



**I'm glad to see you today as we open to Luke 8 to look at a very well-known passage of Scripture.** The parable of the soils is contained in all three of the synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke.) It teaches truth the Holy Spirit wants us to appropriate. It compares the Word of God to seed and the human heart to soil. Jesus describes four types of soil. Only

one bears fruit for the kingdom of God. It's crucial to ensure you are the right soil.

**This passage is in parable form but it is also a prophecy.** It warns that many will make false professions of faith. John said in 1 John 2:19, "They went out from us because they were not of us." Are you in the faith? Paul told the Corinthians to examine themselves to see if they were "in the faith" (2 Cor 13:5). It's important not to base your eternal destiny on the basis of having prayed a prayer or having been baptized. Salvation produces evidence. Is there fruit? Salvation is a transaction that happened in the past that is making a difference in your life today!

**If you are saved, this also teaches us to be unafraid to sow the seed.** If the seed does not produce, it's not the fault of the sower. The sower may poorly scatter the seed but the seed is perfect. It simply needs to be united with the right kind of soil! Don't say, "I share Jesus but I failed." If you share Jesus, you succeed!

**Since the start of the year, I have become increasingly tied up with administrative issues.** The centrality of my call demands that I be in the Word and in prayer (Acts 6, 2 Timothy 2.) You can help me out greatly by directing your requests to the right people. Below is a list that will be helpful to you! Thanks for your understanding!

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V I S I T O R S

**Worship Service:**

**Seating**— Sit anywhere you like! You will not find any "you're in my seat" people here at West Haven.

**Songs**— We love to stand when we worship, but it's not a requirement. If you need to sit during worship, feel free to do so.

**Offering**— Giving is a part of our worship service. As a visitor, please do not feel obligated to give, just pass the plate when it comes your way.

**Message**— We preach straight from the Bible. If you forgot yours, or need one, we have one just for you at the information center. We have even bookmarked the scripture reference for today's message.

**Lord's Supper**— We observe the Lord's Supper at various times throughout the year. It is open to any who have professed Christ and have been baptized by immersion after salvation. When the plate of bread and juice are passed by take one and hold on to it. We will all take it at the same time as a unified body of believers.

**Tools to help you navigate our church:**

**Visitor Kiosk**— It's located in the foyer and contains information to help you learn about our church.

**Babies**— We have a cry room in the back of the worship center with seating and a changing station. A nursery is on the lower level.

**Kiddos**— We have children's church for kids K-2<sup>nd</sup> on the lower level. Our pastor will dismiss the children after the song service. Volunteers will take them to children's church. We also have AWANA clubs for kids on Wednesday nights at 6:15 p.m.

**Students**— 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade Student Ministry meets each Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m.

**Classes**— Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. we have classes for kids and adults. To join a class just simply show up and we can help you find your way to a study.

**Facilities**— All of our directional signage is in brown lettering on the walls throughout the building. If you have never been in our building please stop by the visitor kiosk. We would love to give you the grand tour or at least point you in the direction of the restrooms.

**Our Volunteers**— We do nationwide background checks on every person working with students and children.

C O N T A C T I N G

**Next Steps**

After you've attended awhile, we want to encourage you to take the next steps to being part of our congregation. God has a bigger plan for you and we want to help you fulfill it. Here are a few steps to becoming part of the West Haven family & mission.

**#1 Meet a Pastor**—We want to help you get connected and we would love to get to know you on a deeper level. Please set up a time to meet with Pastor Mike or Pastor Ryon.

**#2 Become a Member**—Church membership is valued at West Haven. It is a formal commitment to a local church for divinely given purposes: receiving and giving instruction in God's Word (1 Tim 4:13; 2 Tim 4:2), serving and edifying one another (Rom 12:3-8; 1 Co. 12:4-31; 1 Pet 4:10-11), participating in the ordinances, and proclaiming the gospel (Matt 28:18-20). The biblical basis of membership is seen in examples such as the early church (Acts 2:41, 47; 5:14; 16:5), the establishment of church government (1 & 2 Tim, Titus), the context of epistles, and the exhortation to church discipline (1 Cor 5, Titus 3:10-11). You can explore membership by emailing Pastor Mike or Pastor Ryon, [mike@westhavenbaptist.org](mailto:mike@westhavenbaptist.org)—[ryon@westhavenbaptist.org](mailto:ryon@westhavenbaptist.org).

**#3 Find a Study**—Sunday mornings we offer studies at 9:15 a.m. for all ages. There are class lists and locations available at the visitor and information centers.

**#4 Join Us For Prayer**—We gather as a church once a month to pray. Our prayer meetings are on the calendar. We pray for our community, revival, and a host of needs.

**#5 Use Your Life to Serve**—There are many areas you can serve. We want to help you find an area that fits your gifting and God-given abilities. See a pastor today and we will help you find a place to use your talents.

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**Pictorial Directory—Photos Due**

We are preparing a picture church directory. Please send us a photograph of your family (or yourself) by April 2. You can use any photo suitable for a church directory. **Send the photo as a .jpg file to [media@westhavenbaptist.org](mailto:media@westhavenbaptist.org)** or contact Rose Swain (913-271-6250) to have your picture taken after church.

**Men's Trap Shoot, April 9**

3:00-6:00 p.m.  
Randy Wager's, 21174 Wood Rd. Leavenworth

**David Bronson Ordination Service, April 9**

5 p.m. Liberty Baptist Church, Liberty, Mo. (Pastor Mike preaching)

**AWANA Grand Prix, April 12**

6:30 p.m.  
Tonganoxie Middle School Gym

**Easter Invite Boxes**

If you'd like to invite a neighbor or friend to Easter Service, grab a box and fill it with goodies and drop it off. Boxes are at the back of the Worship Center.

**Easter Sunday, April 16**

Breakfast: 8:30-10:00 a.m.  
No Sunday School classes  
Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

**April 23, 5:30 p.m.**

Matthew Titterington New Zealand Trip presentation

**Budget Info:**

Weekly Budget Requirement: \$8,714.81  
General Fund Receipts: \$4,755.00  
Month to Date Budget Requirement: \$34,859.24  
Month to Date Giving: \$33,980.15

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**Next Two Weeks**

**Sunday, April 2**

8:30 a.m. Donut Fellowship  
6 p.m. Prayer Meeting (Train Station)

**Wednesday, April 5**

6:15 p.m. AWANA Cubbies Grand Prix at West Haven  
6:30 p.m. Student Ministry (Train Station)  
6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study

**Thursday, April 6**

9:30 a.m. W.O.W. group meets (guest speaker)

**Sunday, April 9**

7 a.m. Men's Prayer Meeting  
3-6 p.m. Men's Trap Shoot (Wager residence)  
5:30 p.m. David Bronson Ordination Service in Liberty

**Monday, April 10**

Noon Senior Adult Fellowship soup/salad Potluck

**Tuesday, April 11**

7 p.m. Deacon Meeting

**Why Aren't More People Saved?**

**Luke 8:1-15**

**April 2, 2017**

**Pastor Mike Bronson**

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C. \_\_\_\_\_ **Heart**

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