

Pastor's Note



Happy New Year! It's the start of another year. I know it's just another day but it's always a good day for me to "reset" and attack the coming year with refreshed goals and a renewed fervor. I also use this day to review my prayer journal from the previous year. I am always astonished at:

1. What God has done!
2. The prayers He answered!
3. The way He answered them!
4. His incredible wisdom in not answering many prayers the way I prayed them!

Dear one, as we establish goals or New Year's resolutions, let us remember that Proverbs 16:9 (NASB) says, "The mind of man plans his way, But the LORD directs his steps." His sovereign will cannot be thwarted.

For some of you, this past year was a sad year. Perhaps you lost someone you dearly love. Maybe the year was difficult. It may have been laced with heartache or seemed devoid of hope. My prayer for you is found in Numbers 6:25-26 (NASB) which says, "The LORD make His face shine on you, And be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance on you, And give you peace."

I also pray this year would be a breakthrough year for each of you sharing your faith. The pattern of the New Testament church was simple. Individuals and churches proclaimed the gospel through word and deed, through baptism and the Lord's Supper. They were baptized in obedience to the Great Commission. They were connected to a local church in obedience with almost of all the epistles. Then, they went out and reached people (Rom. 10:14, 1 Pet. 3:15) and unsaved people came into their church (1 Cor 14:23-24, James 2:2). There were no programs or pageants, not that those are wrong methodologies. But the clearest teaching of the NT is that each individual has the mandate and the ministry to reach the lost (Matt 28:19-20.) I want God's best for each of you. I am praying that this is a breakthrough year for you.

Pastor Ryon will deliver the Word of God to us this morning. I am so grateful for him and Cheryl, their entire family and their warm-hearted ministry to us. Next week, I'll be in the pulpit. I'll take a break from Luke and preach about salvation from John 3. It would be a good day to bring an unchurched person. God bless you!

Bro. Mike

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Giving Statements

Giving statements will be available via email or paper copies this year. This will save time and money. You will notice on the "Connect Card" there is a line for "giving statement email". That is the email address that will receive your giving statement. If you do not provide an email address a paper copy will be available the second week of January at the Welcome Center. Please fill out one card per family. Please also take this time to update any outdated contact information. Thank you!

Senior Adult Fellowship

On **January 9 at Noon**, the Senior Adults will be having their luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will consist of baked potatoes, trimmings, and dessert. Do not bring anything but do bring a friend. See Rose Swain if you have questions.

Be The Church - Help Needed

Appreciating businesses with many donuts has been so well received that I want to start a second team of donut-makers on Wednesday mornings. I will need two or three people each week on Wednesday mornings from 7:30 – 9:30 a.m. If you'd like to join the fun please catch me after church.

— Pastor Ryon

Kathryn Waters Memorials

The family requests that memorials for Kathryn be made to the West Haven Baptist Church building fund. Thank you to the Waters family for your generous spirit.

Text Service

One way that we like to keep in touch with our members is through texting. We use a text messaging system to send out important updates to our schedule, as well as cancellations and other notifications about church activities. If you would like to subscribe for this free service (text messaging rates do apply), please go to www.westhavenbaptist.org and click on "text messaging" and click the word "here" and you'll see the church name in blue letters—select it and fill out the form. Be sure to reply YES to the Opt-in request so you can be sent messages. If you have any questions, you can call the church office at (913) 369-9422.

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A New Way To Give



We now offer giving by debit and credit cards at our welcome center. Our Square register is easy to use and someone will be available at the Welcome Center to help you get started with the process. We have worked through all the details to make sure your transaction is private and secure. We can accept all forms of debit and credit cards, so if you prefer giving by card stop by the Welcome Center today!

Student Ministry Update

UPCOMING STUDENT CONFERENCE:

Amidst a culture shifting like the tide, it is imperative that students are ready to defend "the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints" (Jude 1:3). Students, mark your calendars for READY, a student conference at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (Kansas City, MO) on **January 27-28, 2017**. Cost for the conference is \$20. Please see Nathan LaFave for additional information, and to sign up.

In Touch Ministry

We want to stay in touch with West Haven college students by sending them care packages periodically. If your child is a college student not living at home please help us include them. You can share their address with Reann French, reann@runningr.com.

Budget Information

Weekly Budget Requirement: \$8,726.72

General Fund Receipts: \$7,312.00

Month to Date Budget Requirement: \$34,905.68

Month to Date Giving: \$41,270.00

This Week

Tuesday, Jan. 3

6 a.m. Prayer Meeting

Wednesday, Jan. 4

6:15 p.m. AWANA

6:30 p.m. Student Ministry

6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study

Thursday, Jan. 5

9:30 a.m. W.O.W. Group Meets

Get our most current calendar at www.westhavenbaptist.org.

New to West Haven?

- Thanks for coming! I hope to meet you today! – Pastor Mike
- There is a cry room located in the southwest corner inside the worship center. It is equipped with recliners, a changing table, a few necessities, and a TV that broadcasts the service.
- The 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.

Membership

- Church membership is valued at West Haven. It is a formal commitment to a local church for divinely given purposes: receiving and giving instruction in God's Word (1 Tim 4:13; 2 Tim 4:2), serving and edifying one another (Rom 12:3-8; 1 Co. 12:4-31; 1 Pet 4:10-11), participating in the ordinances, and proclaiming the gospel (Matt 28:18-20). It requires a system of leadership, direction, teaching, discipline, an agreed theology and a set of values directing how the church will carry out life together.
- The biblical basis of membership is seen in examples such as the early church (Acts 2:41, 47; 5:14; 16:5), the establishment of church government (1 & 2 Tim, Titus), the context of epistles, and the exhortation to church discipline (1 Cor 5, Titus 3:10-11). You can explore membership by signing up for our next New Members' class! The way to join is by being baptized by immersion upon your profession of faith, by transferring your membership from another Southern Baptist Church (Acts 18:27, Rom 16:1) or by a statement of faith having been baptized by immersion in a church like belief.

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Upcoming Events

Sunday, Jan. 8

7 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast

8:30 a.m.-9 a.m. Donut Fellowship

9:15 a.m. New Member Class

Monday, Jan. 9

7 p.m. Deacon's Meeting

Tuesday, Jan. 10

6 a.m. Prayer Meeting

Wednesday, Jan. 11

6:15 p.m. AWANA

6:30 p.m. Student Ministry

6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study

Thursday, Jan. 12

9:30 a.m. W.O.W. group meets

Sunday, Jan. 15

9:15 a.m. New Member Class

Business Meeting After Worship

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The Parable of the Sower

Matthew 13:3-8 & 18-23

Jan. 1, 2017

Pastor Ryon Sander

1. _____ Heart

Matthew 13:4&19

2. _____ Heart

Matthew 13:5&6, 20&21

3. _____ Heart

Matthew 13:7&22

4. _____ & _____ Heart

Matthew 13:8&23



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