

Pastor's Note



Peace be with you on this Lord's Day. I'm always thrilled to see each of you! If you are a guest, God bless you for being here. I'd like to meet you as you leave this morning!

Pastor Ryon will preach this morning. You will be blessed by that. Robert Perez and Todd Janssen from our Stewardship Team will present a financial report.

Your Christlike giving is making a tremendous difference! Tonight at 6 p.m. is our Student Ministry leadership meeting. If you think you might want to serve as a leader, this would be a good way to test the waters. Please join us. We have some exciting plans for the coming year. All in all, this is going to be a wonderful day!

This morning I want to talk to you about ministry to children. Over the course of the next few months, I would like every person who calls West Haven home to be involved in ministry to children in some way. Even if you are only able to be here occasionally, I invite you to serve. It has been well said that "whoever wants the next generation the most will get them." Children have tender hearts that have not yet been hardened by years of sin. Statistics show that most people who are saved were:

- Saved in a Christian family
- Saved as a child

Yet many of the children we minister to do not come from a Christian home. The only gospel they'll ever hear is right here. So even if you are an infrequent attender, I'm asking you to make a commitment. The next few weeks I'll ask you to be involved in child care during our Sunday morning service. There will be places to sign up in the foyer after the service. We also have Children's Church all year and AWANA for 8 months of the year. Please pray about becoming involved in one or more of those ministries.!

Since it's been a year since we started our "Be The Church" emphasis, this is a good time to reiterate what we mean by "Be The Church."

- "Be The Church" means to be faithful to the stated meetings of the church. Be involved in worship, fellowship and praise. Be involved in an Adult Bible Fellowship class to develop the friendships and relationships that grow you. You can't "do" Christianity alone!
- "Be The Church" also means to love your neighbor in the ultimate way: by sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We want to equip you to do that. If you have questions, please ask Pastor Ryon. You can also talk to me. We would appreciate your feedback. A vision needs course corrections and adjustments to be fully realized.

Here's what "Be The Church" does not mean:

- It does not mean that we are doing away with Adult Bible Fellowship, Sunday School, AWANA, Student Ministry or missions. Those are foundational stones to help us reach and grow people.
- It does mean that we cannot successfully add, support, fund and staff ministries in addition to what we are already doing.

Pastor's Note (continued)

Why "Be the Church?" We all know these are perilous times for American Christians. If you are unaware of the Fort Des Moines Church of Christ vs. Iowa Civil Right Commission, visit this link: <http://www.adfmedia.org/News/PRDetail/10015>. This is happening because of the increasing lostness in America. We must courageously confront that lostness. Thom Rainer of Lifeway Research recently wrote, "Nearly one of three churches will die in the next few years. They must change. Or they will die." 1 When Bible preaching churches die, the gospel is no longer proclaimed. When the gospel is no longer proclaimed, many more people go to hell. And Jesus, who spoke more about hell than anyone, said **Matthew 10:28 (NASB)** "Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." He said that because He knew that the disciples and those they won to Christ would face terrible persecution. An arm and leg were tied to a wild horse, the other arm and leg to another horse and the horses were set free. Tiny holes were drilled in their skulls and then filled with molten lead. Jesus was saying that as bad as that would be, don't fear it because hell is much worse. Far be it from us to allow our eternal legacy to be one of a church that failed to put her focus on rescuing souls. Thank you for your support of this emphasis. In this next year, we anticipate much fruit being borne for the King through your faithful praying, giving and witnessing.

I'll be back in the pulpit next Sunday. I am going to depart from the book of Luke for two weeks to share some truth that has greatly impacted me. I hope you'll bring a friend and be with us. You are a kind and loving church!

1 - <http://thomrainer.com/2016/06/five-kinds-churches-must-change-die/>

Bro. Mike

Connect

Student Ministry Meeting

Tonight 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

Just a reminder:

A volunteer serve list and Sunday school class information, can be found on posters in the foyer.

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Senior Fellowship

Tomorrow, 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.

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.**

Dinner to Support Mission Trip

Join us **Sunday, July 17, in the Train Station from 5:00-7:00 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: \$9,395.00
Month to Date Budget Requirement: \$8,726.72
Month to Date Giving: \$9,395.00

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This Week

Sunday, July 10

7 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
9:15 a.m. New Member Connection Class (Pastor Mike's Office)
6 p.m. Student Ministry Leadership Meeting (Train Station)

Wednesday, July 13

7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Train Station

Monday, July 11

Noon Senior Adult Fellowship Potluck (Pastor Mike to address questions about Islam)

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

Sunday, July 17

9:15 a.m. New Member Connection Class (Pastor Mike's Office)
Church Business Meeting—after worship
5:00-7:00 p.m. Marcus T. Mission Trip Dinner (Train Station)

Tuesday, July 19

6 a.m. Baggett Prayer Meeting

Sunday, July 24

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

Tuesday, July 26

6 a.m. Baggett Prayer Meeting

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The Power and Unification of God's Grace

Luke 23:39-43

July 10, 2016

Pastor Ryon Sander

Luke 23:39-43 HCSB

39 Then one of the criminals hanging there began to yell insults at Him: "Aren't You the Messiah? Save Yourself and us! " 40 But the other answered, rebuking him: "Don't you even fear God, since you are undergoing the same punishment? 41 We are punished justly, because we're getting back what we deserve for the things we did, but this man has done nothing wrong." 42 Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom! " 43 And He said to him, "I assure you: Today you will be with Me in paradise."

THE _____ OF GRACE

- Luke 23:39 HCSB
 - No humility
 - No conviction of sin
- Romans 3:22-24
 - No understanding of salvation
- Acts 15:1, 7-11

THE _____ OF GRACE

- Luke 23:40-42 HCSB
- Acts 20:24 HCSB
- 2Corinthians 12:9-10 HCSB

RECOGNIZING THE _____ OF GOD'S GRACE

- Luke 23:43 HCSB
- Matthew 27:38 & 44 HCSB


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