

Associate Pastor's Note



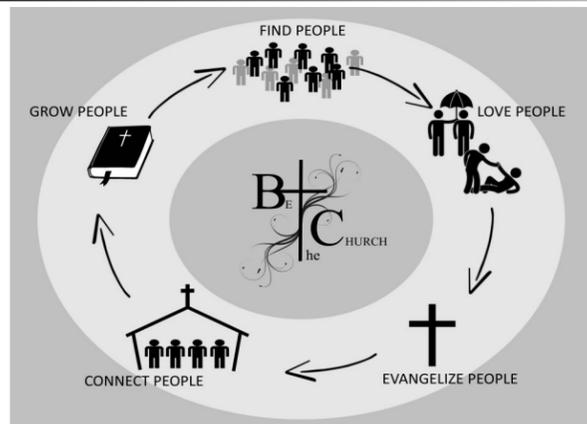
Good morning West Haven family! Today Bill Mages will be delivering the message so be sure to encourage him. I admire our deacons that are filling the pulpit while Pastor Mike is on Sabbatical. I remember my first few times filling the pulpit when I was at college on my way to becoming a band/music teacher. I was taking a mix of basic Bible classes and a few vocal classes. It was toward the end of the semester when the pastor from my home church called and asked me to fill the pulpit while he was gone. Though I was at a Bible college, preaching was not on my radar so I reluctantly accepted. It was much similar to Moses's acceptance to lead God's people out of Egypt. I didn't have any knowledge of preaching and I had not taken a homiletics class for preparing sermons. I was terrified to preach to say the least. I did what every Christian in a tough spot does. I prayed! Then I prayed and prayed and prayed some more. I share this with you because those first few sermons that I immersed in prayer were more homiletically correct than the next few I wrote while taking homiletics. How did that happen? Prayer!!! Homiletics later taught me that when preparing a sermon I must start, continue and end each writing of a sermon with prayer. I say all this to make this single point. **Prayer makes the difference** and not just for sermon preparation. It makes the difference for each Christian and for the church. **Prayer gives the control to God.**

West Haven takes a break from most events and programs through the summer so everyone can refresh. However, we do not take breaks from prayer. Why? Because we believe prayer makes the difference. We don't take breaks from prayer we take break to pray. 1 Corinthians 7:5 even encourages that husbands and wives spend some time away from each other for the purpose of prayer. *"Do not deprive each other except perhaps by mutual consent and for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer. Then come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control."* We must be a praying church! I've heard more than my share of ministers share their concern that a large group of people from their congregation will gather for events based around food and fellowship but only a small portion will make an effort to gather for prayer. I admit there are times when I don't "feel" like praying. I am convinced these are the distractions Satan uses in an attempt to keep the battle physical when in fact it is always spiritual Ephesians 6:12,18-20. I want to challenge us this morning to grow our prayer life.

1. **Start by keeping a prayer list** - I say list instead of journal because lists are easy and do not require much writing.
2. **Evaluate the priorities on the lists** - I should be in prayer for others more than myself and above all I should be praising God for His glory and His Kingdom. I would say it this way: pray more for souls than self and more about creator than comfort.
3. **Join others in prayer** - Once a month we join in prayer here at West Haven. It's usually on the first Sunday of the month.

Prayer – Sunday June 5th 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We will gather to pray for revival to awaken lost souls and hardened hearts. There will be child care available.

Evangelize



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Church Work Day

A church work day will be on **Saturday, June 4th at 8:00 a.m.** Please write your name on the white board in the entry if you will be able to attend. We need people unskilled and skilled alike. Kids 6th grade and up are welcome to help with a parent. Kirk Baggett or Jeremy Daniels can answer any questions.

Be The Church Fellowship BBQ

June 26th right after church we will have a BBQ. We want to make it easy for everyone to attend so all food will be provided. **Following the time of fellowship we will move into the train station for a Be The Church refresh.** We will review what has been accomplished so far and what we need to focus on going forward. Unity is key for the success of this ministry so we ask that you mark your calendars now so we can move forward together!

New Members

The New Members Connection class is for anyone who is not yet a member of West Haven. Becoming a member is a vital part of church stability and if you are considering making West Haven your church home please sign up for this class. Here is a quick glimpse of some of the elements that make up the class content:

- *God's plan of salvation
- *Essential Biblical doctrine
- *Membership is a Biblical principal
- *Church structure
- *Southern Baptist Convention
- *How to become a member

Sign up for this class by checking the box on the back of the Discover card inside your bulletin.

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Senior Fellowship

On Monday, **June 13, at 4 p.m.**, the Senior citizens will be having an old fashioned picnic at Ron & Gail Robbins home. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be furnished. Bring a covered dish and don't forget a friend. For questions please see Rose Swain.

Church Office

If you have questions about West Haven Baptist Church, please visit: www.westhavenbaptist.org or feel free to call the office. The administrative assistant's summer office hours will be Tuesday and Thursday. Bulletin items need to be turned in by Thursday at noon. You can contact her at christina@westhavenbaptist.org or call the church office at **(913) 369-9422**. Thank you.

Family Game Night

Join us on the last Friday of each month, from 6:00-9:00 p.m., for family game night in the Train Station. Bring your family, friends, and favorite game to play. All ages welcome. Questions—see Bill Weatherford.

Budget Information

Weekly Budget Requirement: \$8,726.72
 General Fund Receipts: \$7,384.00
 Month to Date Budget Requirement: \$34,906.88
 Month to Date Giving: \$33,731.00

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This Week

Monday, May 30

Memorial Day—Office closed

Tuesday, May 31

6 a.m. Prayer Meeting

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

New to West Haven?

- Please complete the Discover card in this worship folder and pass it to the inside of your aisle at the end of the service during our time of tithes and offerings.
- 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 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-2nd grade is located on the north side of the lower level in Room 103.
- 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.

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Upcoming Events

Saturday, June 4

8 a.m. Church Work Day

Sunday, June 5

Keith Miller preaches
7 p.m. Prayer Meeting

Tuesday, June 7

6 a.m. Prayer Meeting

Sunday, June 12

7 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
(Fellowship Hall)
David Bronson preaches

Monday, June 13

4 p.m. Senior Adult Fellowship
picnic at Ron & Gail's home

Tuesday, June 14

6 a.m. Prayer Meeting

Friday, June 17

Set-up/Rehearsal-Ridder/Garrison
Wedding

Saturday, June 18

5 p.m. Ridder/Garrison Wedding

“Observations of an Invisible Man”

1 Corinthians 9: 19-23 (NAS)

May 29, 2016

Deacon: Bill Mages

Sermon Notes:



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