

Associate Pastor's Note



Good morning West Haven family! I want to share with you a change to be the church that I've been working on over that last few months. The article today explains this change and the heart behind it. There is still some open discussion going on, so I will communicate anything new in the bulletin and from the stage on Sunday mornings.

Looking Back and Moving Ahead

It's been a year and a half since we launched "Be The Church". I want to draw attention back to the time preceding and following the launch. Pastor Mike led the church through One Cry, a call to pray for our city and revival. The church became united through prayer which forged a heart for outreach. Our family joined the West Haven family in July of 2015 to lead our church into the community to love people. Following the "Be The Church" launch, I made a few statements regarding what we might expect. The first was, "It will take three years before we experience the effects of loving people and sharing Christ, so we must be in this for the long haul." The second, "There's not a lot of resources about how to do outreach ministry, so as we move forward we may have to make some adjustments." This morning I want to share with you a ministry adjustment we need to make.

I've been evaluating "Be The Church" since the day it launched, asking questions like; Does "Be The Church" resonate with our congregation?, Is it easy to understand and carry out?, How are we coming off to our community? This past fall I began to realize "Be The Church" was missing something. That something being our individual heart and response to outreach ministry. Our deacons and five people I selected met twice in 2017 to find a solution. We rehashed the ins and outs of outreach ministry, starting with weak points in the "Be The Church" structure and unpacking the scriptural meaning of outreach. Our conclusion? We agreed we would love to see everyone who is part of West Haven building one relationship with one person outside the church, one to one. We all have at least one person that God has placed in our path. They may be a neighbor, friend, co-worker, coach, and so on. The real key is to have a heart first for the person, a genuine love for them.

"You can 'Be The Church' by loving one person that God has placed in your path and walk through life with them as you reflect Christ."

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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.

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. 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.

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New Member



Danielle Cobb by Baptism

Senior Fellowship

Tomorrow at 11:30 a.m. the Senior Citizens will be going to Gambino's for their Pizza Bar. Don't forget to invite a friend.

Community Prayer Meeting

A community-wide prayer meeting will be held **Friday, February 17 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Shred Building—next to the fitness center on Front Street. For more information, please contact Kevin Cobb.

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Budget Information

Weekly Budget Requirement: \$8,714.81 Month to Date Budget Requirement: \$8,714.81
 General Fund Receipts: \$14,416.00 Month to Date Giving: \$14,416.00

This Week

Sunday, Feb. 12

7 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast

Monday, Feb. 13

11:30 a.m. Senior Citizen Fellowship Luncheon-(Gambino's)

Tuesday, Feb. 14

6 a.m. Prayer Meeting

Wednesday, Feb. 15

No Wednesday Activities

Friday, Feb. 17

5 p.m. T and T AWANA Girl's PJ Party
6:30 p.m. Community-wide Prayer Meeting (on Front Street)

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

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

Marriage Conference

There is a marriage conference on **February 25, 2017** from **9:30-11:30 a.m.** at Tonganoxie Christian Church. It will be hosted by Steve Howell an Associate Minister at TCC. The focus is on building our marriages through reviewing and strengthening our vows. If you have interest, please contact Brian Klamm by phone or text at: (913) 680-8421 or email Brian at: bjklamm@sbcglobal.net.

Upcoming Events

Monday, Feb. 20
 President's Day—No School

Friday, Feb. 24
 6:00 p.m. Family Game Night

Tuesday, Feb. 21
 6 a.m. Prayer Meeting

Tuesday, Feb. 28
 6 a.m. Prayer Meeting

Wednesday, Feb. 22
 6:15 p.m. AWANA
 6:30 p.m. Student Ministry
 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study

Thursday, Feb. 23
 9:30 a.m. WOW Group Meets



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The Incredible Difficulty of Christian Love
Luke 6:27-36
Feb. 12, 2017
Pastor Mike Bronson

1. AN _____ OF LOVE

A. In _____

B. In _____

C. In _____

2. AN _____ OF LOVE

3. AN _____ OF LOVE

A. A Love That Is _____ Applied

B. A Love That Is _____ Applied



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