

Pastor's Note



It's good to be in God's house on this Lord's day. I am so glad you are here! If you are guest, thank you for coming!

Today we open our Bibles to the book of Luke. We will be working our way verse by verse through this carefully written account of the ministry of our Lord. I want us to go through this book because I deeply believe that we need to see Jesus! We need to see Him and know Him in a deeper and more impactful way than ever before.

As I mentioned last week, when we get a glimpse of God's glory, our life is completely changed. Tim Keller said that when God becomes a "reality instead of a concept" our life gladly gives way to God's glory! Your beliefs, behaviors, agenda and aspirations become inverted. Keller wrote, "This reversal is a way of imitating the pattern of Christ's salvation (Phil 2:1-11). Though Jesus was rich, he became poor. Though he was a king, he served. Though he was the greatest, he made himself the servant of all. He triumphed over sin not by taking up power but by serving sacrificially. He 'won' through losing everything. This is a complete reversal of the world's way of thinking, which values power, recognition, wealth, and status. The gospel, then, creates a new kind of servant community, with people who live out an entirely alternate way of being human. Racial and class superiority, accrual of money and power at the expense of others, yearning for popularity and recognition — all are marks of living in the world. They represent the opposite of the gospel mind-set. The Pharisees tended to emphasize the externals of the covenant — the covenant boundary markers of Sabbath observance, circumcision, Torah, and so on — rather than a regenerated heart (Luke 11:39-41). God's kingdom, however, 'is not a matter of eating or drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit' (Rom 14:17). Why would this be? Jesus took our place on the cross and accomplished salvation for us, which we receive freely as a gift. Traditional religion teaches that if we do good deeds and follow the moral rules in our external behavior, God will come into our hearts, bless us, and give us salvation. In other words, if I obey, God will love and accept me. But the gospel is the reverse of this: If I know in my heart that God has accepted me and loves me freely by grace, then I can begin to obey, out of inner joy and gratitude."

We are looking forward to a baptism on July 17, a Wednesday night service this August, and the launch of our AWANA and Student Ministries in August. There are many places for you to exercise your gifts and serve our King. I'll be talking to you more about that next week. We have much to be grateful for in these days. Praise be to the One who sought us and bought us!

Bro. Mike

Associate Pastor's Note



Wednesday Night Worship Information

1. The worship service on Wednesday night will be a carbon copy of our worship service on Sunday morning. It will have the same order, elements, worship, and sermon, slightly condensed to fit a 6:30-7:30 p.m. time slot.

2. We need new volunteers but we ask that volunteers help in addition to Sunday morning attendance. We will not be using any volunteers 12th grade or under because we ask that they be in The Well or AWANA. We also ask those currently serving in AWANA and Student Ministry remain.

- a. Greeters
- b. Sound/Video techs
- c. Ushers
- d. Praise Team – (interview required)

Associate Pastor's Note (continued)

3. We want to protect what we believe is a healthy Biblical culture by remaining faithful to the Lord's Day for worship and study. This is why we ask that if you attend Wednesday night that it is in addition to your Sunday morning attendance. If our attitude about church attendance shifts from a Sunday commitment to convenience, then the addition of a Wednesday night service will become a spiritual devastation rather than a Kingdom blessing.

4. Sustainability will be based on a attendance. Our hope is for 25 people the first semester of school at 50 people by the end of second semester. We would discontinue the service if there was a ack of attendance or a negative shift in our church culture.

5. Here are three ways to be involved:
1. Pray – We need God's wisdom and we must immerse the launch of this service in prayer.
 2. Invite – Reach out to anyone that doesn't go to church or can't go to church because they work on Sunday.
 3. Invest – We ask that you remain committed to Sunday morning but it is a good thing if you want to be a part of launching this new service. It will help keep our church on track because new attenders will be mixed with our current church culture. If you invite someone to the service, by all means attend with them. The key phrase is "in addition to Sunday".

We are excited about the opportunity the Lord has given us to reach souls and build His church!

Bro. Mike

Connect

Student Ministry Meeting

Sunday, July 10 at 6 p.m. there will be a Student Ministry Leadership Meeting in the Train Station. West Haven is seeking adult volunteers for youth student ministry. This would require a quick interview and background check. We will be using some excellent curriculum this year for the students. There is an app both students and leaders can download on a smart phone. Daily reminders can be sent as well as reinforcements of the previous week's lesson. I am very excited about this. Pray about becoming a leader in Student Ministry. If you have never served there but are curious, please join us at this meeting! Thanks for loving Jesus and loving students!

– Pastor Mike

Prayer Meetings

Please join us for upcoming Prayer Meetings in the Train Station: Wednesday, July 13 at 7 p.m. Childcare will be provided at this meeting. A Prayer Meeting will also be on Sunday, Aug. 7 at 6 p.m.

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Senior Fellowship

Monday, July 11 at Noon, the Senior Adults will be having a Potluck luncheon in Fellowship Hall. Bro. Mike will be discussing questions previously submitted on Islam. A sign up sheet for lunch items will be in the Senior Adult Classroom. Don't forget to bring a friend. See Rose Swain if you have questions.

Dinner to Support Mission Trip

Join us on July 17, in the Fellowship Hall from 5-7 p.m. for a pasta dinner and cold salad bar to financially support Marcus Titterington's upcoming mission trip to Brazil. Enjoy musical performances throughout the night. Stay for the entire evening or come and go as desired. Admission will be donation-based. Contact Marcus at (913) 416-0731 if you're interested in performing a song/act. This event will be a great time of fellowship and fun for our church family.

Budget Information

Weekly Budget Requirement: \$8,726.72
 General Fund Receipts: \$6,603.00
 Month to Date Budget Requirement: \$34,906.88
 Month to Date Giving: \$40,571.28

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This Week

Monday, July 4
Office Closed

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, July 5

6 a.m. Baggett Prayer Meeting

Monday, July 11

Noon Senior Adult Fellowship
Potluck

Sunday, July 10

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

10:30 a.m. Stewardship Team
Report

6 p.m. Student Ministry Leadership
Meeting (Train Station)

Wednesday, July 13

7 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Train
Station

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When God Breaks Through

Luke 1:5-13

July 3, 2016

Pastor Mike Bronson

1. The _____ that _____ a
Breakthrough

2. The _____ who _____ a
Breakthrough

A. _____ People

B. _____ People

C. _____ People

3. The _____ that _____ a
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