

## Pastor's Note



**Good afternoon!** I'm glad you joined us for this brief Good Friday observance. You have in your hand a copy of your typical Sunday morning worship folder. If you don't have a church home you regularly attend, I would like you to be my personal guest to join us this Sunday for our Easter services. Easter is the celebration of the foundational truth of Christianity: Jesus died, was buried, and rose again on the third day.

**Many today are searching for a way to make sense out of this world and even to make sense out of their own lives.** There is no other way to find coherence in the chaos of this world apart from Jesus Christ. We are repeatedly taught that the world was made from nothing. That somehow our world of order and symmetry came into being when chance atoms collided. We are taught that our ancestors crawled from primordial slime and we have improved through evolution, yet today we find ourselves in the same moral condition of our forefathers. We still lie and hate and steal and kill one another. As Jesus said, there are wars and rumors of wars. Nation is rising up against nation. There are earthquakes and famines in various places. Lawlessness increases and the love of many grows cold. We've not improved much, have we? Solomon was right when he wrote, "There is nothing new under the sun."

**You are a person created in the image of God.** Genesis 1:27 says "He created them male and female." We were created to live in perfect fellowship with Him. So what happened? We turned away from God. Isaiah wrote, "All we like sheep have gone astray." We have violated God's holy will. The Bible calls it sin. And it says "all have sinned."

**Sin breaks our fellowship with God.** It is rebellion against God. It strips us of peace. It robs us of joy. Because of sin, this God who created us is actually angry with us. We are warned to "flee the wrath to come." The Bible says "the wages of sin is death." The book of the Revelation speaks of the "second death." Deep in our heart, we know we are accountable to this Creator God. Without that peace of being right with Him, we experience internal conflict. It spills over into conflict in our family, our workplace and in almost every other relationship.

**Yet we can flee His wrath and find peace when we return to the Author of peace.** His name is Jesus. The good news is the Bible says Jesus died so He could "reconcile all things to (God), having made peace through the blood of His cross." When Jesus died on the cross, He suffered the wrath of God in your place. He did that to pay the penalty for your sins. When He arose on the third day, He defeated sin and conquered death. When you trust Him, He forgives your sin and imparts to you the righteousness of Christ.

**So you can be reconciled to God today through Jesus Christ.** Have you experienced Jesus and His saving grace? Do you know the peace that He offers? The deliverance from sin? Is there evidence of that today? The Bible says that if you "profess with your mouth Jesus as Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved." Let's break that down:

1. If you "profess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord." Lord means "Master." It means from this point forward, you give Him control of your life. You now choose to live not for self but for Him.
2. If "you believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead". Notice that it says you must believe in your heart. Becoming a Christian is not an intellectual assent to a set of facts. It means you will believe with all of your being that He was raised from the dead.

**So if you are willing to give Him your life and be saved, you can express that to Him in a sincere prayer.** And He will save you! How do you know if He will hear that prayer? How do you know if you mean it? You experience life change when you are saved. The Bible says "if any man is in Christ, he is a new creation. Old things have passed away; behold all things have become new." You can lead a changed life, a beautiful life, a purposeful life and experience peace today and forever more! You become part of a local church and serve in and through and with that church to the glory of Jesus.

**If you have more questions about how to be saved, I would love to talk with you.** Remember we have only one life. It will soon be passed. Only what's done for Jesus will last.

*Bro. Mike*

## 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 Laundry. 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!

### 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.

### 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

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!

If you have questions about West Haven Baptist Church, please visit: [www.westhavenbaptist.org](http://www.westhavenbaptist.org) or feel free to call the office (913) 369-9422.

## Connect

### This Week

#### Sunday, March 27

8:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast  
No Sunday School  
10:30 Worship Service

#### Tuesday, March 29

6:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting

#### Wednesday, March 30

6:15 p.m. AWANA  
6:30 p.m. The Well  
6:30 p.m. Bible Study

#### Thursday, March 31

9:30 a.m. WOW (Women of the Word) group-meets in the Train Station

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

### Next Week

#### Sunday, April 3

9:15 a.m. New Member Connection Class  
5 p.m. Churchwide Prayer Meeting

#### Monday, April 4

7:00 p.m. Deacon's Meeting

#### Tuesday, April 5

6:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Girls High School Bible Study (Train Station)

#### Wednesday, April 6

6:15 p.m. AWANA  
6:30 p.m. The Well  
6:30 p.m. Bible Study

#### Thursday, April 7

9:30 a.m. WOW (Train Station)

## Facebook



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[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

3/25/16

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

3/25/16

*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:  
 13-19  1<sup>st</sup> time  
 20-29  2<sup>nd</sup> time  
 30-39  3<sup>rd</sup> time  
 40-49  
 50-59  
 60+

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

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

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

Are you on Facebook?  
If so, what is your Facebook name:  
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**Mark 9:31-32**  
**March 25, 2016**  
**Pastor Mike Bronson**

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**Good Friday, March 25, 2016**