

SERMON NOTES

Pastor Mike Bronson
1 Timothy 1:15

The Trustworthy Statement About Christmas

1. The _____ of the Christmas Message

A. Its _____ are _____

B. Its _____ is _____

2. The _____ of the Message

3. The _____ of the Message



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

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

December 22, 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

Tuesday, December 24

6:00 pm Christmas Eve Service

Wednesdays Dec. 25 & January 1

Office Closed

Sunday, December 29

All Sunday School cancelled

Sunday, January 5

5:30 pm Outreach Planning & Churchwide Prayer Meeting

Wednesday, January 8

5:15-6:00 pm Meal Served- Pulled Pork & Chips
6:15 pm AWANA Jeopardy
6:30 pm Student Ministry
6:30 pm Adult Bible Study

Sunday, January 12

7 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
5:30 pm Deacon Ordination

Tuesday, January 14

7 pm Deacon Meeting

Wednesday, January 15

5:15-6:00 pm Meal Served- Soup & Cinnamon Rolls
6:15 pm AWANA
6:30 pm Student Ministry
6:30 pm Adult Bible Study

Saturday, January 18

8:30—11 am Sunday School Teacher Training; childcare available

Wednesday, January 22

5:15-6:00 pm Meal Served- Taco Salad
6:15 pm AWANA Jeopardy
6:30 pm Student Ministry
6:30 pm Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, January 29

5:15-6:00 pm Meal Served- Burgers & Hot Dogs
6:15 pm AWANA Jeopardy
6:30 pm Student Ministry
6:30 pm Adult Bible Study

Sunday, February 2

5:30 pm Prayer Meeting; childcare available

2020 Budget Vote

The 2020 budget passed unanimously. Thanks for your participation as we look forward to a fruitful new year and new decade in our church!

MEMBER INFORMATION

Budget Detail as of 12/15/2019

Weekly Budget Req. - \$9,011.55
General Fund Rec. - \$10,634.00
Month to Date Budget Req. - \$27,034.65
Month to Date Giving - \$35,005.36

NEWS & UPDATES

No Sunday School, ABF classes, or Children's Church-Dec. 29

Due to the Christmas Holiday we will not be having Children's Church during regular worship hour or Sunday School or ABF, on **December 29**. We will have our normal worship service at 10:30 am.

Sunday School Teacher Training- Saturday, Jan. 18

Pastor Mike will teach this class from **8:30-11:00am**. This is primarily aimed at adult and student teachers although teachers of any age will benefit from this. This will include textual considerations, how to understand context, website sources, and understanding the genre of literature. Non-teachers are welcome as well. Childcare will be available for 0-5. If you have questions, email Bro. Mike at mike@westhavenbaptist.org.

Prayer Chain Coordinator Change

Donna Gambrell is now leading our prayer chain. If you have a prayer request, please call her at 816-810-2665. For a less urgent request, email her at ralph102@sbcglobal.net. If she is unavailable, Kirk Baggett will be the backup. You can reach him at 913-775-3613 at kirk@westhavenbaptist.org.

Kansans for Life Petition

Kansans for Life is circulating a petition calling for our State Legislature to vote for a proposed Kansas Constitutional Amendment. The Amendment is in response to the recent Kansas Supreme Court's ruling which allows dismemberment abortion, taxpayer funding of abortion, and limits the State Legislature's ability to regulate abortion. If you are a registered Kansas voter, please see and sign the Petition at the Welcome Center.

Volunteering at TES

Tonganoxie Elementary has an ongoing need for volunteers to listen to kindergartners read on Tuesdays at either 7:50-8:50 am or 12:30-1:15 pm. The greatest need is the earlier time slot but both are needed. To volunteer go to the elementary school office at the appropriate time and explain you are there from West Haven to be a listener for Lauren Snyder's kindergarten class. The goal is to have a volunteer every Tuesday.

Breeze

In the new year we will be transitioning to a new church management database called Breeze. You may be asked to update your contact information or individual photo. We will transition away from KidCheck this Spring and we will give instructions on using the Breeze App.

A Weekly Note From **Pastor Mike Bronson**

Merry Christmas! I like Christmas. I love it! It is a time of joy and our text this morning is a foundational reason. Paul tells Timothy, "This saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance: 'Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.'"

We can be joyful because the incarnation of Jesus into this world is an historical fact. The story of the birth of Jesus and in fact all of Scripture is factual. We live by faith and believe by faith but our faith is rooted in historic fact. Don't ever forget that, brothers and sisters! You can always stand firmly on the Word of God.

I was reminiscing about the first Christmas I celebrated as a Christian, which was December 1984. I was absolutely thrilled because I had never really understood what Christmas was. It's amazing how you can be ensconced in a culture that celebrates Christmas but misses the central reason for Christmas. I pray for each of us, that the Holy Spirit would give us wide open opportunities to winsomely share the real meaning of Christmas.

I was asked by the city of Tonganoxie to serve on the city's 2020 "Complete Census Count" committee. What a time of the year to talk about a census. (Luke 2:1). At least you don't have to go to Bethlehem to be counted. Every person needs to be included, even little children.

Speaking of little children: we need more volunteers for Sunday morning childcare. Please consider taking a turn. If you have limitations, we can work around those. Contact Joan Cobb or Nathan LaFave to get started. I am very grateful to those who are serving gladly and diligently.

Join us for our Christmas Eve service on Tuesday. We are moving it to 6 p.m. this year in the hopes that will be a better time for most of you. Please give us feedback on that time. If I don't see you then, have a truly Merry Christmas!

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

OUR STAFF

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2019 Prayer Requests:



December 15, 2019

David Windler's brother, Phillip, passed away. The family appreciates all your prayers.

My son and daughter-in-law (Al Anderson)

December 8, 2019

Stress test this week (Trisha Masters)

Our nation & leaders to speak truth (Helen Craig)

For us as Chris cannot take his pain meds for the next two months. But praise that the Mayo Clinic is willing to see him. (Liz Small)

Debbie Laundry: please pray for her she is having her gall bladder taken out 12/9 (Yvette Laundry's mom)

Darian Hess: injured in a fatality accident on 12/5 at KUMC (Joe Derzinski's co-worker)

Barb: son was killed in a car wreck. Father of two young kids. Please pray for the family. (LuAnna Lingo's friend)

Zack Langford: fighting a virus, needs heart transplant (Randy & Pam Stevens' grandson)

Expecting Mothers of WHBC:

Amber Workman: April 2020

Jessie Schultz: April 2020

Other Expecting Mothers:

Erin Miller: June 25 (Kelly & Chris Bingham'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)

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

Aaron McIntyre: prayers for good health & safety while studying abroad in China (Mike & Michelle McIntyre's son)

Sarah Breuer and family

Zack Langford: (Randy & Pam Stevens' grandson)

David & Deb Compton: Work needs for David. God's will to guide us in our move.

Military:

1LT Parker Osborne, US ARMY: stationed at Ft. Jackson, SC: continued prayer (Donna Osborne's daughter)

MSGT Benjamin Goldsberry: USAF, Ft. Bragg, NC: change of rank (Donna Osborne's nephew)

CPT Dan Hopkins, Jr., US ARMY, Korea (Dan & Sesuk Hopkins' son)

CPT Tim Hopkins, US ARMY, Ft. Polk, LA, Airborne Light Infantry Team (Dan & Sesuk Hopkins' son)

CPT Tom Hopkins, US ARMY, Ft. Bliss, TX (Dan & Sesuk Hopkins' son)

CPT Kelsey Hopkins, US ARMY Reserve, Ft. Bliss TX, (Dan & Sesuk Hopkins' daughter-in-law)

LCDR Catherine Hopkins, US Navy, Univ. of Iowa (Dan & Sesuk Hopkins' daughter-in-law)

Derrick Wagner: Air Force (Jennifer Belcher's brother)

Staff Sergeant Joshua Spruill: USAF stationed at Alamogordo, AFB, NM (Mike & Becky Derzinski's nephew)

Lexis Fehol: Air Force Basic, San Antonio, TX (Elisabeth Laundry's friend)

Andrew Stueckemann: Navy-Navy at Naval Air Station North Island (San Diego, CA) (Cathy Stueckemann's son)

Austin Stueckemann: ARMY, stationed at Fort Campbell KY/TN (Cathy Stueckemann's son)

Elisabeth Schaffer: US ARMY (Brad & LuAnna Lingo's niece)

A1C Rebecca Baggett: Air National Guard Tennessee (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: U.S. Navy Nuclear Power Training Command, Charleston, SC (Mike & Becky Derzinski)

Jacob Derzinski: US Marine Corp, US Army quartermaster school, Ft. Lee, VA,

(Mike & Becky Derzinski's son)

Ian Wheaton: US Navy—Pearl Harbor (Kirk & Lenora's family friend)