

## Pastor's Note



**It's always good to be with the saints.** It is especially sweet today. Last Thursday night at 6 p.m. I felt fine. At 10 p.m. Tara was driving me to the emergency room. At 4 a.m. Friday I was very ill. I don't remember much else about that day. Due to God's grace, I am fine today.

**This hospital stay underscored two biblical truths:**

- 1. God gives "common grace" to all mankind.** We see it in His creation, marriage, man's conscience and sin's restraint. I see it in the medical profession. The knowledge of doctors and nurses, their compassion and kindness and the drugs invented to fight disease and infection are tangible graces given to mankind.
- 2. The brevity and urgency of life.** Peter said, "All flesh is like grass . . . the grass withers and the flower falls off." This is why in Psalm 90, Moses asks the Lord to "teach us to number our days."

**Thanks to Ryon for filling the pulpit on short notice.** He serves with a glad heart. Please take a moment to encourage him and Cheryl.

**Today we are going to look at biblical truth about baptism.** There are four groups of people I would like to think about this:

- 1. If you recently made a decision to follow Jesus but have not been baptized, this is the first command to obey.** Make it known that you want to be a candidate for baptism. Baptism is "going public" with your faith.
- 2. Maybe you have known Christ for many years but for whatever reason, you never followed up with baptism.** No matter how long it has been, this is still a command to obey. Make your desire to be baptized known today.
- 3. You were baptized as an infant or by sprinkling.** My hope is that you will see what the Bible teaches today and choose believer's baptism. 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 be immediate in obeying Him in baptism.

*Pastor Mike*

## Church Meeting Today

A special business meeting will be held at the very end of the service today. It will take less than 2 minutes. Thanks for your participation!

## Connect

### Subscribing to Text Service

One way we keep in touch with members is through texting. To hear about cancellations and other church activities, sign up through the free text messaging system by logging online at [www.westhavenbaptist.org](http://www.westhavenbaptist.org). Once on the website, click on "Resources" then "Texting Service" then double-click on the blue lettering "West Haven Baptist Church". Fill out the form with your name, address, and phone number as priority. Agree to the terms & conditions. Hit "Subscribe". You should receive a confirmation message. Remember to reply "Yes" to the request via your phone, so you can receive text message updates. If you have questions, you can call the church office at (913) 369-9422.

### 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](http://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

### Creative Arts Team Forming

A Creative Arts Team is forming under the leadership of Nathan LaFave. If you have technological skills, we could use your help! There are a number of things we can do to enhance worship and ministry of West Haven. For example, we would like to see if it's worth developing "YouVersion Events." We could use help with graphic design, website updating, computer troubleshooting and more. If you would like to help and have any of these skills, please contact Nathan at [nathan@westhavenbaptist.org](mailto:nathan@westhavenbaptist.org) or Pastor Mike at [mike@westhavenbaptist.org](mailto:mike@westhavenbaptist.org). Thanks!

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### Senior Fellowship

On Monday, **February 13 at 11:30 a.m.** the Senior Citizens will be going to Gambino's for their Pizza Bar. Please let Rose Swain by [Feb. 5](mailto:Rose@westhavenbaptist.org) if you plan to attend. Don't forget to invite a friend.

### Giving Statements

Giving statements are available at the Welcome Center. Statements have been emailed to those that requested them by email and will be mailed to everyone else on Monday. If you have questions, please contact Jamie Bates by email: [jamie@batestaxservice.com](mailto:jamie@batestaxservice.com). Thank you.

### 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!

### Budget Information

Weekly Budget Requirement: \$8,714.81

Month to Date Budget Requirement: \$34,859.24

General Fund Receipts: \$8,713.38

Month to Date Giving: \$30,429.63

## This Week

### Sunday, Jan. 29

9:15 a.m. New Member Connection Class  
6 p.m. Prayer Meeting (Train Station)

### Thursday, Feb. 2

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

### Tuesday, Jan. 31

6 a.m. Prayer Meeting

### Wednesday, Feb. 1

6:15 p.m. AWANA (Quiz Night-parents invited to attend 7-8 p.m.)  
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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## Upcoming Events

### Sunday, Feb. 5

8:30-9:00 a.m. Donut Fellowship

### Monday, Feb. 6

7:00 p.m. Deacon's Meeting  
(Mike's office)

### Tuesday, Feb. 7

6 a.m. Prayer Meeting

### Wednesday, Feb. 8

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

### Thursday, Feb. 9

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

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## *Connect*

### **The Command of Baptism**

**Matthew 28:19**

**Jan. 29, 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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