

## Pastor's Note



I'm glad you've joined us as 2017 is off to a fast and fruitful start. We'll take a break from Luke for a few weeks for the study of God's word on some foundational topics. Find John 3 if you would as we look at the compelling subject of salvation.

Below is a name change to our student ministry. I am grateful for the hearts of Bill Weatherford and Nathan LaFave. They are a great blessing to the student ministry and to West Haven!

*Bro. Mike*

## Student Ministry Update

At West Haven, we believe all ministries, connected to the church, should work towards the overall mission of the church. West Haven's mission, of course, is to see "People Saved, Lives Changed, and Jesus Glorified".

Many student ministries across America have fallen victim to the "Us vs. Them Syndrome", where the student ministry operates independently from the church mission/culture at large. Within the student ministry at West Haven, however, we've tried to emphasize that we are not independent from the overall mission of the church, but rather an extension, or an arm, of that same mission. It is important for a ministry within the church to be aligned with the overall vision of the church. Therefore, we are no longer referring to the student ministry as "The Well". Instead, we will simply refer to it as "The Student Ministry of West Haven".

To help illustrate our alignment to the overall vision/mission of the church, we've designed the below graphic. The new student ministry graphic includes an abstract illustration of 'wheat', which of course is a primary element in the main West Haven Baptist Church logo.

It's an exciting season for the student ministry. Please join with us in prayer as we seek to see 'People Saved, Lives Changed, and Jesus Glorified'.



FOR THE WORD OF GOD IS ALIVE AND ACTIVE.  
HEBREWS 4:12  
*The Student Ministry*  
of West Haven

## Connect

### Senior Adult Fellowship

**Tomorrow 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

### THANK YOU

Just wanted to thank all the kind servants who loved/cared for Kathryn and Blake Waters & who selflessly served our family at the visitation and funeral—with food, kind words, and even childcare. We were truly blessed by your actions!

— In Christ, Tom & Cheri Dixon and Family

### 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!

### 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](http://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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### Student Ministry

#### 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](mailto:reann@runningr.com).

### Community Prayer Meetings

Community-wide Prayer Meetings take place the third Friday of each month. The next meeting is **Jan. 20**. Through the winter they will be held at the Shred building, next to the fitness center at 1198 Front Street, Tonganoxie. The meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please visit with Kevin Cobb.

### Budget Information

Weekly Budget Requirement: \$8,714.81

Month to Date Budget Requirement: \$8,714.81

General Fund Receipts: \$7,384.00

Month to Date Giving: \$7,384.00

### This Week

#### Monday, Jan. 9

7 p.m. Deacon's Meeting  
Noon Senior Adult Fellowship Luncheon

#### Thursday, Jan. 12

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

#### 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

Get our most current calendar at [www.westhavenbaptist.org](http://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 contacting Pastor Mike at [mike@westhavenbaptist.org](mailto:mike@westhavenbaptist.org) or Pastor Ryon at [ryon@westhavenbaptist.org](mailto:ryon@westhavenbaptist.org). We'll meet with you on an individual basis, answer your questions and explain more about West Haven. 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.

## Our Staff

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Gordon & Terri Brest and Bill & Donna Mages, AWANA Leaders

**Office Phone (913) 369-9422**

## Upcoming Events

### Sunday, Jan. 15

9:15 a.m. New Member Class  
Business Meeting After Worship

### Tuesday, Jan. 17

6 a.m. Prayer Meeting

### Wednesday, Jan. 18

6:15 p.m. AWANA  
6:30 p.m. Student Ministry  
6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study

### Thursday, Jan. 19

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

### Friday, Jan. 20

6:30 p.m. Community-wide  
Prayer Meeting on Front Street

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[www.facebook.com/pages/westhavenstudentministries](http://www.facebook.com/pages/westhavenstudentministries)

[www.facebook.com/westhavenawana](http://www.facebook.com/westhavenawana)

## *Connect*

**Salvation**  
**John 3:1-5, 13-14**  
**Jan. 8, 2017**  
**Pastor Mike Bronson**

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January 8, 2017

