

Pastor's Note



I'm glad you are here on this Lord's Day as we resume our series in the book of Luke. We also have a baptism today. Pastor Ryon is off this week so Jack Belcher will lead the Praise Team. He always honors the Lord. Please thank him for his leadership.

We are gearing up for the fall. Here are a few things to put on your radar:

1. The AWANA Carnival is August 21 from 4-6 p.m. Thank you to all the AWANA leaders and those who serve in AWANA!
2. AWANA and Student Ministry start on Wednesday, August 24. If you would like to serve in either of those areas, please see Gordon Brest for AWANA or Bill Weatherford for Student Ministry.
3. Our Wednesday night service also begins on August 24. This is a service specifically intended to:
 - A. Reach unchurched people
 - B. Provide a service for those who have to work on Sunday mornings. Help us spread the word!

As Pastor Ryon has written, "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 culture 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."

Our next prayer meeting is next Sunday night in the Train Station.

I want to encourage you to intentionally reach out to the lost and unchurched. I know these are dark days but in a very real way, these are exciting days:

1. **The difference between the world and the church is clearer than ever.** The "mushy middle" used to marginally identify with the church. Now they fully identify with the secular. So our days are beginning to resemble that of the New Testament. That's when believers were bold and the Holy Spirit moved with power!

2. **The brokenness and conflict of our day beckon us to see our world through the eyes of Jesus.** Be bold as you speak to lost and unchurched people. The Holy Spirit will empower you to speak grace truthfully and truth gracefully but we have to be willing to talk about Jesus.

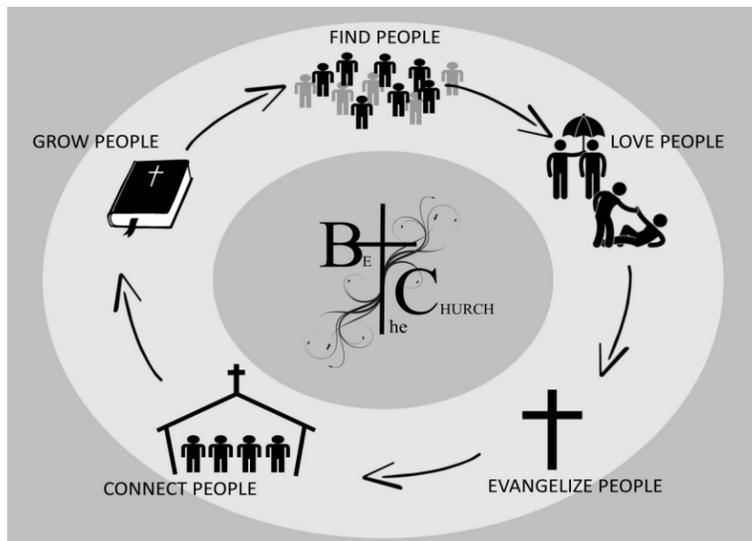
3. **We are paying down our building debt.** This building will be an incredible tool for generations to come. As the area population grow, I can envision multiple churches worshipping here. The building can be used as a "third place", a shared area where the community feels welcome. We want to bless the community so as long as it doesn't conflict with our values or create extra cleaning work.

4. **We will stay true to biblical truth, despite cultural pressures.** Even if our religious liberties are stripped, we will not adapt. God's Word will always be honored in this church.

5. **We are always to be people of hope, even in a time of nihilism and despair!**

Bro. Mike

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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.

AWANA Carnival

The AWANA Carnival will be **Sunday, August 21 from 4-6 p.m.** in the West Haven parking lot. The entire community is invited to enjoy free fellowship, games, and food. Our local fire and police departments will be greeting everyone. Invite others! More details coming soon!

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: \$12,921.00

Month to Date Budget Requirement: \$34,906.88

Month to Date Giving: \$40,849.00

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This Week

Tuesday, August 2

6 a.m. Baggett Prayer Meeting

7 a.m.-7 p.m. Leavenworth Co. Primary Election

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

Monday, August 8

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

7 p.m. Deacon Feedback Meeting

Tuesday, August 9

6 a.m. Baggett Prayer Meeting

Sunday, August 14

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

Tuesday, August 16

6 a.m. Baggett Prayer Meeting

Sunday, August 21

4-6 p.m. AWANA Carnival

Get our most current
 calendar at
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A Greater Answer To Prayer

Luke 1:13-23

July 31, 2016

Pastor Mike Bronson

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A. The _____ of His Life

B. The _____ In His Life.

C. The _____ of His Life

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