

SERMON NOTES

Pastor Mike Bronson
Philippians 1:3-5

Experiencing Genuine Joy

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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!

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 12

Member Meeting after
Worship

Monday, January 13

Noon Senior Adult
Fellowship Luncheon

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 S.S. 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

Sunday, January 26

5:30 pm Deacon Ordination
Service

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

Wednesday, February 5

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

Building Loan Progress Continues

Since 9/30/2019, the loan balance was reduced from \$181,500 to \$127,500. This month an extra principal payment of \$10,000 will be made in addition to the new, minimum monthly payment of \$3,437 for 2020. Directed giving of \$3,600/month (average from 2019) and approximately \$2,900/month from our new payment will continue to reduce our principal. If these numbers hold, we will end 2020 with a balance under \$50,000 - praise God for His provision!
—Stewardship Team

MEMBER INFORMATION

Budget Detail as of 1/05/2020

Weekly Budget Req. - \$9,506.19
General Fund Rec. - \$11,349.15
Mo. to Date Budget Req. - \$9,506.19
Mo. to Date Giving - \$11,349.15

NEWS & UPDATES

Senior Adult Fellowship

Senior Adults will have a luncheon at Noon on Monday, **January 13** in the Fellowship Hall. The meal is soup, salad and dessert. Bring a friend!

Sunday School Teacher Training– Sat., Jan. 18

Pastor Mike will teach from **8:30-11:00 am**. This is primarily aimed at adult and student teachers although teachers of any age will benefit. It 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.

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.

End of Year Giving Statements

January 19 end of year giving statements will be available for you to pick up at the Welcome Center. Contact the financial secretary at: alexa@westhavenbaptist.org if you have any questions. She would also be happy to email them upon request.

Usher & Counter Sign Up

If you would like to be an Usher or Counter or continue being an Usher or Counter please sign up at the welcome center by **February 2**. Questions, see Mike Derzinski.

School Carnival – Save the Date

February 22 will be the TES PTC Carnival. Volunteers will be needed to help with games in the school gym. More details and sign up will be coming. They will also need homemade or store bought cookies, cakes, & brownies which will need to be dropped off on February 21.

A Weekly Note From **Pastor Mike Bronson**

It's a good morning and a good day to see you. We continue in Philippians with a sermon from verses 3-5 of chapter one entitled, "Experiencing Genuine Joy." Biblical principles of finding joy make no sense to natural man. That's because true joy can only be produced by the Holy Spirit. Joy is a steady state of contentment experienced while walking in the fulness of the Holy Spirit. We're in an age where joy is elusive. Wouldn't it be something if today was a spiritual turning point for you and you began to live in the joy of the Holy Spirit? Let's pray in that vein for ourselves and others around us this morning.

We have a lot of things "teed up" for launch in 2020. This will be a year of change for our church. We are an established church. Newer churches, as a general, rule reach more people than established churches. Established churches become reluctant to change, stuck in a rut, and because it's comfortable they fail to find ways to best administrate God's Word. I never want us to be resistant to change. I never want to be afraid to change. As I grow older, I want to always be willing to change to best glorify our Lord and spread His truth.

One of our highest goals is to love our neighbor as ourselves.

We want to be a vital community partner in this area. There is always the danger of trying to do everything so we've prayed that the Lord bring us the clearest and best opportunities. He is answering those prayers. Notice in your bulletin we can serve at the TES Carnival this year. Ryon, Kirk, and I met with the USD 464 Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent this week. It's not yet official but they are planning on using our office space, perhaps as early as April. We are thrilled we can bless them. They are thrilled with the offer.

Nathan, Ryon, and I are working on more things to roll out to you in the coming months.

Pray for us that our plans are never of our own making but that God would put on our hearts and before our eyes all that He wants us to say, do, and be. And if the idea of change brings you discomfort, always remember this: we will never compromise God's Word. As I intend to say often in 2020, "All that matters is what the text says."

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:



January 5, 2019

For my family. (Al Anderson)

I have my glucose test coming up in the next few weeks—please pray that it goes well. (Amber Workman)

Lindsey Anderson: Rheumatoid Arthritis (Larry & Carol Anderson's daughter)

Velma Morgan: now in rehab, than you for ongoing prayers (Cathy Stueckemann's mom)

Andrew Stueckemann: moving to Japan for Navy at the end of January (Cathy Stueckemann)

For my emotional stability, that me and Holly would be guided to a helpful form of counseling. I've always enjoyed the sermons here greatly. (Tony Barker)

Michelle Fridlington's grandmother had a stroke and passed away. Prayers for the family.

Ron and Gail's great-grandson Caleb, age 18, died this morning. Please pray for his family, parents Zac and Alicia Jansen and siblings Natalie, Libby, Colten, & Hays..

Michelle Fridlington's grandmother Ruth passed away. Prayers for the family.

December 29, 2019

Our dad broke his foot and is getting surgery. Please pray for him to heal (Kinnley Hoffhines)

Amie Avery: healing now that surgery is done

Robert Harnden: exploratory arthroscopic knee surgery 12/30/19 (Bill & Denise Harnden's son)

Melissa Lewallen's Grandma, Barbara Thorne passed away: prayers for the family

Velma Morgan: thank you church for your ongoing prayers (Cathy Stueckemann)

For my emotional wholeness, physical wellness & for salvation for my husband, Scott (Melissa Edens)

Gorden Harrah, Sharon & Harry Clymore, & AJ Edwards (David & Stephanie Chesney)

Debbie Laundry: she is having knee surgery January 8, please pray that it goes well, thank you (Yvette Laundry's mom)

David McAlpin: bone cancer. Has to have leg amputated.

Nanelle McAlpin: heart issues (David's wife)

Kathy Laub: prayers for her health (Michelle Fridlington's mom)

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 & now in rehab (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:

ILT 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)

Staff Sargent 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-moving to Japan in January (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)

Derrick & Angela Wagner: USAF, stationed at McDill AFB (Jennifer Belcher's brother & sister-in-law)