

Pastor's Note



Happy Thanksgiving to you! 1 Thessalonians tells us "in everything give thanks." I am grateful for a national holiday set aside for this express purpose. Thanksgiving services were held in Virginia as early as 1607. The Pilgrims declared a three-day feast on December 13, 1621. Pilgrim Edward Winslow wrote, ". . . we rejoiced together after we had gathered the fruit of our labors . . . many of the Indians (came) amongst us . . . for three days we entertained and feasted . . . by the goodness of God we are . . . far from want." In 1789, George Washington issued a proclamation to celebrate of day of Thanksgiving to God under America's new Constitution. In 1863, Abraham Lincoln set aside the last Thursday in November as a national Day of Thanksgiving. Congress permanently established it as a holiday in 1941.

National holiday or not, every day we give thanks to God! And when He comes, what a day of thanksgiving that will be!

There are other things to be thankful for:

1. We officially paid the bill for the entire year for the Backpack Buddies program at TES this week. Thank you for your generous giving! Thanks to God for the provision!
2. The THS football team held their annual banquet here. We want to show Christ-like generosity to our community. Thank you for giving to make our building possible!
3. At the rate we are paying down debt, we will be debt free in four years!
4. We baptized two today with the hopes of many more in the days to come!

This afternoon at 4:30 is our annual budget hearing in the classroom off the foyer. Then our annual Thanksgiving dinner is at 5:00. Don't miss this! It is perhaps the most enjoyable fellowship time of the year. It's a great time to bring friends as well. Here's a challenge: sit next to someone you don't know, especially if they are in a different age group. Multi-generational fellowship is one of the greatest blessings God gives to a church. It also is a wonderful witness to a world that is constant conflict!

Bro. Mike

New Members

The New Members Connection class is for anyone who is not yet a member of West Haven. Becoming a member is a vital part of church stability and if you are considering making West Haven your church home please sign up for this class. Here is a quick glimpse of some of the elements that make up the class content:

- *God's plan of salvation
- *Essential Biblical doctrine
- *Membership is a Biblical principal
- *Church structure
- *Southern Baptist Convention
- *How to become a member

Sign up for this class by checking the box on the back of the Connect card. The upcoming classes will be **Jan. 8, 15, & 22 at 9:15 a.m. in Pastor Mike's office.**

Connect

Budget Hearing

Join us today at **4:30 p.m. in the Train Station** for the annual Budget Hearing.

Thanksgiving Dinner

Please bring a neighbor or friend and join us in fellowship **this evening at 5:00 p.m.** for West Haven's annual Thanksgiving Dinner. There will be plenty of food!

Prayer Meeting

The next prayer meeting will be **December 4** at 6 p.m. in the Train Station. Luke 21:36 (NASB) "But keep on the alert at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are about to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

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. Thanks!

Senior Adult Fellowship

Monday, **December 12**, the Senior Citizen's Fellowship group will be meeting at Rose Swain's residence for a potluck lunch and Christmas Party. Please contact Rose if you can attend. Bring a friend.

The Storehouse

"The Storehouse" contains groceries that are no longer carried, are in damaged packages, or are past the "sell-by" date. These groceries are available to you or to your neighbors, courtesy of West Haven Baptist Church and Brothers' Market. They are located in the closet on the south end of the foyer. Feel free to take what you want. Feel free to take some for someone you know. Feel free to buy groceries and add them to "The Storehouse." We want to bless you and this community in the name of Jesus. You can use them to open an evangelistic door to a neighbor or friend. The only restriction we have is that the closet is only open on Sundays immediately after church and during activities on Wednesdays. We are unable to meet requests in the evening or week-ends. Please help us keep the closet neat and clean. Thanks to Chris Small for the idea and for stocking the shelves!

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Student Ministries 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.

Serving Our Community

Another way we are trying to "Be The Church" is to serve others. West Haven is in the process of becoming a Closed Point of Dispensing Site for Leavenworth County. Our building would provide medical countermeasures, (vaccines, antiviral drugs, antibiotics, antitoxin, etc.) in the event of a large-scale public health emergency. Medications would be dispensed first to church employees, members, and others associated with West Haven. Then we would dispense to the public. Kris Taylor is working with the Leavenworth County Health Department to put this plan in place. There are several areas in which volunteers are needed, including: Greeter/Educator, Medical Screener and Dispensing. If anyone is interested in assisting, please contact Kris at 816-756-4407 or kris.taylor75@gmail.com or Chris Small at 913-680-7712. Position descriptions are available. Thank you for your help!

Budget Information

Weekly Budget Requirement: \$8,726.72

General Fund Receipts: \$7,575.00

Month to Date Budget Requirement: \$17,453.44

Month to Date Giving: \$22,878.00

Backpack Buddy Program

This week: \$0

Total given: \$7,722.00

This Week

Sunday, Nov. 20

4:30 p.m. Budget Hearing
5 p.m. Thanksgiving Dinner

Tuesday, Nov. 22

Noon Deadline for Bulletin Items
6 a.m. Prayer Meeting
5 p.m. Exercise Group

Wednesday, Nov. 23-25

No Wednesday Activities
TES out of school
Office Closed

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

Tuesday, Nov. 29

6 a.m. Prayer Meeting
5 p.m. Exercise Group

Wednesday, Nov. 30

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

Thursday, Dec. 1

9:30 a.m. WOW group meets

Sunday, Dec. 4

6 p.m. Prayer Meeting (Train Station)

Tuesday, Dec. 6

6 a.m. Prayer Meeting

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The Beautiful Grace Of God

Luke 6:1-11

Nov. 20, 2016

Pastor Mike Bronson

1. HE _____ US AGAINST _____

2. HE _____ US FROM _____

3. HE _____ US WITH _____



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