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Sermon Notes



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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

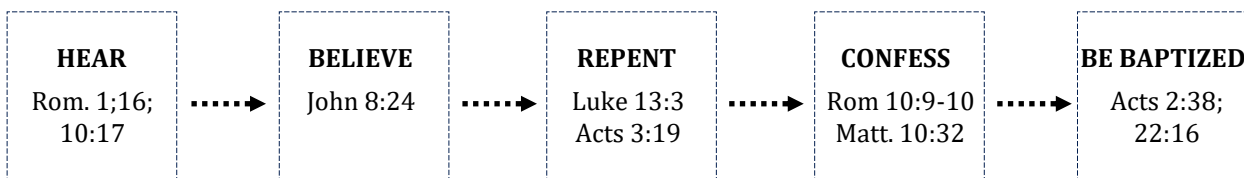
Sunday
Young Christians' Class10 a.m.
Sun. Adult Bible Class.....10 a.m.
Worship Service11 a.m.

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

The Best Gifts

Time once again for holiday dinners, eating too much, and buying gifts for friends and family. I love a good turkey and a well-decorated tree as much as anyone! This time of year can require lots of money for "mandatory" celebrations. Yet it's also a good time to stop and take inventory of our blessings. Of what God has given to us and what we should truly be thankful for.

Our society has difficulty during these designated holidays. Staying on point regarding being thankful and "peace on earth, good will towards men" can be tiresome. Most media promote buying lots of stuff on "Black Friday" before it's even the day after Thanksgiving! The pandemic has only caused us to spend our money in a different manner. Online shopping sales go through the roof! *So...what's really important?*

I want to promote the attitude that Paul writes about in

1 Corinthians 12:31, he writes: "***But earnestly desire the best gifts.***" He then goes on in

chapter 13 verse 1 to write an oft-quoted Bible scripture: "***Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become as sounding brass or clanging cymbal.***" The end of the chapter (verse 13) makes things clear: "***And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.***" The gift of faith...the gift of hope...the gift of love. Try finding that on Amazon!

I'd like to ask that we remember the gifts we received from Jesus are free to all that accept him. And free to give. Love costs nothing. To give love...a kind word, a phone call, a card, a caring nod...can be all the gift someone needs, 365 days a year. That leftover turkey will eventually be thrown out. The Christmas tree will come down, and that gift you really didn't need will gather dust. Concern for our neighbors and our brothers and sisters should continue. The Word will live on, because "***love never fails.***" I Corinthians 13:8.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Bro. David A. Brantford

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMINDERS:

~Please silence your *cell phones*.



The Youngs are out of town this weekend.

~**No eating** in the auditorium.

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

Sis. Webster and Akeelah will be travelling out of the country starting this evening.

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

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

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.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

THIS WEEK:

BIRTHDAYS~

NONE

ANNIVERSARIES ~

Bro. & Sis. Simmons—Sat. Nov. 26th

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 &

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The **Ladies' Ministry** will resume in the Spring of 2023.

Annual Ladies Lectureship Retreat

Theme: **Christian Women Living Courageously in a Spiritual Pandemic**

April 20-23, 2023 in Atlanta, Georgia.

www.ladieslectureshipretreat.org

There will be a brief men's meeting in the young people' classroom immediately following the close of worship service.

FOR PRAYERS

Bro. & Sis. Davis, Jade Neals, the granddaughter of Debra Ellis, Kristopher Strickland, Sis Wyatt, the Brantfords, J. W. Kinds, Bro. Hardy's mother and sister, Robertine Hardy & Kathryn Burks.

Please continue to pray for and encourage our newest members Bro. David Croom and sisters Nicole Tillman and Trevon McLaurin.



Last Week's Record

Sunday AM Worship & Zoom	82
Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom)	41
Last Sunday offering:	\$4009.06
Weekly Budget	\$2625.00