

Pastor's Note



What do you when you come to a point of spiritual dryness? The living God seems dead. The Bible seems unreadable. We are prayerless and passionless. Our conscience is dull. The Christian life seems wearisome. We all reach these points in our pilgrimage. The author of Psalm 42 experienced this. He also shows us how to get out of it and into the fullness that God intended for each of His children.

Thank you for your tremendous response to serving our little ones in the nursery during church. We are almost to the point where each volunteer would serve three times a year. I also ask you to consider serving in Children's Church, AWANA and Student Ministry. AWANA and Student Ministry kick off on **August 24**. We have an AWANA Carnival on **Aug. 21 from 4-6 p.m.** This is a great time to "Be The Church."

I read some statistics Wednesday night that were fascinating. We have the perception that Christianity is dying but the truth is, the faith is thriving. You'll hear some of this in a sermon in a few weeks but I thought I would share this with you today. Korea, in 100 years, went from about zero to 40 percent Christian. Africa, in 100 years, from 1900 to 2000, went from nine percent to about 50 percent Christian, admittedly some of that being the prosperity gospel, which is no gospel at all. China is on a 100-year trajectory to be about 50 percent Christian. In fact, in most ethnicities, Christianity is growing. There is one area outside of the Muslim world where surveys and sociological analyses indicate it is dying, and it is dying very quickly. Do you know where it is? The answer is not America. I'll tell you in three weeks but if you are curious, ask me today. The bottom line is this: the Spirit of God is still moving amongst all those willing to obey!

Pastor Mike

Associate Pastor's Note



Good morning West Haven family! We are now five and a half weeks from our first Wednesday Worship Service. Here are a few details and reminders that will help this service start off right.

1. Please invite anyone that is not currently involved in church to attend on Wednesday nights. Your encouragement and word of mouth are far more effective than all of the advertising we hope

to do. If you invite someone and you do not have a commitment to AWANA or the Well please feel free to attend with the people you invite.

- 2. The service will be every Wednesday night 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- 3. The service will be a slightly condensed version of the previous Sunday morning with identical elements, worship and message.
- 4. We will not be offering a Wednesday night adult Bible study this year.
- 5. West Haven Baptist Church has an incredible culture of commitment, caring for one another and prioritizing God's word. We want to make sure that remains the reputation of our church. Please understand we do not want to become a congregation of convenience meaning we don't want people coming Wednesday night so they can skip Sunday morning.
- 6. If you are not involved in AWANA or the Well and would like to serve as a greeter or usher please see Pastor Mike or Pastor Ryan.

Pastor Ryan

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New Member



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KFL Volunteers Needed at Fair

Leavenworth country KFL is sponsoring a Pro-life educational exhibit at the County Fair from **July 26 to July 30**. The exhibit will be open each morning at 11 a.m. and close at 10 p.m. in the main office building (where there's AC). Volunteers are needed, especially Tuesday evening. Many KFL regulars will be in the Fair Parade. Please see more details and the sign up sheet at the Welcome Center, if you can help. For more information call Ed O'Brien at (913) 593-1184.

Senior Fellowship

On Monday, **August 8**, the Senior Adult Fellowship Group will be going to El Potro Mexican Restaurant in Bonner Springs for lunch. We should meet at the restaurant at **11:30 a.m.** Please **contact Rose Swain by August 1** if you need a ride or plan to attend. Friends are invited.

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. The church will provide all equipment and gasoline. You must be 16 years or older to operate a riding mower. Please see Bill Mages or Kirk Baggett if you have any questions.

THANK YOU

Following his fundraiser dinner last week, Marcus Titterington is pleased to announce that he is fully funded for his trip to Brazil with the IMB! He would like to thank all of his West Haven family who made it possible. The Lord has once again provided through the generosity of His people. Marcus would like to ask for continued support through prayer over the next 4 months, and to encourage the Church to keep generously using their money for the Kingdom.

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Building Fund Update

God is blessing us tremendously in the drive to pay our building debt repayment. The progress made in the last two years is SO exciting. Establishing physical roots in a town is going to be more essential than ever in the coming era. I can envision multiple churches operating from here. I would like to see this building be used by the school, community meetings, performing arts, and other groups whose purpose is not opposed to our purpose. We want to bless our community. And a building is necessary for a church to have visibility, stability, and credibility. This area is poised to grow. AS it does, I want our church to building to be essential in reaching people. Here's a summary of the progress:

- \$1,434,500 was borrowed in 2008, to be amortized over 25 years
- At the end of 2014, the principal balance was \$1,045,234
- At the end of 2015, it was \$890,478
- In the first six months of 2016, \$95,000 was applied to the principal bringing it down to \$794,446
- \$250,000 has been applied to the principal in the last 18 months
- If giving continues at this rate, \$300,000 will be applied to the balance in the last 2 years

If just the mortgage payment was paid (and no additional giving applied), the building loan will be paid in full in 10 years. Please pray about your giving. We are at the point in the loan where more of the payment goes to principal. If we have a few large sums and some increased regular giving, we could eliminate this debt in 8,5,3 or even fewer years! Thanks for your faithful and generous giving!

Budget Information

Weekly Budget Requirement: \$8,726.72
 General Fund Receipts: \$7,144.00
 Month to Date Budget Requirement: \$26,180.16
 Month to Date Giving: \$27,928.00

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This Week

Sunday, July 24
9:15 a.m. New Member Connection Class (Pastor Mike's Office)

Tuesday, July 26
6 a.m. Baggett Prayer Meeting

Friday, July 29
6 p.m. Family Game Night (Train Station)

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 31

2 p.m. Rebekah Mages' Bridal Shower (Train Station)

Monday, August 1

7 p.m. Deacon Feedback Meeting

Tuesday, August 2

6 a.m. Baggett Prayer Meeting
7 a.m.-7 p.m. Leavenworth Co. Primary Election

Monday, August 8

11:30 a.m. Senior Adult Fellowship
-El Potro Mexican Restaurant in Bonner Springs

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From Dryness To Delight

Psalm 42:1-9

July 24, 2016

Pastor Mike Bronson

1. A _____ for _____

A. A _____ search

B. _____ search

2. _____ of _____

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____ with God

3. _____ the way back

A. _____

B. _____ into _____



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