

SERMON NOTES

Pastor Mike Bronson

Matthew 28:19-20, Revelation 20:11-15

The Reason We Are Here



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!

Senior Adult Fellowship— March 11

Monday, March 11 at 11:30 a.m. the Senior Adults will have their monthly fellowship. Baked potatoes will be provided. Please bring a salad, potato toppings or dessert. **The congregation is invited at 1:00 p.m. in the Train Station, to join the group as they watch the faith-based movie "Gosnell" about abortion. Sign-up in the Adult IV Sunday School classroom.** Please see Rose Swain if you have questions.

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

Wednesday, February 27

9:30 a.m. WOW

6:15 p.m. AWANA

6:30 p.m. Student Ministry

6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study

Sunday, March 3

8:30 a.m. Donut Fellowship

5:30 p.m. Churchwide Prayer Meeting

Wednesday, March 6

9:30 a.m. WOW

6:15 p.m. AWANA

6:30 p.m. Student Ministry

6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study

Friday, March 8

6-8:30 p.m. AWANA T&T Girls Movie Night (Train Station)

Sunday, March 10

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

5:00 p.m. Next Generation Ministry Planning Meeting

Monday, March 11

11:30 a.m. Senior Adult Fellowship Meal; 1:00 p.m. all invited to watch movie "Gosnell" in the Train Station

Tuesday, March 12

7:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting

Friday, March 15

6:30 p.m. WHBC Game/Potluck Night (Train Station)

Wednesday, March 20

9:30 a.m. WOW

6:15 p.m. AWANA

6:30 p.m. Student Ministry

6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study

MEMBER INFORMATION

Budget Detail as of 2/17/2019

Weekly Budget Req. - \$9,011.55 Month to Date Budget Req. - \$27,034.65
General Fund Rec. - \$10,067.15 Month to Date Giving - \$27,219.30

NEWS & UPDATES

Next Generation Ministry Planning — March 10

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 **March 10 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.”

Birthright Information Night & Training Day

Want to live your faith and make a difference in someone else's life? Birthright Volunteers offer hope, understanding and love to women distressed by pregnancy. We help them evaluate their situation, look at resources and discover how they can give life to their babies. For 32 years Birthright of Leavenworth, Inc. has been helping women in this area carry their babies to term. Come learn about Birthright.

- **Birthright Information Night/Thursday, March 21 at 7 pm**; at the Leavenworth Public Library Board Meeting Room, 417 Spruce: This is an introductory meeting for anyone interested in volunteering or who would like to know more about Birthright.
- **Birthright Volunteer Training Day/Saturday, March 23 - 9 am to 4 pm**; at the Birthright Center, 221-A Delaware; Leavenworth: This is training for anyone interested in volunteering at the Birthright center. Our volunteers give approximately 3 hours/week or every other week.
- **Both meetings are required for volunteering.** If you have questions or to register for training, please call Margaret McNamee 913-991-7660, or the Birthright center 913-682-2700.

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.

A Weekly Note From **PASTOR Mike Bronson**

I'm so glad you are here today! If you are a guest, thanks for being here. You've come to the right place and the right people!

Thanks very much to those who served at the TES Fun Fest yesterday. "Facts and Trends" (a research arm of Lifeway) recently publish a blog post entitled "Reaching the Community Requires More Sacrifice Than Sermons." Here are a few quotes that stood out:

"The church should be viral in our neighborhoods. People should know there's something different about this neighborhood because we're in it."

"While some churches view evangelism as 'a very particular dispensing of the gospel message' and getting people to respond in a particular way . . . evangelism could be 'the sharing of God's love with people around us and inviting them to participate with us in various ways that might eventually lead them closer to a knowledge of God and salvation.' Some might call it 'pre-evangelism'. I like to see it all as a process that fits together. Sometimes it's just being Jesus for someone."

"Sometimes churches start too big and it doesn't work. You can do less in one year than you think you can, and you can do more in five years than you think you can. Miracles take time. Plant the seeds, water them, and give God time to work."

"From first to last, be genuinely loving. If you aim to love, then evangelism will happen."

The quote that impacted me the most was this: "Most churches would double in size if they simply became friendly." In that vein, if there is someone you haven't seen in a couple of weeks, give them a call.

Continued:

Urge them to be in church. Every member is a minister. Some folks just need a touch of encouragement. You can be that person!

So extending the love of Christ to TES is part of our "One Life" emphasis. I look forward to seeing what God will do in the future. We'll have an "Interactive Witness Training" session at 9 a.m. on March 30. I'll make a brief presentation and then Ryon and I want to help you individually as much as possible. If you have theological or practical questions, please bring them.

Also note that you can listen to my podcast from our website or from one of various podcast feeds that are available. The first two are out. I've recorded two more that are about fear and working on a third on that subject. I pray they bless you.

Today I am preaching about the stark reality of hell. Sometimes all the allurements and adversities of this world pull us away from eternal realities. There are times we need to steer ourselves back to the basics. Today is one of those days.

This Wednesday night will be an amazing night for our students. A group of students from Spurgeon College who are enrolled in the "Fusion" program will be here. "Fusion" is a special track intended to lead students into biblical manhood and womanhood by embracing the call of the gospel to go to hard places. It requires rigorous training spiritually, academically, physically, and contextually. They will eventually spend an entire summer on the foreign mission field. These students will lead our students through an evening modeled after a persecuted church. They will be sitting on the ground in a dimly lit room listening to testimonies and trying to grasp the idea that believers in other places have to worship in secret. I pray this would impact our students on a deep level to carry out the gospel here and abroad.

2019 Prayer Requests:



February 17, 2019

Prayers for Jeremy Elliot and Prayers for Sofia McCracken, was in a bad rollover car wreck (Teresa Sickman)

Praise: my friend Tina and her family Michelle is doing better she still has a lot of healing, but she's doing a whole lot better, thank you for all your prayers. (Yvette Laundry)

Nancy Anderson: spiritual, emotional & physical healing (Larry & Carol Anderson)
Continued prayers for Sean Hancock during his healing & treatment from surgery (Donna Gambrill's friend)

Ellen Wyrick: prayers for healing (Donna Gambrill's friend)

Our President; my daughter Laura and her husband Ben (Al Anderson)

Continued prayers for niece Starr and her husband Don. He was in car crash in hospital & for family of other driver who was killed in the crash (Cathy Stueckemann)

Andrew: traveling from Pensacola to San Diego as his next duty station; he reports to SERE school March 4.

Sid Kinsler: admitted to the hospital with a serious infection. He is responding to the antibiotics but has a long road ahead. The doctor does believe that he will recover.

(Missy Miller's dad)

Matt & Cindi Benson's baby, Cameran: admitted to Children's Mercy with her second round of the flu.

Loretta Kunard: Hip replacement surgery 2/25 but in the meantime is in a lot of pain. Prayers for her surgery and pain management.

Laurie Hable's Dad passed away. Please pray for Laurie Hable and her family.

Kenneth Wieneke: had a massive heart attack 2/20. Pray for him & the family. (Tara Bronson's uncle)

Micheal Vestal: is in a Florida hospital in critical condition. Pray for him and his wife. (former Tonganoxie resident)

February 10, 2019

The Fridlingtons have been passing influenza A & other crud around. Michelle has been in the hospital twice & is still having difficulties.

Amanda Hodges had her baby 2/10, Augustus Michael. Thank you for prayers. (Mike & Michelle McIntyre's daughter)

Dad: kidney failure (Kris & Kelly Taylor)

Prayers for our family, John has lost his job and we ask for guidance at this time (Zaydie & John Foster)

Suzanne May: health issues

Spiritual Awakening in our Country (Rosemary O'Bryan)

Lydia & Scott: travel & moving mercy for son & daughter-in-law (Al & Annie Anderson)

Expecting Mothers of WHBC:

Other Expecting Mothers:

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)

Sara Anderson: August 2019 (Larry & Carol Anderson's daughter-in-law)

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)

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

Zack Langford: (Randy & Pam Stevens' grandson)

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)