. 10th** if you plan to attend. Thank you.

A Weekly Note From **PASTOR Mike Bronson**

Our Lord is magnified this morning as we meet to worship Him in Spirit and in truth. Thanks for being here.

Please pray for myself and Ryon and Nathan. We are working on a number of outreach opportunities. They require many pieces to fall into place to come to fruition. We are praying for God’s favor so that we might proclaim the gospel in a more effective way. I know you are faithful to pray and we deeply appreciate it.

Thanks to Bill Weatherford, Nathan LaFave and our student leaders and students for attending the Ready Conference at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary the past two days. I know they are blessed and are growing in Christ as a result.

This past Tuesday was the 46th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision to legalize abortion. An uncountable number of human beings have been killed in the womb. It is an ongoing atrocity. As Christians, we can’t be silent on this topic. It kills children. It exploits women. It victimizes men. We have to remember that our fight is not against flesh and blood. Paul reminded Timothy there are people who are “held captive by him to do his will.” He reminded the Ephesians that “our struggle is not against flesh and blood but against the ruler, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly place.” Pray that abortion would not be considered an option in our culture. And pray for those who have had abortion. Many experience post-abortive guilt and regret. If you are reading this and that describes you, please know that Christ died for all sin. In Christ, you are fully and finally forgiven. Grace and redemption are yours. You are loved by Him and by us as well.

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 20, 2019

Sarah Breuer and family

Loretta Kunard

Gail Drake: recovering from cataract surgeries

Please pray for my friend Tina and her family, her sister Michella had a car accident she broke her nose has a sprained ankle and concussion, please pray for them. She has two boys. (Yvette Laundry's friend and her family)

Praise –Andrew's "winging" as a Naval Aviator helicopter pilot is 1/25 in Pensicola. Dan will pin him and prayers please for traveling 1/21-28 for us. (Cathy Stueckemann)

Jan: in hospice care (Cathy Stueckemann)

January 13, 2019

Teresa: diagnosed with lymphoma, bone marrow test 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.

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)

Sarah Breuer and family

Loretta Kunard

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)