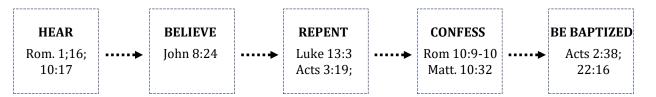
### Sermon Notes



#### WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?





# **THE MESSENGER**

"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." <u>I John 1:5</u>

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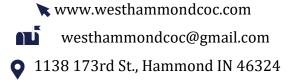
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### **SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

Sunday Young Christians' Class ......10 a.m. Sun. Adult Bible Class ......10 a.m. Worship Service ......11 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



### 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 vou 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 trav located at the front on the communion table.

## **CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH**

### Don't Believe Everything You Hear!

e truly live in the "information age". The vast amount of knowledge we have available at our fingertips is truly astounding. It would seem that any question we might have can be answered with just a key punch, tap or swipe. In just the past few years voice recognition technology has advanced such that we don't have to type the question but just ask it out loud and we'll get the answer. But as with any advancement of technology caution must be used and we must deal wisely with the information we receive.

Misinformation, lies, half-truths, and propaganda are rampant and fill our news feeds and social media platforms. But for the Christian, the truth was established long ago and it is our responsibility to "buy the truth and sell it not" (Prov. 23:23). As we make daily decisions about our lives and form opinions on the things we see and hear we must use the bible as a standard to arrive at "righteous judgments" (John 7:24). Don't believe everything you see and hear, especially concerning spiritual matters. 1 John 4:1 "Dear friends, do not believe everyone who claims to speak by the Spirit. You must test them to see if the spirit they have comes from God. For there are many false prophets in the world." Instead, we must be like the Christians of the city of Berea in Acts 17:11 who searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so. Depending on media sources to determine and set our moral compass is a spiritually dangerous practice. Rather we must meditate on things true, noble, just, pure, and lovely as prescribed by Philippians 4:8 because the information we get from God's word is always true and genuine.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please remember to silence your cell phones and please be reminded no eating is allowed in the auditorium.

Everyone please be diligent in observing CDC guidelines by getting vaccinated, masking up, sanitizing, and social distancing.

Please review the website for any necessary updates. Also, if you would like a year-end tax statement, please email or text Sis. Ruthie Gamble.

If you send your offering electronically; if possible, please use the PayPal option to avoid transaction fees with Cash App being withheld.

Thank you to all who were able to donate to the Hulbert family who lost most of their items in a house fire. Your generosity and support is greatly appreciated.

**Church of Christ Ladies Lectureship Retreat Galt House Hotel** 140N 4th St, Louisville, KY April 14 - 17, 2022 (Easter weekend) www.ladieslectureshipretreat.org

### For Pravers :

Our military personnel, first responders, new members and educators.

Please continue to pray for the Nunn and Oddman families, Bro. Chris Shields, Delores Scott-King, Sis. Thigpen's mother-in- law; Betty Louise Jones, Sis. Vannie Wyatt, Glenda Carter, Bria Gamble, Selma Raglin, Lydia Chaff, Laura Simpson, and Kristopher Strickland.

Our Sunday morning Young Adult Bible class being taught by Bro. EJ Taylor 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.



Birthdays and Anniversaries this Week:



**BIRTHDAYS~** SIS. DEBORAH MICKLES WED. MARCH 23RD

**ANNIVERSARIES-NONE** 

### **Skills Bank**

Remember to submit your information, and do your own verification for licensing.

Sis. Webster.....Real Estate Agent

Gambles ..... Property Preservation & Custom Home Décor

Sis. Debra Woodard ......Financial Advisor

Order of Service Song Announcement Song **Opening Prayer** Song **Scripture Reading** Song Sermon Song Lord's Supper **Offering** Song **Closing Praver** 

#### Last Week's Record Sunday AM Worship & Zoom Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom) Last Sunday offering: \$2781.57 Weekly Budget \$2625.00

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