January 10, 2016

I'm glad to be back with you today. I'm excited about the new year! I think our church is ready to grow. Wouldn't it be something if this was the year West Haven broke forth and experienced tremendous kingdom growth? And wouldn't it be even more exciting if we saw some prodigals come home? And some hard-hearted folks turn to Christ? I am praying toward that end. I hope you are blessed with a tremendous year!

Ryon, Kirk and I are going to go on a one-day staff retreat on Jan. 18. We are working with a pastor in Lawrence who has experience in long-range planning and analysis. I've asked him to coach us and challenge us. We deeply desire to be all that God wants us to be. We also want to minister to you in the most Christ-honoring way possible. Would you be willing to pray for us about this retreat? I would be grateful!

Today will be a good day. I want to put our series in 1 Peter on hold for this week. Matthew 20:29-34 contains one of my favorite stories in all the Bible. It contains truth that will minister to you in a very special way. There will be no blinking or spinning Christmas trees today. ☺ We do want to try out a slightly different order of service. Let us know what you think.

Bring people to West Haven with you in 2016. You are a great church. We serve a great Lord. There are a lot of folks who are out of church who need to be in church. Let’s find them and follow them and bring them home. God bless you in this brand new year!

Upcoming Bulletin Improvements

One way that we hope to make Be The Church more effective in 2016 is some simple improvement to the bulletin. We want the bulletin to have continuity with vision and outreach. The first improvement is arranging the information to match the key points of the cycle of multiplication from our Be The Church ministry. The second improvement is focusing content on ministry, missions, and visitors. The third improvement is making the bulletin simpler and more readable. We are setting a limit on the font size. Too much content requires a small font size which makes the bulletin difficult to read and navigate. This will mean a reduction in content. The extra content such as who is serving, announcements, and isolated events will be put on a community board in the foyer. To help determine what content is fitting for the bulletin we have developed a short list of filters. Before submitting something for the bulletin please make sure it applies to each filter.

1. Does it apply to the whole church?
2. Does it advance the cycle of multiplication - find people, connect people, love people, evangelize people, grow people?
3. Is it a recruiting or invitation announcement? We ask that recruiting announcements and invitations be placed on the community board.

Pastor Ryon

TEXTING SERVICE

One way that we like to keep in touch with our members is through texting. We use a text messaging system to send out important updates to our schedule, as well as cancellations and other notifications about church activities. If you would like to subscribe for this free service (text messaging rates do apply), please go to www.westhavenbaptist.org and click on “text messaging” and click the word “here” and you will see the church name in blue letters - select it and fill out the form. Be sure to reply YES to the Opt-in request on your cell phone, so you can be sent messages.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Online is a compiled (Sunday School, Children’s Church, & Nursery) children’s ministry schedule, go to: http://www.westhavenbaptist.org/#/downloads/schedules/document-downloads. Then scroll down to: “Children’s Ministry Schedules”. Just check out the website if you’ve forgotten where you signed up. Thanks!

— Children’s Ministry Team

CROSSWIDE PRAYER MEETING

We know that a prayer less church is a powerless church. Thus, it’s important for us to continue to pray for an awakening and a revival. So you can plan, here is the next scheduled prayer meeting: Sunday, Feb. 7 at 5:30 p.m. If you would like to volunteer for childcare for ages 0-3rd grade at any of the meetings, please contact Christina in the church office at christina@westhavenbaptist.org or (913) 369-9422. I hope to see you there!

— Pastor Ryon

USHERS NEEDED

West Haven is in need of more men to sign-up to volunteer to usher on Sunday mornings. If you feel led to help out, please contact head usher John Worden, at john.worden@weitz.com or call him at (913) 238-8068. Thank you for serving.

SENIOR ADULT FELLOWSHIP

At noon on Monday, January 11th in the Fellowship Hall, the Senior Adults will be hosting a luncheon consisting of chili, all the trimmings, and dessert. You do not have to bring any food, but do bring a friend. Contact Rose Swain if you have any questions.

Prayer Requests:

Your name and relation to above:

This Sunday there’s a poster board in the foyer communicating Sunday volunteers. Changes in schedules should be emailed directly to Christina@westhavenbaptist.org. Thank you.
In addition to the $2,000 given by the Mission Team, you gave an extra $965 for the property at Pastor Modesto’s church in the squatters camp in Matamoros as well as for plumbing at the Children’s Home just outside of Matamoros. Thank you for your generosity! Phil and Sarah Laundy will help with this project for a few days. When they return, we’ll hear a report from them and hopefully have some pictures to show you as well. Thank you for your missions giving!

— Pastor Mike

If your address, email, or phone number have changed please be sure to fill out the tear off card in the bulletin and mark accordingly. Thank you.

Sunday morning
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Children’s Church

**Weekly Schedule**

**SUNDAY MORNING**

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Children’s Church

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT**

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

**Classes and Groups**

**Sunday School 9:15 a.m.**

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