

Pastor's Note



It's great to be back with you after a four week sabbatical. I took the time to rest, read and relax. It was good to rest but better to be back! Thank you to our chairman of deacons Keith Miller who organized deacons to preach in my absence. Thanks to Brian Klamm, Bill Mages and Keith for preaching. Thank to my son David for preaching last week. He and Margaret were greatly blessed by your fellowship and kindness.

During my sabbatical, I went to other church's staff meetings and then attended that church the following Sunday. God showed me four things during that time:

1. The importance of community. The first Sunday, we came to the worship service and left. I felt so empty. There was no meaningful interaction with the saints. God designed us with a deep need for social interaction with other believers. The more we share our "faith life" with others, the more we are restored, established and strengthened. At every church I attended, the primary methodology to accomplish that is a Sunday morning class. If you aren't in one, I encourage you to start next week!

2. Most evangelical churches are facing decline. With the exception of those "growing" through "transfer growth" (i.e. a believer switching from one church to another) decline is the pattern in American evangelicalism.

3. Yet most churches are being purified. As membership declines, members who remain and are regular are more serious about their faith. One thing I was surprised to find (in my small sample size) was that giving is increasing. That is commensurate with our giving, which has markedly increased in the last 9 months.

4. There is great hope for the future. Many millennials have rejected the faith. That news makes the headlines. What doesn't make the headlines is that the millennials who are church members are very serious about their faith. They are focused upon serious issues of theology, a commitment to community and a passion for kingdom growth. Meanwhile, older believers are unshakably grounded. That gives me great hope for the future!

Next week is our Be The Church BBQ and refresh as Pastor Ryon will recast the vision for "Be The Church." I hope you'll be able to be here!

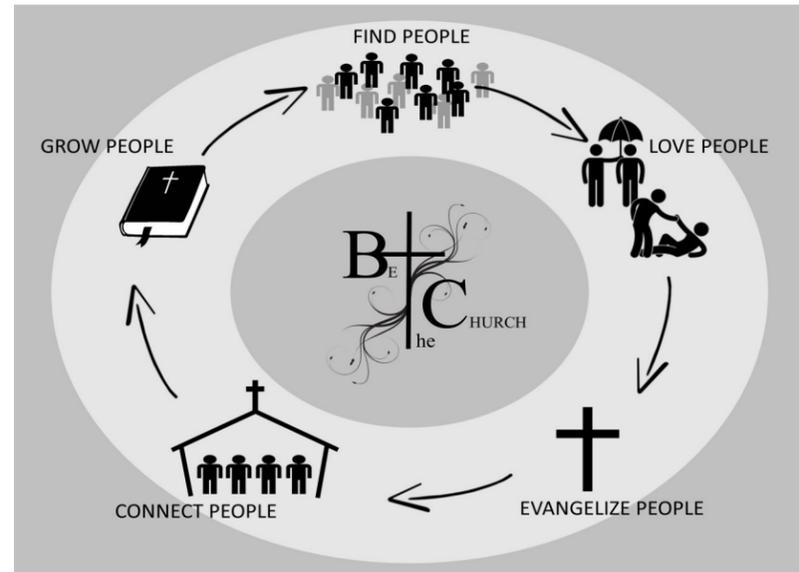
Associate Pastor's Note



Be The Church Tips

I remember a moment years ago in a drive through line at McDonalds. Everything about the day was typical until I rolled up to the window to pay. The cashier had a bewildered look on her face and said, "Umm, that car in front of you paid for your order". I made an immediate contact with the car in front of me. Do I know these people? After careful study I realized I didn't recognize the person or the car. It was my first experience with a "random act of kindness", and it totally messed up my day in a good way. The element of surprise in relation to Be The Church is that moment when expectations of the norm are so far exceeded that we leave a lasting impact. I can say based on experience that when we go above and beyond a person's expectation as a Christian we open a door that messes with their thoughts and emotions. It's a great thing to exceed expectations because it demands that the person take a fresh look at a Christian, Christ, and His church. How do we exceed someone's expectations? You have to ask the question, "What is the expectation and how do I go above the norm?" I helped someone on the side of the road a few days ago. I intentionally took time to fix the car and bought some waters for the passengers because it was hot out. If someone asks you to watch their kids do it for free. If you're the kind of person that leaves a tract for your waiter or waitress consider a tip higher than 20% to get their attention. Going above and beyond will stop a person in their tracks and create a great opportunity to share Christ.

Evangelize



Connect

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, July 11, at noon, the Senior citizens will be having a potluck luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. 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.

Mowers Needed



Please see the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center if you're interested in helping to maintain the church grounds by mowing over the spring/summer. The church will provide all equipment and gasoline. You must be 16 or older to operate a riding mower. Please see Bill Mages if you have any questions.

Budget Information

Weekly Budget Requirement: \$8,726.72
General Fund Receipts: \$8,023.00
Month to Date Budget Requirement: \$17,453.44
Month to Date Giving: \$15,599.00

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This Week

Sunday, June 19
Father's Day

Sunday, June 26
Lord's Supper
11:30 a.m. All church BBQ
(Fellowship Hall)

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

Tuesday, June 28

6 a.m. Baggett Prayer Meeting

Thursday, June 30-July 4

AWANA Fireworks Stand

Monday, July 4

Office Closed

Tuesday, July 5

6 a.m. Baggett Prayer Meeting

Sunday, July 10

7 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast

9:15 a.m. New Member
Connection Class (Pastor Mike's
Office)

Monday, July 11

Noon Senior Adult Fellowship
Potluck

So You May Know The Exact Truth

Luke 1:1-4

June 19, 2016

Pastor Mike Bronson

1. A _____ LIFE

2. _____ SOURCES

3. A _____ ACCOUNT

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