



We welcome Dr. Robert Matz of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary to the West Haven pulpit this morning. He is the Assistant Director of Online Studies and Institutional Effectiveness and Assistant Professor of Christian Studies. He has taught courses on Christian Doctrine, Theology, Preaching, Apologetics, Church History and Ecclesiology. He has a Bachelors of Engineering degree from Vanderbilt University, a Master of Divinity Degree from

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and a Doctorate of Philosophy from Liberty University. On top of all that, he's a good guy! Introduce yourself to him! You will be blessed today!

This week also marks my 11th year here. I am privileged to be called your pastor. I pray for many more fruitful years of service with you! I also want to thank everyone involved in AWANA and Student Ministry for another blessed year. Thanks for your tireless efforts in teaching the Word of God to the next generation!

Very soon we will have a new (and automated) check-in, check-out procedure for our Sunday morning nursery. We will use it for a few weeks to work out the "bugs" and then will go "live", probably the first week of June. Once we go "live" the only person allowed to pick up your child is the one who has the sticker provided when you check in. There will be no exceptions. For example, if I try to pick up my own grandchildren without the sticker, I don't get them! We want to do all that is necessary to protect children and since we are unable to know the dynamics of every family situation, we must act prudent and consistently. Thanks for your understanding!

Today on either side of the platform you see our "prayer doors." Here's how we are asking you to use this:

1. Go to the door that fits your age category
2. Use the cards to write down two or three of your greatest prayer concerns.
3. Fill out **TWO** cards with the same information.
4. Put your email address or phone number on both cards.
5. Use the clothespin to put **BOTH** cards on the door.
6. Go to the door that is **OPPOSITE** your age category.
7. Take **ONE** of the cards on the door.
8. Pray for that person and their requests.
9. Call or email that person and tell them you are praying for them. Ask them how the situation is.

We want to do this to create a deeper intergenerational friendship with the ultimate goal of fulfilling some of the "one anothers" in the Bible. We are told to "pray for one another", "be kind to another", "edify one another", "encourage one another", "regard one another as more important than yourselves" and to "comfort one another." What better way to fulfill those exhortations than to reach out to and pray for someone from a different age category and for someone you probably do not know!

Then on June 11 we are going to ask all Sunday School classes from 5 years old and up to cancel class and meet in the worship center at 9:15. I'll teach on grace for about 10 minutes. Then we will have an open microphone for the next 30-40 minutes. This is a time to be transparent with one another. It will be a time to confess sin, weakness, needs, shortcomings, to ask for prayer, to remove bitterness and unforgiveness and fear in our hearts. We want to be a church that loves biblical truth, risks personal vulnerability, and experiences unified oneness. From that foundation we will be better equipped to live on mission than ever before. Bring your children with you. It's crucial that they grow up seeing Jesus be the center of your life!

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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Wednesday Night Bible Study & Churchwide Prayer

Both are cancelled for May. They will resume June 7 with Chris Small and Nathan LaFave alternating as the teacher. We want to practice 2 Tim 2:2 and pray as a church.

Monday, May 8, Noon

Senior Adult Fellowship Luncheon at Cinzetti's in Overland Park. Contact Rose Swain if you can attend.

Saturday, May 13, 9 a.m. Registration 10 a.m. Race

Running Water 5K for Honduras at Chieftain Park
Sign-up as a Volunteer or Race participant at the table in the back of the foyer.

Sign-Up at the Welcome Center

Baby Dedication—May 14, sign up deadline: May 7

Graduate Recognition—May 21, sign up deadline: May 14

Baby Bottle Project: Starting Mother's Day, May 14

All donations go to the Kansans for Life Educational Fund and Grace Center Maternity home in KCK. Bottles will be available May 14. Return it Father's Day, June 18. Families are asked to collect change & pray for moms, dads, and babies in KC.

Proposed Constitution Changes

A brief business meeting will be held in the Train Station immediately after church on May 21 to amend the church constitution as follows:

1. To reduce the number of business meetings in a year from four to two
2. To change the number present required to have a quorum
3. To change the term of the church clerk

This will require 25 people in attendance and a 2/3rd majority vote to pass.

Budget Info:

Weekly Budget Requirement: \$8,714.81
General Fund Receipts: \$7,670.00
Month to Date Budget Requirement: \$43,574.05
Month to Date Giving: \$46,397.50

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Calendar

Sunday, May 7

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

Sunday, May 14

Baby Dedication
7 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
Mother's Day

Monday, May 8

Noon lunch at Cinzetti's in OP

Tuesday, May 16

6 p.m. Tonganoxie Chamber of Commerce Award Dinner

Tuesday, May 9

7 p.m. Deacon Meeting

Saturday, May 20

3 p.m. Sara Osborne Graduation Party—all invited (Train Station)

Saturday, May 13

Honduras Running Water 5K for Missions- Registration at 9 a.m., Race at 10 a.m.

Sunday, May 21

Graduate Recognition
Business Meeting

Who Does God Listen To?

1 Samuel 1:1-20

May 7, 2017

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