

SERMON NOTES

Pastor Mike Bronson

Luke 21:5-36

The Expectation Of His Coming That Gives You
Motivation For Christian Living



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

We exist to see people saved,
lives changed, and Jesus glorified.



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March 17, 2019

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!

CALENDAR

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

Wednesday, March 27

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 29

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

Saturday, March 30

9:00 a.m. Witness Training

Sunday, March 31

5:00-7:00 p.m. Next Generation Ministry Planning Meeting & Meal

Wednesday, April 3

9:30 a.m. WOW
6:15 p.m. AWANA-Cubbies Grand Prix
6:30 p.m. Student Ministry
6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study

Sunday, April 7

8:30 a.m. Donut Fellowship
5:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting

Monday, April 8

Noon Senior Adult Fellowship, baked chicken meal—bring sides or dessert

Tuesday, April 9

7:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting

Wednesday, April 10

9:30 a.m. WOW
6:15 p.m. AWANA-Grand Prix Race at TES
6:30 p.m. Student Ministry
6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study

Sunday, April 14

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

Wednesday, April 17

9:30 a.m. WOW
6:15 p.m. AWANA-Puggles Grand Prix Race
6:30 p.m. Student Ministry
6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study

Friday, April 19

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

MEMBER INFORMATION

Budget Detail as of 3/10/2019

Weekly Budget Req. - \$9,011.55
General Fund Rec. - \$13,823.15
Month to Date Budget Req. - \$18,023.10
Month to Date Giving - \$16,354.15

NEWS & UPDATES

Interactive Witness Training— March 30

9 a.m. Saturday, March 30—To take part, please email Pastor Mike at mike@westhavenbaptist.org. The goal of this training is to be as individualized as possible. Ryon and I have no presentation planned. We want to hear your story and see if we can help you with your situation. We will handle some of them publicly and some privately. The flow of the morning will depend upon the number of people present. We also want to make you aware of some tools that are available that may fit your specific situation. I invite you to come to take another step toward making disciples of all nations, starting right in your own neighborhood.

Next Generation Ministry Planning — March 31

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 **from 5:00-7:00 p.m.** Childcare will be available. Please sign up at the Welcome Center. We want to learn how we can better equip you to lead your family and our church into the future. See Pastor Mike or Ryon for details.

Summer Mission Trip — July

Where? Chattanooga, TN

When? July 14-21

Who? teens and up

Cost? \$415 per person (pending transportation cost)

RESERVE your spot now with a \$60 per person deposit. Make check payable to “West Haven” with the words “World Changers Deposit” in the memo line. To sign up or get more info please see Chris Small or Sarah Laundry.

Secret Church: Prayer, Fasting, & the Pursuit of God - April 26, 2019 - 6 p.m. to Midnight

Secret Church is six hours of intense Bible study and prayer led by David Platt via Live Simulcast. Secret Church 2019, takes an in-depth look at the Bible’s teaching on prayer and fasting. We’ll see that our inabilities and weaknesses are the very place where God meets us with His strength and sufficiency. We’ll also see that faithfulness to the mission of Christ requires depending on the Spirit of Christ. Through prayer and fasting, we demonstrate our need for God’s power and our desire for His glory. Tickets are \$10. **Registration deadline: April 13.** To register go to: westhavenbaptist.org/events/secretchurch2019/

A Weekly Note From **PASTOR Mike Bronson**

This morning we arrive at the Olivet Discourse in the book of Luke. We approach end times prophecy with a decidedly optimistic viewpoint. The goal of this passage is not to set a date or to satisfy our curiosity. It is to stimulate our expectation about the Second Coming and therefore, be motivated to live with an eternal perspective. I pray that you would be encouraged by this passage today.

We had a good deacons meeting Tuesday night. I love those men. One of the questions I asked was how to exhort you to be more assertive in pursuing your “One Life.” The theme that emerged was this: emphasize that **you don’t have to know every answer or be eloquent of speech.** Paul said, “When I came to you . . . I did not come with superiority of speech.” A witness simply bears testimony to what he has seen and heard. A simple invitation to church is a great start.

Another theme that emerged was that people are afraid they will say something wrong. My brothers and sisters, I don’t believe you **can** say something “wrong” unless you preach universalism or if you intentionally say something wrong. The Holy Spirit knows we are weak. He goes before us to prepare hearts. Ask a person “where are you at spiritually?” Then let them talk. It’s a simple conversation.

One theme we didn’t talk about but I know is an issue: you feel like a failure if they don’t respond. That is never true. We are only a gospel delivery system. The Holy Spirit does the convicting and the regenerative work. Simply have a gospel conversation. Take it as far as you can. Then follow up in a few weeks.

I think the fields really are white for harvest. As the moral freefall accelerates in our country, not everyone is caught up in it. There are some who are looking for answers. You have them!

Since Ryon and I want to ensure you are well equipped, we are holding an Interactive Witness Training session on March 30 at 9 a.m. The format depends on how many show up. We want to give you as much individual attention as possible. Please email: mike@westhavenbaptist.org if you intend to be there.

If you fit the criteria in the bulletin then please join us on March 30 for our Next Generation planning meeting. We’ll have childcare and have you in and out of there in two hours. The primary goal is to help us understand your challenges as we move forward into an unknown future but one with great gospel opportunities. (And if you don’t fit the criteria in the bulletin but are curious, come and join us!) We need you to sign up at the Welcome Center as soon as possible so we can appropriately plan the evening.

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 6:00 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.

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

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2019 Prayer Requests:



March 10, 2019

Tom Huppe: in Mayo Clinic. Having bone in leg removed to use for cancer of the jaw bone. Chemo to follow. (Friend of Rose Swain)

Kenny Stauch: cancer has returned—hospice is called in (Dan Williams' uncle)

My wife has filed for divorce (Jeremiah Ingerson)

Loretta Kunard: recovery from surgery

Joy Kunard: severe cold

Our daughter returns to work this week after her first baby. Pray for smooth adjustment. And son-in-law's salvation (Barry & Debby Pockrandt)

Carol Pollom: is having a lung biopsy Wednesday 8:30 @ KU

February 24, 2019

Lona: dementia; and Al: results of physical tests (Al and Annie Anderson)

Prayers for Holden DeGraff and family

Safe travels for Chris and Liz Small as they are in Israel.

We are blessed and thankful for our West Haven family. We love you all! (Chris & Liz Small)

Tina: to find out why she isn't able to tolerate most foods (Helen Craig's niece)

Sid Kinsler: (Missy Miller's dad)

Loretta Kunard: recovery from hip replacement surgery & starting therapy

Mike Vestal passed away yesterday morning. Please pray for his family & friends.

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)