



I write this with the joy of being your pastor. We hosted the Chamber of Commerce banquet Tuesday night. I sat by Bob and Kathy Link. As we chatted, the Lord began to show me how blessed I am to be your pastor. Some of you faithfully served behind the scenes in setting up tables and chairs. Donna Gambrell, who has served tremendously in Kirk Baggett's absence, came to see if everything was in order. We had trouble with WiFi and Robert Perez showed up to help. Ryon Sander helped with technical glitches. The night was profitable. I was repeatedly thanked for hosting. I met several new people. We showed biblical hospitality to our community.

Many of you had to faithfully serve to make that possible. And you faithfully serve in our children's and student ministries, in reaching your friends and neighbors, in praying and giving and loving your neighbor as yourself. It is evident that the Holy Spirit lives in you. As Paul told the Philippians, "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you." Invite your friends and neighbors to church. West Haven is the best thing going because of a holy God and His sanctified servants!

This morning we'll recognize our graduates and pray for them. We also have a brief video for you regarding our new Kid Check system. Immediately after church, we have a business meeting in the Train Station.

You'll notice the prayer doors on either side of the platform. Between now and June 11, I asking you to do the following

1. Go to the door the fits your age category
2. Use the cards to write down two or three of your greatest prayer concerns.
 - a. be willing to be transparent
 - b. vulnerable
 - c. remember that God is attracted to weakness
3. Put your email address, phone number, or physical address on the card
4. COMPLETE A SECOND CARD WITH THE same information, MINUS THE CONTACT INFO
5. Use the clothespin to put BOTH cards on the door with the prayer requests facing outward.
6. **Go to the door that is OPPOSITE your age category.**
 - a. Take **ONE** of the cards on the door.
 - b. Be sure that card has contact information
7. Take that card and use it to pray for that person and their requests
8. Call or email that person and tell them you are praying for them.
 - a. Ask them how the situation is.
 - b. And continue in prayer!
9. Continue to look at the other cards on both doors to see the needs of other people.

The goal is to accomplish at least two things:

1. To promote greater intergenerational fellowship
 - a. We are part of a community of the redeemed.
 - b. We need to know how other people are thinking.
 - c. What their concerns are.

This trains us to think of others more highly than ourselves

2. To apply some of the "one another" commands of the New Testament.

- a. We are told to "pray for one another", "be kind to another", "edify one another" and "encourage one another."
- b. We are told to "regard one another as more important than yourselves", "to comfort one another" and "to exhort one another."

On June 11 we are cancelling all Sunday School classes from 5 years old and up. We will meeting in the worship center at 9:15. I'll teach on transparency and community for about 10 minutes. Then we will have an open microphone for the next 30-40 minutes.

1. This is a time to be transparent with one another.
2. It will a time to confess sin, weakness, needs, shortcomings, to ask for prayer,
3. to remove bitterness and unforgiveness and fear from our hearts.
4. And a time to testify to the goodness of God's grace

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 todays 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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CALLED FOR

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.

Proposed Constitution Changes

A brief business meeting will be held in the Train Station immediately after church **today** 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.

Honduras Mission Moring June 25

Sunday June 25, Rhonda Covington of Foundation Missions Inc. from Baton Rouge, LA will be here. She will give an overview of Honduras during worship. We'll have a churchwide fundraising meal for lunch. Immediately afterward, she will give a presentation of the orphanage and the trip. You can ask questions during that time. She has been to Honduras 25 times and has worked with the orphanage for the past two years.

Honduras Running Water 5K Shirts Available

We are selling leftover shirts for \$10 in the foyer. All sizes are available.

Good Shepherd Thrift Store Board Members needed

They are rewriting their bylaws and would like to have two persons from West Haven be on the board. They meet the first Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. If you are interested, call Connie Putthoff at (913) 669-5538.

Baby Bottle Project Continues!

Remember to pray and keep filling up those baby bottles! Bottles can be found near the Welcome Center. All bottles need to be returned on **Father's Day, June 18**. All donations go to the Kansans for Life Educational Fund and Grace Center Maternity home in KCK, benefiting mothers and babies in your community and educating the Metro area.

Budget Info:

Weekly Budget Requirement: \$8,714.81
 General Fund Receipts: \$9,131.00
 Month to Date Budget Requirement: \$17,429.62
 Month to Date Giving: \$44,498.00

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Calendar

Sunday, May 21

Graduate Recognition
Business Meeting after worship

Wednesday, June 7

6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study

Tuesday, May 23

Bulletin items due 10 a.m. for Sunday, May 28

Saturday, June 10

Student Ministry—Worlds of Fun

Sunday, May 28

Nathan LaFave preaches

Sunday, June 11

7 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
No Sunday School Classes

Monday, May 29

Memorial Day-Office Closed

Monday, June 12

Senior Adult Fellowship (TBD)

Sunday, June 4

Lord's Supper
8:30 a.m. Donut Fellowship

Tuesday, June 13

7 p.m. Deacon Meeting

Jesus' Response To Our Desperation

Luke 8:40-56

May 21, 2017

Pastor Mike Bronson

1. _____

A. Spiritual _____

B. Social _____

C. Determined _____

D. Public _____

E. Complete _____

2. _____

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