

SERMON NOTES

Pastor Mike Bronson
Philippians 1:21

To Live Is Christ, To Die is Gain

1. A _____

2. A _____

3. A _____



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, February 9

11:30 am Children's Ministry
Leader & Supervisor Meeting
with Nathan (Train Station)
Noon Senior Adult
Fellowship
5:30 pm Prayer Meeting

Monday, February 10

7 pm Deacon Meeting

Wednesday, February 12

USD 464 Out of School
No AWANA or Student
Ministry
No Adult Bible Study

Friday, February 14

6 pm T&T Girls Movie Night
(Train Station)

Wednesday, February 19

5:15-6:00 pm Meal Served-
Grilled Chicken Alfredo
6:15 pm AWANA
6:30 pm Student Ministry
6:30 pm Adult Bible Study

Saturday, February 22

1:00-4:00 pm TES Carnival
(TES Gym)

Wednesday, February 26

5:15-6:00 pm Meal Served-
Breakfast
6:15 pm AWANA Store Night
6:30 pm Student Ministry
6:30 pm Adult Bible Study

Sunday, March 1

5:30 pm Churchwide Prayer
Meeting

Wednesday, March 4

5:15-6:00 pm Meal Served-
Sloppy Joe & Tots
6:15 pm AWANA Store Night
6:30 pm Student Ministry
6:30 pm Adult Bible Study

Monday, March 9

7 pm Deacon Meeting

Spring Break, March 9-13

No Wednesday Activities

Wednesday, March 18

5:15-6:00 pm Meal Served-
Chicken Taquitos
6:15 pm AWANA Store Night
6:30 pm Student Ministry
6:30 pm Adult Bible Study

MEMBER INFORMATION

Budget Detail as of **2/9/2020**

Weekly Budget Req. - \$9,506.19
General Fund Rec. - \$15,675.00
Mo. to Date Budget Req. - \$9,506.19
Mo. to Date Giving - \$15,675.00

NEWS & UPDATES

School Carnival – Signup

Saturday, February 22 from **1:00-4:00 pm** will be the Tonganoxie Elementary School Carnival. Please sign up using the link below, the QR code, by visiting westhavenbaptist.org, or by going to our Facebook page. West Haven is providing several of our community carnival games that we will need to transport, setup, help run, and return to the church. There are additional games which will require more volunteers. They also need homemade or store bought cookies, cakes, & brownies which will need to be dropped off on February 21 or the day of the event. www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F49ADAC2BA2FE3-ptcwinter1



Super Summer – July 13-17

Super Summer is a 5 day youth camp for students who have **completed** 6th-12th grades. It is designed to be both an evangelistic and disciplining event. The theme for this years camp is: **Anchored** (Eph 4:14). The cost is \$250 per person. If your student wants to attend, we need to know immediately (no later than February 19). A deposit in the amount of \$20 is due to reserve the space. Contact Pastor Nathan or Michael Barnes for details.

Storehouse – New Location

The Storehouse is now temporarily located outside the kitchen. The kitchen is downstairs at the far west end of the Fellowship Hall.

Thursday Volunteers Needed

Pastor Ryon is in search of a few people on Thursday's to help serve and/or cook lunch for Genesis Christian Academy. Food preparation takes place around 9:30-11:00 am and serving is from 11:00-12:30. Please contact him at ryon@westhavenbaptist.org if you are available to help.

A Weekly Note From **Pastor Mike Bronson**

Today we come to what is, in my estimation, the primary theme of Philippians. Paul in Phil 1:21 “for me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.” “Live” refers to the physical vitality of organic beings and men. It’s the animating principle of life. It contrasts with another word for “live” which merely refers to the biological existence of life. The difference between believers and unbelievers is that our lives are animated by Jesus! We are in union with Him and in Acts 17:28 Paul said “in Him we live and move and have our being.”

Yet Paul also says “to die is gain.” Yes, death for the believer is a release for earth’s problems. But far more importantly, death is a realization of Jesus’ Presence. The prize we deeply desire is to be with Him for all of eternity.

Tonight at 5:30 is our monthly prayer meeting. I think we can agree our nation needs prayer. I think we can agree we need to pray for the lost. I think we can agree we need to pray for one another. I know if we pray, God responds. I also know if we don’t pray, the harvest will be barren. Praying together as a church is as important as gathering for worship as a church. We have childcare for ages 0-5. I hope to see you.

Pray for Ryon, and Nathan, and me as we try to lead you well. Right now there is a lot of unseen activity occurring. There are fund raising discussions, conversations with the school, and brainstorming sessions about the future, in addition to the normal routine of ministry. We believe this is a year where there will be fruit but that we are also sowing for future years, and maybe even decades in the future.

It seems to be that sin is metastasizing across our nation. That is not a cause for us to be frightened. It is a time for us to be stronger in our identity in Christ and our activity for Christ. Nail down who you are in Christ (free, forgiven, loved, accepted.) Once you firmly establish “who you are” in Christ, then “what you do” for Christ will naturally follow. And remember, the “who we are” is crucial. If the “who we are” isn’t authentic, then the “what we do” is worthless.

God bless you this Lord’s Day!

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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2020 Prayer Requests:



February 2, 2020

Terri Brest: surgery on 2/3—prayers for healing.

Liz & Chris Small: prayers as they travel to the Mayo Clinic for safe travels & answers for Chris health issues.

Pray our God would end the virus making many ill & causes death for some (Al & Annie Anderson)

Guided direction & strength to pursue God's path for me. Humble me and show me the way (Michael Boyd)

Gordon Brest: Prayer for continued healing (Terri Brest)

Please pray for the Thorne family. Dee passed away.

Michael May: back/leg pain prayer that he can make it until he has FMLA for surgery. Prayers for Suzanne's chest pain and upcoming test. Pray for our family as we make big changes. (Michael & Suzanne May)

John & Jenny's marriage

Heal mental health. Help heal nicotine addition. Find something routine with my time. (Amanda Barnhart & Roger Haselhorst)

Prayers for the Derzinski family after the passing of Mike's mother.

January 26, 2020

Kim: in the hospital, pray the clinical trial she is doing at KU will be successful. She is really sick with bone cancer. (Lorraine Fain's cousin)

Velma Morgan: had a setback in health so not released last Wed. Please pray for her health and wisdom for upcoming decisions. (Cathy Stueckemann's mom)

Michael Boyd: prayers for strength, direction, & wisdom for me.

Erik Everly: having cardiac ablation on 1/27/20. Needs more stents & has poor cardiac function of 30%. (Bill & Denise Harnden's 42 yr. old nephew)

Deb: comfort for her and her adult children who lost her husband, Bob, last night after a battle with cancer (Ron Fischer's sister)

Debbie: prayers for a quick recovery on her knee surgery she just had done about a month ago. Thank you for your prayers. (Yvette Laundry)

Praise! My glucose results came back positive! (Amber Workman)

Quinton Frentrop: 10 year old with brain inflammation from the flu (Friend of Jessie & Kenny Schultz)

Betty: fell & broke the bone above her right artificial knee, surgery not an option please pray for pain management (Keith Miller's mom)

Prayers for my niece Evalee and my sister Justyne (Janelle McCoy)

Chris Small's niece is back in the hospital. Prayers are appreciated for Chris and Liz as well.

Kenny: surgery 1/29 for an injury to his shoulder from a fall. (Shelly McGhee's husband)

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)

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)

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)

AIC 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, Ft. Schwab, Okinawa, Japan (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)