

# SERMON NOTES

Pastor Mike Bronson

Exodus 33:1-3, 12-16

Experiencing God's Presence

## 1. Pursuing the Presence of God

## 2. Obstacles to Experiencing the Presence of God



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

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

August 12, 2018



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# 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!

## **Google Rate Us!**

Help us in our search engine results by giving us a 5-star rating on Google! Go to Google Maps. Find West Haven on the map. Click on it. On the left side a panel will appear. Click on the "Review" link and you'll be able to review us from there. Thanks!

## CALENDAR

### **Sunday, August 12**

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

### **Monday, August 13**

Noon Senior Fellowship  
Salad Meal

### **Tuesday, August 14**

6:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting

### **Thursday, August 16**

School Starts Back

### **Saturday, August 18**

5 p.m. Community Picnic

### **Tuesday, August 21**

6:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting

### **Wednesday, August 22**

6:15 p.m. AWANA  
6:30 p.m. Student Ministry  
6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study

### **Sunday, August 26**

Promotion Sunday

### **Tuesday, August 28**

6:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting

### **Wednesday, August 29**

6:15 p.m. AWANA  
6:30 p.m. Student Ministry  
6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study

### **Sunday, September 2**

8:30 a.m. Donut Fellowship  
New S.S./ABF Classes Begin

### **Monday, September 3**

Labor Day—Office Closed

## MEMBER INFORMATION

### **Budget Detail as of 8/5/2018**

Weekly Budget Requirement - \$8,830.43

General Fund Receipts - \$10,595.15

Month to Date Budget Requirement - \$8,830.43

Month to Date Giving - \$10,595.15

# NEWS & UPDATES

## Wednesday Night Activities—August 22

### **AWANA**

Starts at 6:15 p.m. for children ages 18 months–6<sup>th</sup> grade. For more information, go to West Haven AWANA Clubs Facebook page or contact Bill Mages or Gordon Brest.

### **Student Ministry**

Kickoff is 6:30 p.m. in the Train Station. Visit West Haven Student Ministry Facebook page for more details or contact Nathan LaFave or Bill Weatherford.

### **Adult Bible Study**

Adult Bible Study, led by Pastor Mike, will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Hospitality Room. Bring your Bible.

### **Spiritual Growth Conference —2018 Coffee Blend**

The Spiritual Growth Conference team has worked with Messenger Coffee Co. in Kansas City, MO to develop a specialty coffee blend for our Spiritual Growth Conference. This coffee is available to purchase for \$12. See Nathan LaFave, or you can email him at [Nathan@westhavenbaptist.org](mailto:Nathan@westhavenbaptist.org).

### **One Life– August**

Reminder: download packet five of ONE Life from the website.

### **Community Picnic**

Band of Brothers will be hosting a community picnic **August 18 at 5:00 p.m.** at the Tonganoxie VFW Park. Bring a chair and a side dish. Contact Kevin Cobb or Dan Williams for more details.

### **Spiritual Growth Conference - Nov. 2-3**

To register go to: [Spiritualgrowthconference.com](http://Spiritualgrowthconference.com)  
Use code: mywesthaven  
Tickets: \$8 for members and regular attenders

## *Tools to Help You*

# NAVIGATE OUR CHURCH

## CHILDREN

We have a cry room in the back of the worship center, and a nursery is on the lower level. Children's church is available for Kids K-2<sup>nd</sup> in 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 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> 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**

**Good morning!** It's good to gather for worship with the saints on the Lord's Day. It is the first day of the week and the highlight of my week. We will end the brief series entitled "A Spiritual Reboot" today by going to Exodus 33. I pray that this two week series not only honors our Lord but infuses you with a new courage to live the Christian life.

**Last week we were supposed to have a presentation from Nathan LaFave about student ministry this fall.** We weren't able to work that in but will do that next week. Today we turn our focus on AWANA.

**We have been blessed with tremendous leadership in the 12-plus years I've been at West Haven.** That leadership is clearly seen in AWANA. Gordon and Terri Brest along with Bill and Donna Mages and so many of the faithful leaders here have created an AWANA Ministry that is second to none. AWANA is a world-wide nonprofit ministry focused on providing Bible-based evangelism and discipleship solutions for ages 2-18. As the global leader in child and youth discipleship, it gives children the opportunity to know, love and serve Jesus, no matter their background.

**AWANA stands for "Approved Workman Are Not Ashamed" which is taken from 2 Timothy 2:15.** The goal is "to reach boys and girls with the Gospel of Christ and train them to serve Him." Children work through a book, learn scripture, play exciting games, and earn rewards. They meet Wednesday nights from 6:15 - 8:00 p.m. here. We meet during the school year and break for the summer. Please note: If USD 464 cancels classes for any reason, all Wednesday night activities are cancelled.

**A family does not have to attend West Haven to enroll their child.** If you miss the start of the year, you can enroll your child at any time. There is an Adult Bible Study for anyone that starts at 6:30. We invite all parents not serving in AWANA to attend the study. There is a nursery for children younger than 18 months but a parent must remain at the church the entire time. If your child is in 7<sup>th</sup> grade or above, Student Ministry is held in a part of the building that we call the "Train Station."

**There is no cost to attend.** Each child is encouraged to buy a book and uniform. Scholarships are available if needed. The ministry is for children 18 months through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. The children are divided into clubs according to age/grade:

- ◆ Puggles: 18 months - 3 years old (If you have a child in Puggles you must remain on site during AWANA. You are welcome to attend the Bible Study at the church during that time.)
- ◆ Cubbies: 3 & 4 year olds (children must be potty trained)
- ◆ Sparks: K - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade
- ◆ T&T boys: 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade
- ◆ T&T girls: 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade

**Why is an effective children ministry so important?** (And children's ministry includes our fantastic Sunday morning children's Sunday School ministry.) Perhaps the main reason is that the likelihood of people being born again is at the highest when they are a child. The Barna Research group says the likelihood is:

\*32% for children between 5 and 13 years old (Note: parents should go slowly with a child who makes a profession at ages 5-7 or so to ensure the conversion is real)

\*4% for children between 14 and 18

\*6% for people 19 years and older.

**Today if you ask people in our church when they came to faith in Christ, most will say it was when they were a child.** AWANA puts the seed of the Word of God in the hearts of children before those hearts have had years of hardening due to sin. We pray that in every child, the Word will spring forth to eternal life producing fruit "a hundred, some sixty, some thirty times what was sown."

**Parents, those statistics also highlight how crucial it is for you to raise your child in Sunday School and AWANA.** Neither ministry is a substitute for parents nor is it intended to be. But, they are excellent supplements and can even be guideposts on raising your children in the Lord. Dads, the way you live will be your children's default understanding of what it means to be a Christian. Moms, the same is true with you. Together they are likely to model what you do. Be encouraged by that! You don't have to be perfect, just faithful. And thank you to each of you who serve in children's ministry.

## **2018 Prayer Requests:**



### **August 5, 2018**

Emerson DeGraeve: broken arm & surgery; prayers for healing  
Elisabeth Schaffer-Rogers: US Army— pregnant due November  
Tracy Smith: from Perky's Restaurant in Basehor, stroke recovery  
Ben: uncertainty at work/possible job change because of company buy out (Stacy Bradley's husband)  
Clear direction and guidance for us (Chris & Liz Small)  
Brendan Caufield: in Navy Base training in the hospital for cellulitis in his ankles (Becky Derzinski's nephew)  
Diane Yates: lung cancer (friend of Helen Craig)  
Election: that we make wise choices (Helen Craig)  
Jeanette Orvis: inoperable cancer (Gail Drake's sister-in-law)  
Sander family: (Larry & Carol Anderson, Amber Workman)  
Pat D.: cancer (Mike, Michelle, Aaron McIntyre)  
Mike Dove: starting third round of chemo (Rachel McGuire's dad)  
Maggie Estes: expecting  
Amanda Lindsey: restore mother/daughter relationship & for financial stability (Deborah Johnson's daughter)  
Cora Kunard: has infection at the incision site of her recent knee replacement. Prayers for healing. (Loretta sister-in-law)  
Sid: fell and broke his wrist. Please pray for healing & strength for his wife who is his primary care giver. (Missy Miller's dad)

### **July 29, 2018**

Dan Stueckemann: knee surgery consult on Monday  
Velma Morgan: echocardiogram Monday (Cathy Stueckemann)  
Traveling grace for friends Fred & Lisa (Cathy Stueckemann)  
Austin: set for Army deployment early Sept. (Cathy Stueckemann)  
Marcy Tuter: Mike & Gail Drake  
Chris Bukaty: health (Mike & Gail Drake's nephew)  
Cora Kunard: a torn tendon in her leg with new knee replacement. In rehab until next surgery 8/15  
Justin: (Jessie Schultz's brother)  
Marvin Adcox: terminal illness and for his salvation before his time come to an end (Lorraine Fain's father)  
Please continue to pray for not only my family but others (Bambi Dome)  
Julie DeJader: double mastectomy Aug. 17, aggressive (family of Randy & Ronda Wager)

### **Expecting Mothers of WHBC:**

Cindi Benson: Nov. 2018

Maggie Estes:

### **Other Expecting Mothers:**

Rebecca Moore: Nov. 2018 (Chris & Alice Moore's daughter-in-law)

### **Long Term Requests:**

Caity (Midyett) Bingham, as she recovers from her car accident injuries.  
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)  
Joyce Evans: health—The Piper #213  
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)  
Orvella Schultz: health (Schultz family)  
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)  
Lenora Baggett: health & recovery  
Jacob Stine: prayers with the daily struggle of addiction recovery  
Cherie Sherman: hospitalized; health concerns (Melissa Lewallen's aunt)  
C.J. Shiner: is leaving 9/10/18 for the World Race Gap year 9 month missions trip (Cary & Tracy Shiner)

### **Military:**

ILT 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)  
ILT 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, Ft Bliss, TX Military Police (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 at Ft. Campbell KY (Cathy Stueckemann's son)  
Elisabeth Schaffer: US Army (Brad & LuAnna Lingo's niece)  
A1C Rebecca Hecker: Kessler Air Force Base, MS for 8 weeks (Kirk & Lenora Baggett's daughter)  
Christian Hernandez: Marine, 29 Palms, California (Teresa Sickman's son & great grandson of Olive McCracken)