

Pastor's Note



I'm glad God brought you to West Haven this morning. Thanks for being a church that loves Jesus and loves the Word. Many "spiritual closets" were cleaned out in the last two weeks. You built another chapter in your testimony to God's grace.

Pastor Ryon and I are seeking to put tools in your hand to help you share the gospel.

Please join us for a "Witness Training" session on Sunday, March 19 at 5:30. Childcare is available for ages 5 and below. **One of your most effective tools is your testimony.** It's helpful to write it out. Use the questions below as a guide in crafting your testimony. Then memorize it! You'll find it very helpful in connecting with people and as a bridge to sharing the gospel!

Before you trusted Christ and gave Him complete control:

1. What did your life revolve around the most?
2. What did you get your security or happiness from? (The non-Christian is relying on something external to give him happiness)
3. How did those areas begin to let you down (i.e. how were they exposed as false gods)?
4. Who helped you understand that Christ came to save you?
5. How did you understand that you were a sinner?
6. What was it like being convicted of sin?
7. What were the final struggles that went through your mind just before you trusted Christ?
8. Why did you go ahead and repent of your sins and call upon the Lord to save you?
9. When did this happen?

After you surrendered to Jesus:

1. What specific changes has He made in your life?
2. How has your perspective changed?
3. What is Jesus doing in your life today?

There are many other things you can add to make it personal. I would also suggest having two versions. One version is for an in-depth conversation. Once you initiate a gospel conversation, you will find people are often very interested in your story. There are other times when you have less than a minute to tell your story. A truncated version with key elements – conviction, repentance, faith and life change – can be summarized in an effective way.

I also want to address those of you who believe this is something you could never do. Sharing the gospel may be something that creates great fear in your heart. Please don't say "I can never do this." God created you and He can do anything through you. Make it a goal to share the gospel with someone. Then, take one step at a time. Write out your testimony. Rehearse it so it comes naturally. Memorize a couple of verses (Romans 5:8, Romans 10:9-10). Begin a relationship with someone whom you think you could talk to. You will be surprised how God will honor that work and open doors!

Bro. Mike

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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.

Donut Fellowship

Just a reminder that next **Sunday, March 5 from 8:30—9:00 a.m.** Donut Fellowship will take place. Please come join us and bring a friend!

Prayer Meeting

Please join us for an upcoming prayer meeting March 5 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."

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Witness Training—March 19

On **Sunday, March 19 at 5:30 p.m.**, Ryon and I will lead a "witness training" session in the Train Station. This will be an open-ended discussion of ways to open doors and start gospel conversations. We will provide you with some ways to build your confidence and give you ideas on how to share your faith. There is childcare for ages 5 and under. We will have some specific presentations but much of the session will be guided by your questions. If you have questions regarding a specific situation, please let us know any time. We are glad to equip you in any way possible!

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. Please help us keep the closet neat and clean. Thanks to Chris Small for the idea and for stocking the shelves!

This Week

Tuesday, Feb. 28

6 a.m. Prayer Meeting

Wednesday, March 1

6:15 p.m. AWANA (Missionary Joel Culberson speaks)
6:30 p.m. Student Ministry
6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study

Thursday, March 2

9:30 a.m. WOW Group Meets

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

Student Ministry

Saturday, March 11

Assist at City Union Mission. Contact Nathan LaFave for details. He can be reached at: nathan@westhavebaptist.org.

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 or Pastor Mike at mike@westhavenbaptist.org. Thanks!

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Budget Information

Weekly Budget Requirement: \$8,714.81 Month to Date Budget Requirement: \$26,144.43
General Fund Receipts: \$9,946.29 Month to Date Giving: \$30,134.61

Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 5

8:30-9:00 a.m. Donut Fellowship
Lord's Supper Observed
6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting (Train Station)

Sunday, March 12

Daylight Savings Time
7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, March 8

6:15 p.m. AWANA (First Annual Hungry Games)
6:30 p.m. Student Ministry
6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, March 15

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

Thursday, March 9

9:30 a.m. WOW Group Meets



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Jesus' Bottom Line

Luke 6:43-49

Feb. 26, 2017

Pastor Mike Bronson

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