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Sermon Notes





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." **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

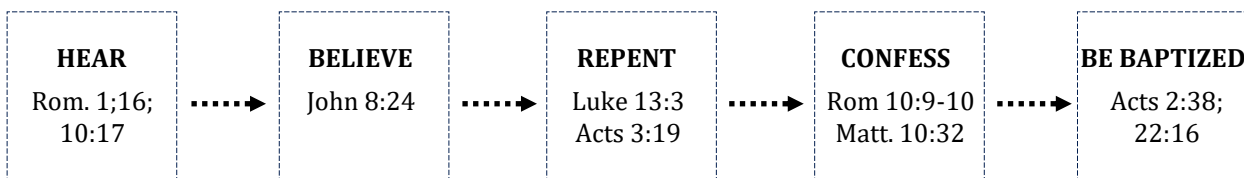
Sunday
Young Christians' Class10 a.m.
Sun. Adult Bible Class.....10 a.m.
Worship Service11 a.m.

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

ORDER OF SERVICE:

Song ~ Announcements ~ Song ~ Opening Prayer ~ Song ~ Scripture Reading ~ Song ~ Sermon ~ Song ~ Lord's Supper ~ Offering ~ Song ~ Closing Prayer

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?



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

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

Using Our Freedom Redemptively

The United States has just gone through another election cycle. Political parties jockey back and forth over how they can make our world better. Unfortunately, our world shouts back with unmuted voice, *"We are a system in decay; we have no answer for your biggest questions; the destruction you see on your planet and the violence you see between nations and in your cities is a cancer politics can't fix!"*

So, what are we as followers of Jesus — God the Son who took on human flesh and lived among us as Immanuel, God with us — supposed to do, say, and be? How are we to live in this broken world?

Peter's letter, which we call 1 Peter in the New Testament, was written to people in a world as corrupt, morally bankrupt, and self-destructive as our own. On top of that, those believers in Asia Minor were facing increasing persecution and pressure for their faith — like many of our brothers and sisters today in various parts of the world. Peter wrote to help them understand their place in the world. In one breathtaking passage he told them: *"...you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy"* (1 Peter 2:9-10 NRSV).

Despite being the minority culture, despite facing ridicule, and despite living under the threat of persecution and martyrdom, these Jesus-loving people were the hope of their world. They were the priests that God had placed there to be his 'divine go-betweens' to declare his freedom, goodness, and glory to those they encountered! So are we!

Phil Ware

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMINDERS:

~Please silence your *cell phones*.



~**No eating** in the auditorium.

~Please be diligent in observing *CDC COVID-19 guidelines*.

Returning guest please sign the *Returning Guest Log* in the foyer.

Checks can now be written in the name of **West Hammond Church of Christ**.

There are **prayer request cards** and a **suggestion box** in the foyer.

Please reference the bulletin board for details on the *homeless mission*. Please write **"Mission"** on a **separate** envelope for donations.

In addition, we are now accepting canned goods. We are in desperate need of donations and volunteers for the, December 11th mission.

The *Ladies' Ministry* meets every other Thursday at 6:30pm. We are presenting our character studies and using our study books. Next meeting is, Thurs. Nov. 17th. As Winter approaches the ladies have decided to pause meeting in person after November, and resume in the Spring.

Annual Ladies Lectureship Retreat
Theme: *Christian Women Living Courageously in a Spiritual Pandemic*
April 20-23, 2023 in Atlanta, Georgia.
www.ladieslectureshipretreat.org

Please continue to pray for and encourage our newest members Bros. William Lawton and David Croom and Sisters Nicole Tillman and Trevon McLaurin.

FOR PRAYERS :

Kristopher Strickland, Sis Wyatt, Sis Davis, the Brantfords, J. W. Kinds, Bro. Hardy's mother and sister, Robertine Hardy & Kathryn Burks, Bro. Croom's mother, Sis. Debra Ellis and her family, Sis. Glenda Carter.

SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES:

Children's Bible Class taught by Sis. Jameka. (lower level).

Young Adult Class taught by Bro. Taylor. (upper level)

Adult Bible Class - main auditorium

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:

BIRTHDAYS~ NONE

ANNIVERSARIES ~
Bro. & Sis. Webster Mon., Nov. 14th

SKILLS BANK~

Remember to submit your information to be added to the skills bank and be diligent to do your verification for relevant licensing.

Sis. WebsterReal Estate Agent
Sis. Debra WoodardFinancial Advisor
Gambles Property Preservation & Custom Home Décor

Last Week's Record

Sunday AM Worship & Zoom	68
Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom)	51
Last Sunday offering:	\$3376.23
Weekly Budget	\$2625.00