



I am glad you have joined us for our Easter celebration this morning! If you came because you were invited by a church member, thanks so much for coming! If you haven't been to church in quite a while, I am glad you chose West Haven today! We will see this morning the wonderful gospel truth: Christ died for sins, was buried and rose on the third day!

There is a lot of stress and fear in today's world. People ask, "What is wrong with this world? Why is there such neglect and abuse? Why is there so much corruption? How did we lose the understanding of what is right and wrong?" The answer is simple. We have neglected the God who created us. We have forsaken the Jesus who died for us. We are reaping what we have sown.

What's the solution? Turn back to Jesus. Some of you reading this once walked with Christ. You repented of your sins. You publicly professed Jesus as Lord. Today, you've fallen away from Jesus, His church and His word.

Do you know that in these brief moments you are reading these words, you can come back? God is merciful and forgiving. His promise is amazing! In Zechariah 1:3 (HCSB) God said, "Return to Me" — this is the declaration of the lord of hosts— "and I will return to you." What a word of hope! Call upon Him to save you! Trust Him alone for your salvation! Open his word and obey it. Your life is not over. God is not done with you yet!

Thanks to those of you who attended my son's ordination. Whenever I go to another church, God always reinforces the gratitude I have in my heart for you. A few things really struck me on the way home Sunday night.

1. You are a very sincere and transparent church. It's healthy that you confess your sins and struggles to another.
2. Those who serve in ANY area of children's ministry – God bless you. You are just like Jesus, loving on children.
3. Hospitality in a church is everything to a new person. Always take time to introduce yourself to someone you do not know. You might be astonished how powerfully God uses a simple greeting.
4. At the end of your life, let it be said you were faithful. Be faithful to the Lord, to His church, His Word and His work. Remember faithfulness is what God requires of us (1 Cor 4:3). So many of you are amazingly faithful.
5. The fellowship in a church is on a deeper level than any blood ties. I love you all.

Please stop by the Welcome Center to Sign-up for Baby Dedication, Graduate Recognition, Volunteering with the 5K, and to view the Mowing Schedule. For questions about mowing see Bill Mages.

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-2nd 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 — 7th-12th 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.

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—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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CALENDAR

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

Matthew Titterington New Zealand Trip presentation

Wednesday, April 26, 6:15 p.m.

AWANA Club Parties and Awards

Pictorial Directory—Photos Due

Please send us a photograph of your family (or yourself) by **April 16**. You can use any photo suitable for a church directory. Send the photo as a .jpg file to: **media@westhavenbaptist.org**, or contact Rose Swain (913-271-6250) to have your picture taken after church.

Sunday, May 7

10:30 Worship—Dr. Robert Matz preaches
8:30 a.m. Donut Fellowship
6 p.m. Prayer Meeting

Saturday, May 13, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m

Honduras Running Water 5K for Missions
(Race at 10 a.m.)
Contact Jen Belcher for questions about the run/walk

Sunday, May 14

Baby Dedication—sign up at the Welcome Center

Sunday, May 21

Graduate Recognition—sign up at the Welcome Center

Budget Info:

Weekly Budget Requirement: \$8,714.81
General Fund Receipts: \$11,678.00
Month to Date Budget Requirement: \$17,429.62
Month to Date Giving: \$25,225.00

Get our most current calendar at www.westhavenbaptist.org.

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Next Two Weeks

Wednesday, April 19

6:15 p.m. AWANA Sneek-a-Peek for Cubbies and 6th graders
6:30 p.m. Student Ministry
6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study

Thursday, April 20

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

Friday, April 21

6:30 p.m. Community-wide Prayer Meeting

Sunday, April 23

5:30 p.m. Matthew Titterington Speaks (Train Station)

Wednesday, April 26

6:15 p.m. Last Night of AWANA (store & awards)
6:30 p.m. Student Ministry
6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study

Thursday, April 27

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

**Of First Importance
1 Corinthians 15:1-8
April 16, 2017
Pastor Mike Bronson**

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