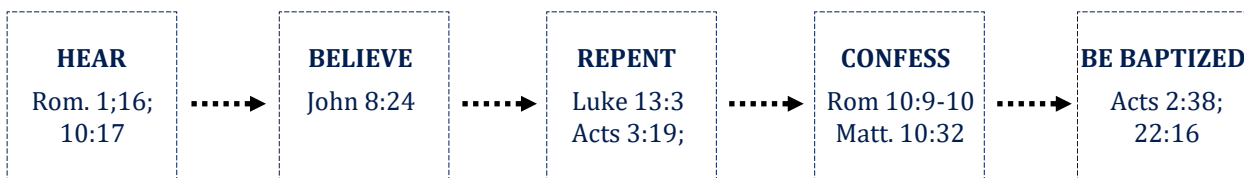


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WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?



*"This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all." **1John 1:5***

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WELCOME VISITING FRIENDS

If you are one of our visitors today, please know that we are indeed honored to have you. If you are a member of the Lord's body, thanks for choosing to worship with us today. If you are not a member of the Lord's church, we would be happy to meet with you and discuss how one becomes a member of the church which we read about in the New Testament. We aim to speak as they spoke and do as they did. We also offer a free Bible correspondence course which can be mailed to you. Or, someone would be glad to meet with you for a one-on-one Bible Study. You can indicate your desire on a visitor's card and place it in the collection tray located at the front on the communion table.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday
Young Christians' Class10 a.m.
Sun. Adult Bible Class.....10 a.m.
Worship Service11 a.m.

Wednesday
Bible Study (on Zoom)...7:00 p.m.

*I rejoiced with those who said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."
Psalm 122:1*

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

Beware of Praise Teams!

Every faithful member of the Lord's church ought to be concerned about the introduction of praise teams into the worship service in some congregations of our Lord. Praise teams usually start in congregations by giving microphones to certain people, including women, in the audience who have "great voices". After the congregation has become accustomed to this, then the praise team is moved to the stage in front of the audience where they perform. The worship service has now been changed to a performance and God is no longer being worshipped.

The whole congregation is to worship God with their singing. Every Christian is to be involved in, "Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord" (Eph. 5:19). Also, we read in Col. 3:16 to "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." Here we see that all Christians are to speak, teach, and admonish one another as we worship God in our singing. With praise teams, women with the aid of microphones are taking part in leading the singing. Here we have women taking a leading role over man. This is forbidden in God's word, "And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence. For Adam was formed first, then Eve" (1 Tim. 2:12-13).

Concerning our worship, Jesus says, "God is Spirit and those who worship Him **must** worship in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24). The word "must" is an imperative, which expresses compelling authority and absolute necessity. The only way that our worship will be acceptable to God is if it is "in spirit and in truth". How do we worship God in truth? Jesus says to God in His prayer in John 17:17, "Your word is truth". So, to worship God in truth, we "**must**" worship Him according to His word. One cannot worship God with a "praise team" and worship Him in truth! Col. 3:17 says, "And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus." Everything we do in worship to God is to be done "in the name of the Lord" which means by His authority. There is no authority for praise teams since it came from man and not from God. Jesus says, "And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrine the commandments of men" (Mark 7:7). When our worship becomes vain, it becomes a waste of time, which endangers of soul. Let's not lose our souls by following the denominations in their sinful practices.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please remember to silence your cell phones.



Birthdays and Anniversaries this Week:



BIRTHDAYS

Juan Bell Monday, Jan. 17th
Sis. Goldman Monday, Jan. 17th
Jarvis Mickles Thursday, Jan 20th

NO ANNIVERSARIES-

Everyone please be diligent in observing CDC guidelines regarding the virus. Masking up, sanitizing, and social distancing are critical to us being able to have in-person worship. Additionally, we encourage everyone to get vaccinated.

Everyone who got vaccinated is now encouraged to go and get a booster shot, it is the wise thing to do.

Please be reminded that no eating is allowed in the auditorium.

Please review the West Hammond Church of Christ website to ensure your information is accurate. Please email or text Sis. Ruthie Gamble any corrections.

For Prayers :

Our military personnel.

Please keep in prayer Bro. Cephas' sister, Viola Mickles, Sis. Doris Davis, Debra Ellis , Kristopher Strickland, Sis. Pamela Lennon, Bro & Sis. Brantford, Brenda Sims, Bro. Paul Woodard, Laura Simpson, The Conner family, and The Hall family.

Our Young Adult Bible class is now being taught Bro. EJ Taylor every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Please encourage young people within your family and your friends to take advantage of this class as they come to worship service.

To avoid a fee with PayPal, please select "sending to a friend" located under your donation amount. Please contact Ruthie Gamble if you have any questions.

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- Song
- Opening Prayer
- Song
- Scripture Reading
- Song
- Sermon

Last Week's Record

Sunday AM Worship & Zoom 95
Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom) 50
Last Sunday offering: \$3,424.66
Weekly Budget \$2625.00