

## Pastor's Note



**Welcome to West Haven!** In the countdown to the celebration of Easter, this morning we start a three week series entitled "The Cross." Today we see the agony of Gethsemane. It is there Jesus is merely hours away from the cross. Very soon, a mob will arrest Him. Soldiers will beat Him. Pilate will deliver Him. The crowd will shout, "Crucify Him."

Yet none realize the magnitude of what is about to take place: God incarnate is going to die for the sins of the people He created.

*As I mentioned two weeks ago, many of you are suffering.* Our first instinct is to ask why. We know the broad reasons: to test our faith, to sanctify us, to equip us to bless others in their trials. But seldom will we know specific reasons. The secret things belong to God. Ecclesiastes 8:17 says, "I observed all the work of God and concluded that man is unable to discover the work that is done under the sun. Even though a man labors hard to explore it, he cannot find it." So in the midst of suffering, don't lose heart. We usually consider pleasure as normal and suffering as abnormal. We pray for the suffering to leave so we can get back TO normal but the Bible tells us suffering IS normal! Job said, "Man is born to trouble as sparks fly upward." Jesus said, "In this world you will have tribulation." We rejoice in the unchanging hope of Jesus. He reversed the curse of Genesis 3. When He returns, He will establish His eternal kingdom and all those who are His will praise Him forever without end. And it will be an endless existence with no more tears or sorrow or pain. God bless you!

*Pastor Mike*

## Associate Pastor's Note



### Be The Church Tip

I pulled this small excerpt from a book I started reading this week. I believe it is fitting as we have just started the process of building relationships with our neighbors.

Humility. Patience. Work. These are three keys to demonstrating the love of God. It takes patience

to bear with one another in love, but that's exactly the kind of love broken people need to see if they are to have any hope of trusting once again. If I had it all to do over again I would have worked much harder at building fewer but deeper relationships. It's impossible to build twenty relationships in a community at the same time and expect them all to be significant. The secret is not the number of relationships, but the depth of the relationships. Focused commitment to two of three demonstrates genuine care and concern. By God's grace, they can even become a platform for reaching others. Why? Because when people get to know you – really get to know you – their trust will not be in your programs or in your declarations of good intentions. They will trust you. In trust, friendship is born, and friendship opens the door for God to work.

*John Smith*

## Evangelize

### July 9-15<sup>th</sup> Mexico Mission Trip

We are going back to Matamoros, Mexico for a summer mission trip with Steve Smith of Focus on Missions on **July 9-15**. If you have questions please visit with Sarah Laundy. I am grateful that Christ will allow us to continue to invest in the work there.

— Pastor Mike

## Connect

### Prayer Chain



Do you enjoy lifting others up in prayer? Join our prayer team. You can receive prayer requests either by a text, an email, or a phone call. To sign up for the first time or update your information stop by the welcome center!

### Community Good Friday Church Service

We are holding a community Good Friday service on **March 25 from 12:15 to 12:50**. It's intended to be a short, worshipful service designed for people who are in town and can make it during their lunch hour. Feel free to bring your lunch and eat. We'll sing a few songs, pray and I'll preach a short sermon. We will end no later than 12:50 so you can go back to work. This would be a great time to bring someone with you!

— Pastor Mike

### Easter Breakfast

Easter is right around the corner-**March 27<sup>th</sup>**! Please save-the-date to join us for a special breakfast from **8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m. There will not be Sunday School classes.** Stay after breakfast for Easter Service, at our usual time of worship at 10:30. a.m. Please consider our "Be the Church" outreach efforts and invite a neighbor, friend, or extended family! We hope to see you there!

### New Member Connection Class-New Dates

If you are thinking about becoming a new member of West Haven, please consider meeting Pastor Mike on **April 3, and 10 from 9:15 a.m. —10:15 a.m.** If you'd like to participate, please sign-up using the tear-off card in the bulletin or call the office at (913) 369-9422. This class is a great way to learn more about West Haven!

### Churchwide Prayer Meeting

Please join us for a Churchwide Prayer meeting on **April 3 at 5 p.m.** The meeting will be held in the Train Station.

## Connect

### This Week

**Friday, March 11-18**  
TES Spring Break

**Sunday, March 13**  
7 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast

**Tuesday, March 15**  
6:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting

**Wednesday, March 16**  
No activities due to spring break

**Thursday, March 17**  
9:30 a.m. WOW Bible Study

Get our most current  
calendar at  
[www.westhavenbaptist.org](http://www.westhavenbaptist.org).

### Next Week

**Tuesday, March 22**  
6:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting

**Wednesday, March 23**  
6:15 p.m. AWANA  
6:30 p.m. The Well  
6:30 p.m. Bible Study  
Bulletin printed early by noon

**Thursday, March 24**  
9:30 a.m. WOW (Women of the Word) group-meets in the Train Station

**Friday, March 25**  
12:15-12:50 p.m. Good Friday  
Worship Service—open to the community

**Sunday, March 27**  
8:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast

### Diaper Shower

Michael & Suzanne May had a baby boy on March 7. Please bless them with diapers (size 1 and up) or retail gift cards. Place gifts in the crib located in the foyer **by March 20**. See Jennifer Belcher if you have questions. Thank you.

### Facebook



Like our pages on Facebook:  
[www.facebook.com/pages/westhavenbaptistchurch](http://www.facebook.com/pages/westhavenbaptistchurch)  
[www.facebook.com/pages/westhavenstudentministries](http://www.facebook.com/pages/westhavenstudentministries)  
[www.facebook.com/westhavenawana](http://www.facebook.com/westhavenawana)

### Budget Information

Weekly Budget Requirement: \$8,726.72  
General Fund Receipts: N/A  
Month to Date Budget Requirement: N/A  
Month to Date Giving: N/A

### Member Information 3/13/16

I am a:  Regular or  Member

Name:

Address:

Is this an address change?  
Yes  No

Phone:

Email:

Children at home (age):

Prayer Requests:

Your name and relation to above:

# New to West Haven?

- Our nursery is located at the north end of the lower level. You can leave your infants or preschoolers in a warm, caring and well-supervised environment. After drop-off you will be contacted via text message if needed.
- Children's Church for children K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade is located on the north side of the lower level in Room 103.
- Please complete the tear-off in this worship folder entitled "Visitor Information" and pass it to the inside of your aisle at the end of the service during our time of tithes and offerings.
- Believers are to be connected to a church for their good and God's glory! You can become a member of West Haven by being baptized by immersion upon your profession of faith; by transferring your membership from another Southern Baptist Church; or by a statement of faith, having been baptized by immersion in a church like belief. Pastor Mike or Pastor Ryon would be glad to talk to you further about this. We prefer that all desiring membership attend a New Member's Connection Class, which is offered periodically throughout the year. You can indicate your interest by checking the appropriate box on your information card attached to the bulletin, or by emailing your request to [christina@westhavenbaptist.org](mailto:christina@westhavenbaptist.org).
- Women with babies/nursing mothers— we offer a cry room located in the southwest back corner inside our worship center. It is equipped with recliners, a changing table, a few necessities, and a TV that broadcasts the service.

## Our Staff

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### Visitor Information

3/13/16

I would like to sign up for:

- New Members Class, April 3 & 10**  
 (9:15-10:15 a.m.- Pastor Mike's office)

- Age Group: This is my:
- |                                |   |
|--------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13-19 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <sup>st</sup> time |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 20-29 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <sup>nd</sup> time |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 30-39 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <sup>rd</sup> time |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 40-49 |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 50-59 |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 60+   |   |

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Children at home (age): \_\_\_\_\_

Are you on Facebook?  
 If so, what is your Facebook name:  
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Grow

## The Suffering of Gethsemane

Luke 22:39-46

March 13, 2016

Pastor Mike Bronson

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ THE CROSS

**Luke 22:39 (HCSB)** He went out and made His way as usual to the Mount of Olives

2. A \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_ THE CROSS

**Luke 22: 40 (HCSB)** When He reached the place, He told them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation."

3. A \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_ THE CROSS

**Luke 22:41 (HCSB)** Then He withdrew from them about a stone's throw

A. \_\_\_\_\_

**Luke 22:42 (HCSB)** "Father, if You are willing, take this cup away from Me

B. \_\_\_\_\_

**Luke 22:42 (HCSB)** . . . nevertheless, not My will, but Yours, be done."



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