



I'm glad you here today. I always enjoy seeing the saints and celebrating the Savior every week! Today we are going to look at the biblical truth, baptism. There are four groups of people I would like to think about this:

- 1. If you have recently made a first-time decision to follow Jesus but never been baptized, this is the first command to obey.** Perhaps today you would want to make it known that you want to be a candidate for baptism. Baptism is 'going public' with your faith.
- 2. Maybe you are someone who has known Christ for many years but for whatever reason, you never followed up with baptism.** No matter how long it's been, this is still a command to obey. We want you to make your desire to be baptized made known today.
- 3. You've been baptized by only as an infant or only by sprinkling.** My desire is that you will see what the Bible teaches today and choose to be baptized by immersion after salvation. You can make that decision public today.
- 4. Maybe you've never come to faith in Jesus but you've been relying upon baptism for your salvation.** My prayer is that you would be unafraid in putting your faith in Jesus and then immediately obeying Him in the ordinance of baptism.

Would you pray for Ryon and I in these days? We are trying to refine "Be The Church" in a way that will encourage and exhort you. Pray for me that I would be clear in explaining the gospel in the coming days. And pray that Jesus would draw many unto Himself in this town, region, and nation.

You'll notice elsewhere in the bulletin that we have a survey linked to the church website. Please take 5-10 minutes to complete it. There are 17 questions. The purpose is so Ryon and I can improve everything we do in a Sunday morning worship service. The questions are specifically worded to avoid a non-consumeristic response, yet in a way to give us healthy feedback. My son David and a friend of his from his church were instrumental in the development and wording of the questions. If one of them doesn't make sense, please contact me so I can clarify the intent. Thanks for taking the time to complete it! We want to do all that we do with excellence to the glory of the Lord!

Bro. Mike

Church Business Meeting Today

Please join us today after Worship for a brief Church Business Meeting. Thank you.

Church Survey

Ryon and I want to continually improve all that we do. Excellence brings honor to our Lord (1 Cor 13:31). Therefore, we have created a survey. We simply request that you be over 18 and either be a member of West Haven or seriously considering membership. There are 17 questions. They were developed mostly by my son David and a capable friend. I amended some wording and Ryon added a couple of questions.

The questions are our attempt to obtain healthy feedback yet from a non-consumeristic framework.

To take the survey:

1. Go to westhavenbaptist.org>Resources. You'll notice an icon in the middle of the page that says "Church Survey." Click on it. The survey will open in a separate window.
2. Please only complete one per person.
3. Please complete it from a biblical standpoint (as opposed to a consumeristic standpoint.)
4. Seek to give constructive feedback (i.e. "I don't like the preaching" vs. "more application would help me understand how to apply the text to my life.")

The survey will be available for the next 4-6 weeks. The responses are anonymous. Thank you for your time! – Pastor Mike

Help Wanted

If you have technological skills, we could certainly use your help! There are a number of things we can do to enhance worship and the ministry of West Haven. For example, we would like to see if it's worth developing "YouVersion Events." We could use help with good graphic design, website updating, computer troubleshooting and more. (We have some help with these things but we could use more!) If you would like to help and have any of these skills, please let me know! You can contact me at mike@westhavenbaptist.org. Thanks!

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.

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!

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: \$17,429.62

General Fund Receipts: \$12,547.25

Month to Date Giving: \$19,931.25

This Week

Sunday, Jan. 15

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

Thursday, Jan. 19

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

Tuesday, Jan. 17

6 a.m. Prayer Meeting

Friday, Jan. 20

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

Wednesday, Jan. 18

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.

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 or Pastor Ryon at 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.

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Upcoming Events

Sunday, Jan. 22

9:15 a.m. New Member Class

Thursday, Jan. 26

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

Tuesday, Jan. 24

6 a.m. Prayer Meeting

Sunday, Jan. 29

6 p.m. Prayer Meeting

Wednesday, Jan. 25

6:15 p.m. AWANA

6:30 p.m. Student Ministry

6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study

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www.facebook.com/pages/westhavenstudentministries

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The Command of Baptism

Matthew 28:19

Jan. 15, 2017

Pastor Mike Bronson

1. THE _____ FOR BAPTISM

2. THE _____ OF BAPTISM

3. THE _____ OF BAPTISM

A. An Identification With Jesus In His _____

B. An Identification With Jesus In His _____

C. An Identification With Him In His _____

D. It Is An Identification With The _____

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