

Associate Pastor's Note



Thanks for coming to worship with us today! It's that "most wonderful time of the year" when we celebrate the eternal truth that God assumed human flesh. In the next three weeks, we'll look at the story of Jesus' birth through the eyes of Luke. Everything about his birth was surprising, beginning with its announcement. If a King was coming, you would expect Him to arrive at a place of secular power such as Rome or the center of spiritual worship such as Jerusalem. Instead, God chose a place that human wisdom would deem insignificant and inappropriate, a tiny little village named Nazareth. So it's no surprise that Paul would later write in 1 Corinthians that "God has chosen what is insignificant and despised in the world—what is viewed as nothing—to bring to nothing what is viewed as something, so that no one can boast in His presence." I pray that the Holy Spirit ministers to you in a life-changing way this morning.

We said goodbye to a wonderful woman of God this week. Kathryn Waters will be greatly missed. Please continue to pray for Blake and his precious children and grandchildren. I thank the Lord for her friendship for these 10 ½ years. I also thank the Lord for West Haven. You are an incredible family of God who loves and serves one another in accord with all the Bible teaches. It is a joy to watch the saints truly love one another. If you are visiting this church or occasionally attend, I invite you to become part of this church. You won't find a better one. If you are part of West Haven but desire to become more involved, a great way is to attend an Adult Bible Fellowship class. You can also serve in AWANA or Student Ministry. There are other places to serve as well. If you have questions, you can email me or our Associate Pastor Ryon Sander. You find our email address in this worship folder.

Next week we hope to introduce another giving option for you. We'll have an iPad in the foyer that will allow you to swipe your credit or debit card. Many of you currently give digitally. This is one more option that we hope helps you.

I encourage you to give generously and freely. The Lord tells us to honor Him with our wealth. Everything you do matters. Every action or thought, great or small. What we did, why we did it, how we did it and who we did it for will all have eternal significance. We are all subject to the Lord of the universe from whom nothing is hidden. The events of this week reemphasized to my heart the grave responsibility I have as a pastor. Every moment of life is infused with meaning. I exhort you to make your life matter. The temptation of our day is not to fall into open evil. It is to exchange apathy for fervency, indifference for endurance and triviality for reality. Remember that our Lord is coming quickly and will recompense each "for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad."

Bro. Mike

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Men's Ministry Outreach

Today from 2:00-4:00 p.m. we'll have a Men's Trap Shoot at Randy Wager's residence. Please bring a friend from the community. Questions—see Pastor Ryon.

Budget Vote

Today we'll vote on our annual budget. Please notice the budget vote card in the bulletin. If you are 18 or over and a member of West Haven, you are eligible to vote. Please place your marked card in the black box at the Welcome Center. Copies of the budget can be found in the basket on the north wall as you face the Welcome Center. This year's budget is a .07% decrease over last year's budget. If you have questions, please feel free to talk to one of the members of our Stewardship Team. Thanks!

Christmas/New Year's

Our annual Christmas Eve service is **Dec. 24 at 6 p.m.** It will include Christmas hymns, a brief message, and the children's "Bathrobe Nativity." Our Christmas Day service is Sunday, **Dec. 25 at 10:30 a.m.** There will be no Sunday School. Worship on **Sunday, Jan. 1** will be at **10:30 a.m.** There will be no Sunday School that day either. Please plan on joining us and bringing friends!

Thank You's

Our Dear Brothers and Sisters, We wish to say thank you to all of you for what all of you have done for us through all of our years with West Haven. We Love all of you.
God's richest blessings, Ruby Crank and Family

Greetings, Earlier this month the THS football banquet was held at the West Haven Church. While the facility was ideal for our large crowd, the assistance from Kirk was above & beyond helpful. The flexibility of set ups to use of the kitchen, Kirk's help in hanging posters to Becky's friendly invite of opening the doors to host, it made our job as parents so much easier & allowed us to put on a great recognition banquet for the team. Please accept this check as a small token of our great appreciation. WHBC is an asset to the community.
Sincerely, Beth Hecht, Senior Football Mom

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.

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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. Thanks!

Senior Adult Fellowship

Christmas Potluck on **tomorrow, December 12 at 1:00 p.m.** to be held at the home of Rose Swain—20031 183rd St. The meat and beverage will be furnished. Please bring a dish and a generic gift (\$5-10) for a Christmas gift Exchange Game. You will need to wrap the gift but do not put your name or any other name on the gift. Bring a friends. **Please RSVP to Rose Swain by Dec. 1st.**

Be The Church-Help Needed

Do you have free time Tuesday mornings and want to join a Be The Church effort? I'm looking for some help once a week in the kitchen making donuts. There is need for two or three people each week on Tuesday mornings from 7:30 – 9:30 a.m. I make about 1200 mini donuts, box them up and deliver them to various businesses.

— Pastor Ryon

Budget Information

Weekly Budget Requirement: \$8,726.72

General Fund Receipts: \$12,393.00

Month to Date Budget Requirement: \$8,726.72

Month to Date Giving: \$12,393.00

Backpack Buddy Program

This week: \$0

Total given: \$7,722.00

This Week

Sunday, Dec. 11

7 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
Annual Church Budget Vote
2 p.m. Men's Trap Shoot

Monday, Dec. 12

1:00 p.m. Senior Adult Fellowship
Christmas Party (at Rose Swain's)

Tuesday, Dec. 13

6 a.m. Prayer Meeting

Wednesday, Dec. 14

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

Thursday, Dec. 15

9:30 a.m. W.O.W. Group Meets
11 a.m. Chamber of Commerce Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, Dec. 16

6:30 p.m. Community-wide Prayer Meeting (1198 Front St.)

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, Dec. 20

6 a.m. Prayer Meeting
Bulletin items due by 10 a.m.

Sunday, Dec. 25

No Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship

Wednesday, Dec. 21 & Dec. 28

TES No School
No AWANA or Student Ministry
No Adult Bible Study

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

Saturday, Dec. 24

6 p.m. Christmas Eve Service &
Bathrobe Nativity

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How God Saves The World

Luke 1:26-38

Dec. 11, 2016

Pastor Mike Bronson

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