

SERMON NOTES

Nathan LaFave

Luke 18:28-34

Questions of Worth

1. Is Jesus Worth It?

2. Am I Worth It?



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

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

September 23, 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!

Spiritual Growth Conference - Nov. 2-3

To register go to: Spiritualgrowthconference.com

Use code: mywesthaven

Tickets: \$8 for members and regular attenders

CALENDAR

Monday, September 24

9:30 a.m. W.O.W. group

Tuesday, September 25

6:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting

Wednesday, September 26

6:15 p.m. AWANA

6:30 p.m. Student Ministry

6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study

Monday, October 1

9:30 a.m. W.O.W. group

Tuesday, October 2

6:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting

Wednesday, October 3

6:15 p.m. AWANA

6:30 p.m. Student Ministry

6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study

Sunday, October 7

8:30 a.m. Donut Fellowship

5:30 p.m. Sermon &
Churchwide Prayer Meeting

Monday, October 8

9:30 a.m. W.O.W. group

Noon Senior Adult
Fellowship at Arthur Bryant's

Tuesday, October 9

6:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting

Wednesday, October 10

6:15 p.m. AWANA-Store
Night

6:30 p.m. Student Ministry

6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study

Sunday, October 14

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

Monday, October 15

9:30 a.m. W.O.W. Bible Study
group

Tuesday, October 16

6:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting
Printing Bulletin Early

Wednesday, October 17

No School (Fall Break)—No
AWANA, Student Ministry,
or Bible Study

MEMBER INFORMATION

Budget Detail as of 9/16/2018

Weekly Budget Requirement - \$8,830.43

General Fund Receipts - \$11,470.49

Month to Date Budget Requirement - \$26,491.29

Month to Date Giving - \$26,242.64

NEWS & UPDATES

West Haven WiFi is Down Today

We appear to be having bandwidth problems with KidCheck and Children's Church starting about 9 a.m. on Sundays. To help diagnose this problem, we've shut down the WHBC WiFi this morning to see if it helps ameliorate the problem. We apologize for the inconvenience and hope to be able to bring it back up next week. Thanks for your patience.

Wednesday Night Activities

AWANA

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

Student Ministry

Meets at **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

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

6th Graders and Student Ministry

Sixth graders have always been in AWANA and 7th graders go to Student Ministry. However, sixth graders often vary widely in their physical and intellectual development. The leaders of AWANA and Student Ministry met this week and reached a unanimous consensus.

1. Sixth graders will go to AWANA
2. If a parent believes their 6th grader should be in the Student Ministry, he or she must:
 - a. Contact either Bill Weatherford or Nathan LaFave to discuss what will be expected of the student.
 - b. Read and sign off on the covenant of conduct that all students must sign.

I believe this to be a wise conclusion and thank God for His wisdom.—Pastor Mike

A Weekly Note From **PASTOR Mike Bronson**

Good morning! I love you and I am glad to see you. As we gather to honor the Lord today, introduce yourself to someone you do not know and encourage them. Let's "encourage one another all the more as the day draws near." Hebrews 10:25

Nathan LaFave will bring the Word this morning. Nathan and Bill Weatherford lead our Student Ministry. I appreciate both of them. Nathan is an amazing man of God and has caught us up to speed technologically. He also built and maintains our website, uploads our sermons to YouTube, and a host of other work. He has been the driving force behind preparation for the Spiritual Growth Conference. Let's open our hearts to hear God's Word from God's servant this morning.

Another person who has been crucial in conference preparation is Marianne Buzan. She is the event coordinator. She will share a little bit about the conference today and show a promotional video we would like you to share.

In 1984, Francis Schaeffer wrote the book "The Great Evangelical Disaster." He listed 10 trends he believed were coming in evangelicalism. He was prophetic. Here is a summary. **This is instructive for us as we walk with the Lord in days to come.** May the Lord bless you and strengthen you!

1. **Growing Relativism** - Man decides what is good and evil, even in the church
2. **Lack of Discipline** - because church discipline has been ignored, poor doctrine and even heresy has been accepted in evangelicalism
3. **Compromise** – the church is increasingly unwilling to stand firm on biblical truth and therefore, their children are unable to prepare for the challenges of tomorrow
4. **Social work** – instead of focusing on the gospel, churches confuse the kingdom of God with a socialist program. The first priority for the church is preaching the gospel.
5. **The temptation of ecumenism** – every type of non-biblical theology was accepted for the love of church unity
6. **Abortion** – hedonism is placed above the sanctity of human life
7. **Theological Liberalism** – by compromising on doctrine, the church was rendered unable to be salt and light. Rather than the church influencing the world, the world influences the church
8. **Hedonism** – personal happiness is more important than living out Christian morality. Churches are more interested in "customer satisfaction" than the true worship of the triune God.
9. **The loss of propositional revelation** – subjective and perceived experiences trump biblical teaching
10. **Inerrancy** – as neo-orthodoxy sprang teaching that the Bible contained the Word of God rather than being the Word. Thus, personal opinion is substituted for truth

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-4th 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 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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2018 Prayer Requests:



September 16, 2018

Cora Kunard: came through surgery OK. It was more extensive than anticipated. She will have ReHab. Continued prayers appreciated.

Lenora Baggett: health

David Bronson: prayers for him—his stoma prolapsed causing severe pain

Tom Gierum: blood clots (Larry & Donna Schultz brother-in-law)

Everyone on the East Coast in floods and storms (Mary Dahlin)

With grateful appreciation for the prayers—I always feel when people pray as the burdens lift (Loretta Kunard)

Austin: deploying very soon; all those affected by hurricane and responders there; also the typhoon affecting Hong Kong & China; leadership at all levels across the U.S. (Cathy Stueckemann)

Our country & leaders (Rosemary O'Bryan)

Son and his family; daughter & family, salvation; Ed. Lora.-dementia (Al & Annie Anderson)

Please pray for mama to feel better (Olivia Taylor)

My daughter & her family in Jacksonville, NC where Hurricane Florence (Trisha Masters)

Tracy Brock: Hal Brock's brother's daughter-in-law thrown from a horse & broke neck. Please pray for healing (Nancy Brock)

Olive McCracken: Providence, spine compression fracture & healing of knee replacement

September 9, 2018

Cora: hospitalized with an infection but now home. Please pray for her and the family (Scott & Brittany Henderson)

Joy Gainer: recovery and healing from gall bladder surgery

Gravesite Service was Monday, Sept. 10th for Janet Schnell-she passed away of cancer (Jen Klammer's mother)

For the family that I had misplaced due to a carbon monoxide danger in house—pray that they are well & family is doing good and is continued to be safe (Angelina & Michael Boyd)

Jack: prayer as he battles cancer (Donna Gambrill's brother-in-law)

Pray for our marriage (Joe & Joyce Spielman)

Our country & elected officials (Helen Craig)

Charles: going through a very trying time and needs prayers (Nancy Brock's brother)

Brendan Caufield: Navy Basic Training in Chicago (Mike & Becky Derzinski)

Kiana: prayers after emergency appendectomy (Dara Maley's cousin) and prayers for baby Cora and family

George: recovery from serious surgery (Al & Annie Anderson's friend from Oregon) and salvation for our daughter & family in Portland, Oregon

Mike Dove: third round of chemo (Rachel McGuire's Dad)

The Henderson family: Cora (Kyle & Liz Cobb)

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:

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

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)

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, 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: 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)