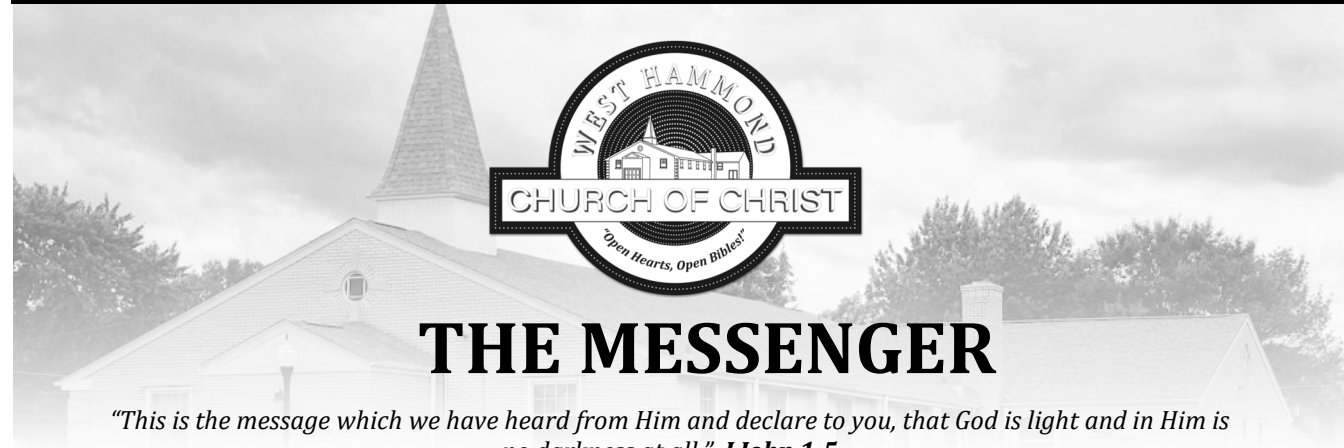
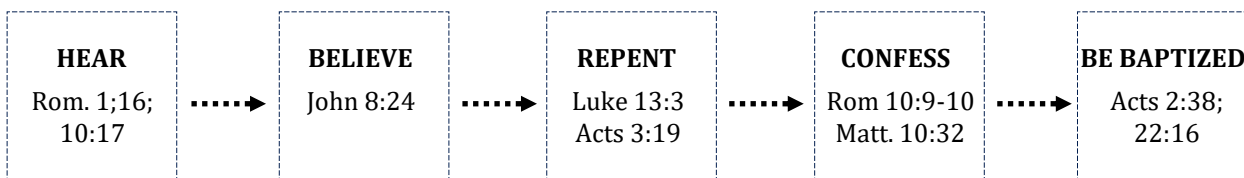


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Sermon Notes



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

Faith is Reasonable!

Faith is reasonable because trust, which is the heart of biblical faith, is reasonable. Faith does not require that every question be resolved before it can proceed, for that would not be considered trust.

A child does not wait for parents to answer every question about difficult matters before trusting them. The child simply trusts that parents know what they are doing, and the child takes comfort in that. Yet how much greater is the wisdom, knowledge, and understanding of God? We act like we cannot show faith unless God first answers every difficulty to our satisfaction. This is not faith. It is, instead, an attempt to bring all of reality under our own finite reason, and that is itself unreasonable.

This does not mean that faith is naive or without evidence to back it up. Yet there is only so far we will go in understanding overarching reality and having the knowledge and wisdom to discern all matters of ultimate concern. If we cannot be humble enough to admit our own frailties, limitations of knowledge, and need for greater wisdom than we can offer, then our hubris will have destroyed us. Sometimes I fear it already has.


We all trust something or someone to provide a greater perspective on reality, moral authority, and wisdom. Choosing self or other people with the same limitations is self-defeating and unsustainable.

Even more self-defeating is relying on an ultimate nothing, for then we are trusting mindless, purposeless, accidental processes to give us a solid grounding for our own ability to think and reason. Yet how can that be considered reasonable? And what about denying that we have faith at all? That is unrealistic at best and dishonest at worst. We all place our trust in something.

In what, or in whom, do you place your trust? That's where your faith rests. Is it reasonable? That depends on whether what or whom you trust is truly in the position for which such trust is warranted. "Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God. They collapse and fall, but we rise and stand upright" (Psalms 20:7).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMINDERS:

- ~Please silence your *cell phones*. 
- ~There is no *eating* is allowed in the auditorium.
- ~Please be diligent in observing *CDC guidelines* by getting vaccinated, sanitizing, social distancing, and masking up. This includes wearing a proper fitting mask that covers both your mouth and nose.

When paying offering electronically, you are encouraged to use the PayPal option.

What a blessing to have celebrated our 1st annual Mothers' Day Fellowship last Sunday. We are truly grateful for the dedication of Sis. Chaff, Sis. Lennon and to each of you that participated and made the event a success; especially the brothers who humbly served the mothers so graciously.

FOR PRAYERS:

Bro. Hardy is requesting prayers for his mother; Robertine Hardy. She has been hospitalized and in need of your fervent prayers.

Continue to pray for and encourage our new members Bros. William Lawton and David Croom and Sis. Nicole Tillman.

Sis. LaDonna Carter continues to recuperate from surgery.

Sis. Jameka Taylor is now teaching the children's class downstairs.

BIRTHDAYS & ANIVERSARIES

IS WEEK:

BIRTHDAYS~

- Sis. Shelton Tues.- May 24th
- Sis. Trussell Wed. - May 25th
- Bro. Norman Sat. - May 28th

ANNIVERSARIES~ NONE

SKILLS BANK~

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

- Sis. Webster**..... Real Estate Agent
- Sis. Tillman**..... Real Estate Agent
- Sis. Debra Woodard**Financial Advisor
- Gambles** Property Preservation & Custom Home Décor

Order of Service

Song

Announcement

Song

Opening Prayer

Song

Scripture Reading

Song

Sermon

Song

Lord's Supper

Offering

Song

Closing Prayer

Last Week's Record

Sunday AM Worship & Zoom	84
Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom)	48
Last Sunday offering:	\$ 2856.91
Weekly Budget	\$2625.00